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Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for thee.

—FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☞ A NUMBER of churches held Christmas Eve Communion Services December 24 in preparation for the observance of Christmas Day.

☞ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Elizabeth City, is planning a renovation project involving repairs to the roof and sanctuary costing \$30,000.

☞ REV. H. R. ASHMORE, pastor of Littleton Methodist Church, is a patient in Duke Hospital where he expects to undergo surgery for a detached retina.

☞ DR. J. E. GARLINGTON, superintendent of the Wilmington District, and Mrs. Garlington spent the Christmas holidays in Louisiana visiting with Dr. Garlington's father, who is 93 years old.

☞ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Lenoir, suffered extensive fire damage December 22, according to reports. The amount had not been determined, but the pastor, the Rev. Herman Duncan, stated it was considerable.

☞ REV. JOE L. ERVIN, of Mt. Pleasant Church, Greensboro, preached in evangelistic services recently at Brown Summit Methodist Church. Services were held at 7:30 each evening. Rev. G. A. Hovis is pastor of Brown Summit.

☞ REV. MARK Q. TUTTLE of Main Street Church of Reidsville, assisted Rev. G. A. Hovis in evangelistic services at Friendship Church, Haw River Charge, the week of December 4-9. Evening worship began at 7:30 each day.

☞ WESTMINSTER CHURCH, Kinston, although comparatively new, has voted to establish the "Chip" Wooten Student Fund in memory of the one whose name it bears. The fund will be used to make loans annually to those selected from applications filed for use in preparing themselves for service.

☞ ON TUESDAY, December 20, from 3:00 until 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7:00 until 11:00 o'clock in the evening, all the members, their families and friends of Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh were invited to Open House at the parsonage, 1543 Iredell Drive.

☞ REV. AND MRS. R. L. YOUNG, of Central Methodist Church, Spencer, are spending two weeks in Florida. Rev. W. B. Davis, retired, preached at Central Church January 1, and Dr. J. C. Stokes, district superintendent, will preach January 8. The MYF will have charge of the evening service January 8.

☞ MINISTERS AND their families of the New Bern District recently enjoyed a district-wide get-together in New Bern at Centenary Church. It was a picnic affair. During the course of the festivities the preachers presented the district superintendent, Rev. A. J. Hobbs, with a beautiful reclining chair as a sort of Christmas present.

☞ SPEAKER FOR THE opening vesper service of the New Year at Bennett College, on Sunday, January 8, will be Bishop Charles F. Golden of Philadelphia, Pa.

☞ DR. PAUL GROSS, William Howell Pegram professor of chemistry at Duke University, and a member of the Duke faculty since 1919, has been elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was elected in New York Tuesday, December 27, and will take office January 15, 1962, for a one-year term.

☞ THE REV. JOON KWAN UN, Korean missionary supported by St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, and now in training at Duke Divinity School, spent the Christmas holidays in Goldsboro as house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson. He spoke to the WSCS Monday evening, December 12, and will preach at St. Paul Church Sunday, February 19, at 11:00 a.m.

☞ JORDAN MEMORIAL CHURCH, Ramseur, is rejoicing in being debt-free. On Friday, December 23, a note on the parsonage for \$3,000 was paid in full. Only last September a note on the educational building was paid. The pastor, Rev. Worth Sweet, referring to it, said this was made possible by the gift of \$1,000 from the WSCS and the loyal support of the people during the year.

☞ FRIENDS OF the Rev. C. M. Fogleman, formerly a member of the N. C. Conference and now pastor of the University Church, Wichita, Kansas, will be interested to learn that groundbreaking ceremonies were held December 4 for the construction of the new educational building of the Wichita church. Taking part were Mr. Fogleman and the district superintendent, Dr. R. E. Dewey.

☞ FREDERICK RAY BARBER, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Barber of Denton, and Miss Frances Evelyn Luther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal J. Luther, Rt. 3, Asheboro, were married in Central Church, Denton, December 23. Rev. F. R. Barber, father of the groom, officiated. Mr. Barber is a graduate of High Point College, and is a reporter for WSOC-TV, Charlotte. Mrs. Barber is a graduate of Pfeiffer College, where she was employed by the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference.

☞ DR. L. B. HURLEY, for many years head of the English Department at Woman's College, Greensboro, died at Wesley Long Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, at 2:30 a.m., Thursday, December 29, after a brief illness. Dr. Hurley was the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Hurley. His father was a prominent member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference for many years before his death. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern. Burial was in Lexington Friday afternoon, December 30.

☞ DR. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY, Director of Commission on Higher Education for the North Carolina Conference, spoke at both services at Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, Sunday, January 1.

☞ DR. LOY D. THOMPSON, retired, and associate minister of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, and Mrs. Maude Gray Efrid, of Charlotte, were united in marriage December 21 at First Church.

☞ REV. AND MRS. W. T. ALBRIGHT, who live on Muirs Chapel Road, Greensboro, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. Mr. Albright is a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

☞ FIRST CHURCH, Hickory, will conduct its annual School of Missions using four consecutive Sundays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29. The program will run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will include pictures and challenging speakers for all the adults of the church.

☞ THE REV. BARNEY L. DAVIDSON and family of Morehead City First Church spent the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. Davidson's parents in Texas. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, preached at First Church Sunday morning, January 1, and Rev. Dick Shingle preached at the evening service.

☞ MISS ELIZABETH WHISNER, formerly connected with the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE full time, and now editor of the Children's Page, who is also bookkeeper at the Children's Home in Raleigh, paid us a very pleasant visit Thursday, December 29. It was nice to have her in the office again renewing acquaintances and taking a look around her old surroundings. The welcome mat is always out. Come again.

☞ THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Wadesboro has set Sunday, January 15, for the opening of its new sanctuary. An all-day program has been planned with Bishop Paul Harden, Jr., former pastor, preaching at 11:00. Ingathering is scheduled at 3:00, followed by a picnic supper in the church fellowship hall. All former members, pastors and friends are invited to be present during this special day of services.

☞ THE NEW GUILFORD College Methodist Church broke ground for the first unit of its plant Sunday, January 1, at 3:00 p.m. Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, took part in the service. This church was organized in July, 1959, and has around 140 members. The new plant will be located on a beautiful six-acre tract of land just back of Guilford College. The Rev. W. Thornton Hawkins is pastor.

☞ THE CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, Greensboro, held the opening service in its new church plant on Friendly Road at Elam Street Sunday morning, January 1. Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent, preached at 11:00 a.m., and Rev. E. Lester Ballard, retired, preached at the 7:30 p.m. service. We hope to carry a picture and fuller account of this service soon. Rev. J. L. Pittard is pastor at Centenary and has led in the relocation and building program.

EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

—Phil. 3:13, 14.

"Our Times Are In Thy Hands"

In the above words of a song title William F. Lloyd has expressed what men of all nations may well ponder as we change from the year 1960 to that of 1961. It is one of the weaknesses of the human race to feel that what we need most as individuals and nations is to realize our ambitions for material things. We talk about better business, more income, material comforts, temporal satisfactions. While we give so much emphasis to these things, and expend our energies to achieve them, we seem to forget or ignore the real source of our help. Some of the recent tragedies among us call to our attention very vividly our human frailties at a time when some men had just about come to believe that they were the masters of their own fate. These have been pinpointed in such horrible experiences as the recent airplane disasters, the burning of the aircraft carrier Constellation in which some 50 or more people lost their lives just before this \$250,000,000 world's largest carrier was to have been completed. These and other unhappy experiences are constant reminders that with all of man's vaunted wisdom and self-sufficiency, he is still dependent upon a power beyond himself. The sooner we realize and acknowledge that fact the better off we shall be. We believe in the enterprising genius of man, and are sure he should use to the best of his ability his God-given powers in solving his problems, but it is still true that much learning is inclined to make men self-sufficient and cause them to focus their attention on themselves instead of turning to the source of all power and looking unto him who is the author and finisher of our faith. We rejoice in the achievements of the past as we look back over the year just closed, and let us give credit to Him who has made our progress possible. Now as we face the new year with its new opportunities, its new problems, its new responsibilities, may we devote ourselves anew to His service and seek to make it the best yet by an all-out, unconditional surrender to Him in whose hands our times are safe. May we wish for each one of our readers a happy and prosperous new year!

Let's Make 1961

A Safer Year

A letter from the Chief of Police of the City of Greensboro asking co-operation of all citizens in handling the fast-growing traffic problem and in reducing the number of accidents and deaths is worthy of consideration. We presume this letter and these conditions are typical of every city in the state. With a predicted death toll of 510 for the nation over the holiday week-end, and 20 of those already reported as having taken place in North Carolina it is time for serious consideration in this matter. The police departments of cities and the State Highway Patrol are making every effort to acquaint the public with facts and striving diligently to make the state a safer place in which to live. In the city of Greensboro alone the following facts for November should be of interest to those who are concerned: A summary for the month of November shows total accidents to be 219, with a property damage of \$85,326. Multiply this by 12 and the figures become astounding. Violations causing most of the accidents are listed as (1) speed too fast; (2) failed to yield right-of-way; (3) follow too closely; (4) improper turning. There were eight pedestrians injured during the month, six of whom were in violation when struck. The period from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. shows the heaviest concentration of accidents, with Saturday being the worst day of the week. Traffic arrests for hazardous violations are listed as: (1) hit and run 13; (2) speeding 564; (3) reckless driving 57; (4) operating while intoxicated 24; (5) improper lights and brakes 13; (6) non-observance lights and signs 203; (7) other, 101. Total 975.

One thing should be noted about all these facts and figures: there is not a single one of them that could not be avoided. We should remember, we have no one but ourselves to blame for the tragedies that happen. We can reduce them, and even eliminate them, if we so desire. Let's all resolve to make 1961 a safer year by being more thoughtful and more careful.

Church Attendance Movement

Many churches in North Carolina will join in the World-Wide Church Attendance Movement running from January 1 to Easter. This is a good time to resolve to be more loyal in church attendance by beginning the first of the year and continuing through the period. Regular attendance will contribute to one's religious life and usefulness. Why not make this a new year's resolution?

How We Look At Half-Way Mark

We stand now at the close of one calendar year and the beginning of another. We also are at the halfway mark of the conference year in North Carolina Methodism. It is therefore a good time to look at the record and see where we are in our record of achievement. We are publishing this week a brief report from the 22 districts giving some indication of how things are going in each. While there is always room for improvement, we are glad to say that for most part things are looking very good. For the information of our readers we give here some figures on the financial picture, as furnished by the Council on World Service and Finance. We do not undertake to give the whole picture for the whole church, but only for the Charlotte and Richmond areas in which our conferences are located. The annual adjusted apportionment for World Service for the quadrennium 1960-1964 is \$15,000,000 for the whole church. Payments on this from June 1 to November 30, 1960 are \$4,677,176.29, as compared to \$4,062,845 to the same date the previous year. For the Charlotte area the annual adjusted apportionment for 1960-1964 is \$367,157. Paid on this is \$36,330.84, as compared to \$50,478.85 for the previous year. For the North Carolina Conference in the Richmond area the adjusted annual apportionment is \$214,667, and paid on this is \$48,256.85, as compared to \$48,415 for the previous year to same date. The Charlotte area has paid on Methodist TV-Radio Ministry Fund to date \$323.20 as compared to \$127.75 a year ago. On Fellowship of Suffering it has paid \$10,846.97, as compared to \$16,739.68 a year ago. North Carolina Conference of Richmond area has paid on TV-Radio Ministry Fund \$1,667.80 as compared to \$1,400.76 a year ago, and on Fellowship of Suffering it has paid \$935.70, as compared to \$1,493.64 a year ago. On Advance Specials the Charlotte area has paid \$110,141.14 as compared to \$72,660.17 a year ago. On One Great Hour of Sharing Charlotte area has paid to date \$1,565.69 as compared to \$1,964.41 on Week of Dedication the previous year to same date. North Carolina Conference of Richmond area has paid on Advance Specials to date \$56,662.59 as compared to \$1,696.65 the previous year to the same date. On One Great Hour of Sharing it has paid \$2,288.00 as compared to \$2,176.41 on Week of Dedication the previous year to same date. We should bear in mind that figures for Charlotte area cannot be rightfully compared with previous year because of a division of the area into two separate areas. According to the report figures in the two conferences in North Carolina compare favorably with those throughout the entire church.

News From the 22 Districts

A brief report of progress for the first part of the conference year . . .

Several weeks ago we asked each district superintendent to give us a brief statement of some of the things that were taking place in his district that might be of interest to others. We are giving in this issue a "Report" from each district. Of course, these statements cannot cover in full everything by any means, but they do show evidences of progress in North Carolina Methodism in both conferences. The reports for North Carolina Conference cover the first one-third of the year; those for the Western North Carolina Conference for the first one-half of the year.

N. C. Conference

Burlington District

W. L. CLEGG, *Superintendent*

Reports from the pastors in the Burlington District for the first third of the conference year (July 1-November 1) reveal that there have been 274 additions to the church—101 by profession of faith and 173 by certificate. Sixty-five infants have been baptized. Layman's Day has been observed in 61 of the churches. Church school enrollment shows a slight increase. On the financial side the reports show salaries paid up to date and that 70 per cent of amounts due to date on connectional expenses and benevolences have been remitted to the respective treasurers.

Poplar Springs Church, Marvin Gaster, pastor, has paid off its indebtedness on its Fellowship Hall. Bethel Church, L. G. Hunsucker, pastor, will have dedicatory services for its education building on January 9th, the service to be led by the district superintendent, J. C. Shore, pastor Hightowers charge, and his family have moved into a lovely new parsonage. The educational unit at First Church, Graham, T. J. Whitehead, pastor, will be dedicated when Bishop Garder can find a date to come.

Robbins Circuit, Max Richardson, pastor, and Siler City Circuit, O. B. Isenhour, pastor, are leading the district thus far in additions on profession of faith. Trinity Church, Sanford, Jerry Faulkner, pastor, shows the largest net increase in membership since conference. Cool Springs and Fair Promise Churches on the Glendon Circuit, J. E. Davis, pastor, have recently completed attractive and adequate church school buildings, and High Falls Church on the same charge expects to start a building program soon.

A new church is being established in the Green Acres community north of Burlington. The new church is being sponsored by the Rock Creek Circuit, George Johnson, pastor. Charles Hutchinsin, a Duke Divinity School student, is assisting in the Green Acres project. The congregation has selected "St. Luke" as its name.

A new parsonage is about ready to be occupied by the pastor of the Christ Church, Cedar Cliff Charge, T. M. Faggart, pastor. Burlington Circuit, J. C. Daniels, pastor, and Shiloh, R. E. Thompson, pastor, have new parsonages underway. The rebuilding and additions to Hickory Mountain Church, Pittsboro Circuit, C. C. Capps, pastor, is nearing completion.

On December 9th Bishop Garber consecrated a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. James Stanford, at a special service in

Davis Street Church, Burlington. D. J. Reid, pastor.

There are 48 charges in the Burlington District. Twenty-one of these charges are served by student pastors.

Durham District

C. D. BARCLIFT, *District Superintendent*

The Durham District, reporting for one-third of the conference year, shows that 78 have been received on profession of faith and 346 by transfer—a total of 424; paid on salaries to date, \$70,114; paid on buildings—churches and parsonages, \$39,884; on world service and conference benevolences, \$20,673; other benevolences paid in proportion. Eighty-seven infants have been baptized. One hundred nineteen new subscribers have been sent to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Elizabeth City District

R. L. JEROME, *District Superintendent*

The Elizabeth City District covers twelve counties in northeastern North Carolina. It is largely rural, with very little industry, and had a net loss in population during the last ten years. In spite of hurricane losses, crop failures, and other factors we are making slow but steady progress in our church life. The people called Methodists in this area are second to none in their love for and loyalty to the Methodist church.

One evidence of their loyalty is the way Buxton Church on Hatteras Charge is completing a modern, beautiful church at a cost of about \$65,000 and will soon be able to occupy the building. The Zion Church on the Gatesville Charge is about ready to occupy an unusually attractive new building which will cost about \$50,000. On October 2 Bishop Garber dedicated the new church at Hatteras and the new educational building at Kitty Hawk. A modern seven-room brick parsonage, costing about \$24,000 with furnishings, has been built at Murfreesboro. Altogether we have had about 30 projects in our district during the past year in regard to new construction, renovation, or additional equipment such as organs, pews, etc. The cost of these projects will be about \$400,000. Last year these churches paid for building purposes \$110,000, and so far this year they have paid \$65,000. Last year they reduced their debts by \$50,000.

Another evidence of the loyalty of our Methodist people is the way in which they have supported our colleges. Our district has pledged on the College Campaign \$354,259, which is 74.0% of the assigned goal. The Conference as a whole pledged only 71.3% of the goal. By November 30

we had paid 48.7% of the amount pledged.

Our people believe in supporting our benevolent causes. Of the 39 charges in our district 27 accepted increases on World Service and Conference Benevolences. The amount accepted for this year amounts to \$101,000.

We have a number of individuals who are members of the Ten Dollar Club.

At the end of the first four months of this year our churches had received 218 members, 91 of them on profession of faith. Last year our churches received 632 members, 320 of them on profession of faith.

We have a Woman's Society of Christian Service in 77 out of 87 churches. We have 19 Methodist Men's groups, and 100 of our laymen participated in the No Silent Pulpit program. Our program of Christian education is reinforced by the subdistrict Christian Workers' Schools, 69 MYF's, 61 Vacation Schools, an active district staff, and many faithful officers and teachers.

Fayetteville District

MILLARD C. DUNN, *District Supt.*

Fayetteville District is well on its way to another good year, as indicated by the pastor's reports.

Building projects include: First Church, Hamlet. Rev. J. D. Autry, pastor, is planning a \$90,000 addition to the educational building.

St. Matthews, Rev. David L. Moe, pastor: The first unit of the church plant will be ready for occupancy about February 15.

Lovejoy and Macedonia are both making plans to build additions to the present structures. A memorial fund was started soon after conference in June to purchase a new organ in memory of Mrs. Frank Hulin. A camp meeting is held here each year. Rev. Reginald W. Ponder is pastor.

First Church, Rockingham, Rev. J. V. Early, pastor, has conducted a weekly visitation program of evangelism and has received more than 30 new members.

Mount Gilead, Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor, has made improvements on its parsonage.

Christ Church, Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, pastor, has purchased the brick home of J. O. Tally, Sr., for its parsonage.

Cokesbury Church, Stedman, Rev. M. L. Husted, pastor, has renovated the Fellowship Hall and tiled the floor to match the sanctuary floor.

Salem Church, Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor: Soon after conference the parsonage was given a complete renewal job. The church recently organized a children's choir of 40 members and a youth choir of 15 members.

Trinity Methodist, Troy, Rev. J. Paul Edwards, pastor, maintains a fine record on its all-round program. Liberal in its support to all causes, led the Fayetteville District in the Rally Day offering and was second in the Communion Sunday offering. It had paid one-half of its total budget at the end of the first four months of the conference year. Plans are in hand to build a new addition to the educational building.

East Rockingham Church, Rev. R. H. Caudill, pastor, recently purchased a \$2,400 automatic Norton chimes. This church also has an evangelistic visitation team composed of men and women who conduct

a week prayer meeting and weekly visitation.

Snead's Grove, Laurel Hill Charge, Rev. C. D. Brown, pastor, has a new sanctuary going up which is expected to be ready for occupancy in the spring.

Culbreth Memorial, Rev. W. P. Lowdermilk, pastor. Here the first unit of a new church is going up on a new location. The congregation expects to be using this unit by Easter.

Troy Circuit, Rev. Jack Fulgham, pastor: First Methodist Church, Troy, and Olivet are merging and building a new church on a new location.

Central Methodist, Laurinburg, Caledonia Charge, was dedicated October 9. Rev. B. P. Tyson is pastor.

Other Parsonages: Parsonages at Vass and Candor, Rev. T. F. Steele and Rev. W. F. Meacham, pastors, have both been paid for and dedicated since conference. Rev. Odell Walker, St. Andrews; Rev. C. Dene Brown, Cumberland; and Rev. G. A. Davis, Bladen, all are living in new parsonages that have been built from start to finish since conference.

The Pekin Charge, Rev. J. M. Short, pastor, also has a new parsonage about ready for occupancy. Maxton Charge, Rev. C. D. Roettger, pastor, has plans in hand for the building of a new parsonage.

Add to the above charges the good work done by other charges and pastors of the district that mailed no special report for this district progress report, and it appears that the Fayetteville District rates second place among the nine districts of the conference in the work done during the first four months of the conference year. On the basis of the standing of the various districts on the thirty items that they reported on at the end of the first four months, Fayetteville District stood second. Fayetteville District was first on the following items: Laymen attending retreat at Duke University, new subscribers to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Charges observing World Temperance Sunday, amount paid to Pastor's salary and travel, amount paid Ministers' Retirement Fund, amount raised on Church School Rally Day, and amount raised on World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Goldsboro District

MARK W. LAWRENCE, *Dist. Supt.*

With one-third of the Conference year gone and with all preachers reporting on their achievements for the past four months, some things of interest stand out.

Sixty-two babies have been baptized; 136 have been received into the church on profession of faith. There has been a net gain in members of 142. James Parvin of the Institute Charge leads the district with 18 members on profession of faith.

The following churches have sent to Conference treasurer one-third of World Service and Benevolences: Bethel on the Bethel-Rones Charge, Farmville, Fremont, New Hope, Salem, Rose Hill, Breitz Memorial, Micro, Providence, and Hopwell on the Wesley Charge. Providence, enjoying its first year as a station church, has paid more than \$5,000 on its indebtedness and is the first church in the district to pay in full its World Service and Benevolences. The Hopwell Church is the first to remit

all conference obligations to the Conference treasurer. Both of these churches had a very successful Every Member Canvass that has brought new life to the church.

A W.S.C.S. has been organized at Indian a very successful Every Member Canvass.

The beautiful church and organ were dedicated at Newton Grove by the pastor, Rev. Carroll Beale, and the district superintendent. The cornerstone was also laid. The ground was broken on Sunday, November 13, for the new church at New Hope just on the northeastern limits of Goldsboro. This church is four years old and has about 100 members. The Rev. C. R. Hollowell is the pastor.

Other buildings under construction on the district are a beautiful new sanctuary at Salem on the Garland Charge (Rev. W. M. Ellis is the pastor), brick veneering the church and adding some Sunday school rooms at Bethel on the Bethel - Rone's Charge (Rev. Luther Wesley is pastor); brick veneering the church at Keener and adding wall-to-wall carpet and new pews and pulpit furniture at a cost of \$25,000. The people of the Salemburg Charge have bought a parsonage for \$12,500 and have paid \$7,100.

The people at Wallace have voted to build a \$100,000 educational building and have more than \$65,000 in cash and pledges. Rev. W. H. Kirby is the pastor. The people of Centenary Church, Smithfield, set to raise \$40,000 to air-condition their church and to build a new parsonage. Their campaign went over the top. Rev. C. H. Mercer is in his first year at Smithfield.

Other churches planning to build are: Fellowship on the Micro - Fellowship Charge, a \$35,000 sanctuary; Hickory Grove on the Institute Charge and Bethel on the Bethel-Boston Charge, educational buildings. Trinity Church on the Institute Charge has almost completed its educational building.

New Bern District

A. J. HOBBS, *District Superintendent*

Many signs of progress are in evidence in New Bern District for the first part of the conference year. An educational building at Dover has been dedicated, also a new parsonage was dedicated at Maysville, and the new \$135,000 Student Center at Greenville. New parsonages have been erected at Harlowe-Oak Grove, and Cherry Point has purchased a parsonage. For the period of four months—July, August, September and October—95 persons have been won on profession of faith and 311 added by transfer. Seventy-two infants have been baptized. New subscriptions to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE number 167. The district has 484 members of the \$10 Club. This is an increase of 59 over last year. As of December 2, the Vanceboro Church, H. B. Jones, pastor, was leading all charges in percentage of budget items paid for the year—76.6%. Those charges above 50% paid on budget include Jacksonville - Northwoods; New Bern-Garber; Williston-Smyrna; Hubert, Swansboro, Dover Havelock-Cherry Point; Jacksonville-Trinity; Maysville. A fine district conference was held December 16 at Ayden, and reports and interest was most encouraging.

Raleigh District

GRADUATE S. PARKER, *District Supt.*

Under the leadership of our pastors and laymen, the Raleigh District is well on its way to a record year in almost all areas of witness and service. For first one-third of the year pastors reported a net increase in membership of 246.

District Rally on Evangelism will be held at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, on January 22, at 3:00 p.m., with Bishop Arthur J. Moore as principal speaker. The Raleigh area churches will be engaged throughout the week in a united evangelistic mission with Bishop Moore as preacher. A week of simultaneous visitation will be conducted throughout the district beginning February 19. Classes will be conducted during Lent. Revivals will be held in the spring.

New church organized October 2 in Raleigh called Cokesbury, with over 60 members. Raleigh Board of Missions purchased site for the new church at a cost of \$10,000. Wynnewood Park Church is ready to begin construction of its first unit. St. James Church also has its plans and is getting ready to begin construction on its first unit sometime in 1961. With the aid of the Raleigh Board of Missions and the Conference Board of Missions, parsonages have been purchased for three of our new churches — Layden Memorial, Wynnewood Park and Cokesbury. New parsonages have been constructed this year at Norlina, Zebulon, and Trinity, Raleigh. All have new furnishings. Jerusalem-Zion purchased the Norlina parsonage and it has been decorated inside and out. Flat Rock-Spring Valley purchased a parsonage. Divine Street, Dunn, is getting ready for a remodeling and expansion program. Also Millbrook is planning a new educational building, and Pleasant Grove will have a new sanctuary. Bishop Garber will dedicate three buildings in Henderson on May 21—educational building at First Church and complete new churches at Wesley Church and City Road.

Goal of the district is 100% of churches conducting Every Member Canvass in the spring.

A campaign is in progress for new subscribers to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Church Extension Service will be observed in the district on January 22. There is a special emphasis on new members of the \$10.00 Club.

The askings on World Service and Conference Benevolences for the district for this conference year was \$175,080. The churches have accepted \$176,675, an increase of \$17,511 over 1959-60. Reports for the first one-third of the conference year show an increase in payments on apportionments over the first one-third of the year 1959-60.

Raleigh District now includes 63 pastoral charges, an increase of 10 in two years.

The quadrennial program will be enthusiastically supported in the district, aiming to make the theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," a reality.

Rocky Mount District

W. C. BALL, *District Superintendent*

The Rocky Mount District has received around 300 members for the first one-third of the conference year, and baptized 50

WILMINGTON District Conference is to be held January 22, and it is expected that one-half of the finances will be paid by that date. The campaign for new subscribers for the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is bringing fine results. Rev. W. A. Tew is district director. Bethany Church on Milwaukee Charge reports six infants baptized Sunday, December 11, and 19 persons received into the church. This is due to the good work done by Dr. John Long. New parsonages are to be erected on Nash Circuit and Woodland. A new church is to be built at Bell Arthur, and new Sunday school rooms at Evansdale and Black Creek.

Wilmington District

J. E. GARLINGTON, *District Superintendent*

Signs of progress in the Wilmington District are shown in a number of ways. For the first one-third of the conference year finances are encouraging, showing \$66,180 paid to date on salaries, with other causes running about the same average. Sixty-four have been received on profession of faith, and 224 by transfer. Also 52 infants have been baptized. The district had 36 representatives attending the WSCS School of Missions at Duke University last summer; 85 young people attended the MYF Annual Conference at Duke; 32 men attended the Laymen's Rally at Duke. Also 231 new subscriptions have been added to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE list. Two educational buildings have been dedicated, as has the \$250,000 Chestnut Street Church at Lumberton. Two new churches are being organized, one in Wilmington and one at Whiteville. Most of the revivals will be held in the spring and summer, and there should be a good increase in membership with the evangelistic program receiving the major emphasis the latter two-thirds of the year.

W. N. C. Conference

Albemarle District

W. JACKSON HUNEYCUTT, *Dist. Supt.*

The Albemarle District, though new, is showing great progress in all phases of its activity, as evidenced by the following figures:

Cost of church buildings completed this conference year, \$40,000; estimated cost of church buildings now under construction, \$443,776; estimated cost of church buildings to be begun this conference year, \$143,600; amount raised this conference year for improvements on parsonage, \$6,004; amount raised this conference year for improvements on all other church property (churches, educational buildings, huts, etc.), \$35,557; total raised for indebtedness, \$177,881; money raised for future building program, \$15,434; World Service apportioned to churches, \$43,584; World Service accepted, \$43,368; World Service paid, \$19,373; \$1.00 per member accepted, \$13,444; \$1.00 per member paid, \$3,135.89; received on profession of faith, 131; received otherwise, 173; parsonages dedicated, 1; plan to begin construction on one parsonage this year; cost of district parsonage and furnishings, \$40,000. The district parsonage, formerly the Marshall Herrin residence, is located at 276 North Fourth Street, Albemarle.

Asheville District

ROBERT G. TUTTLE, *District Supt.*

At the meeting of the District Conference on Sunday, December 11th, at the Biltmore Methodist Church, the Asheville District had completed the first six months of its work for the conference year.

Bishop Pickett spoke to us about the tremendous opportunities for Methodist missions today throughout the world. An offering of \$290.00 was received for training Christian students in India. Reports revealed that we had increased our Mission Specials in the district from \$17,802 last year to \$22,313 this year.

World Service Acceptances have been increased from \$42,540 last year to \$54,340 this year.

Salaries have increased from \$202,317 to \$216,746 this year.

For Church Extension in the district, we are paying \$18,422.

The district has paid \$81,951 toward the Higher Education campaign.

The N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE subscriptions stand, at the present, at 596. This we hope to improve during the year.

Dr. Harry Denman gave two addresses. On a Saturday night he met with ministers and members of all Commissions on Evangelism. He met again with this group for an hour and a half on Sunday evening. On Monday, he met in retreat with our ministers from 10 in the morning until 3:00 in the afternoon at Montreat.

We have received 154 members by profession of faith and 391 transfers. We are now carrying on a program of evangelistic visitation throughout the districts, and reports are coming in of new members by profession of faith and by letter. Total membership in the district is 18,422.

Six persons were granted local preachers' licenses by the district conference. Fourteen had their preachers' licenses renewed by vote of the district conference.

The building program in the district is moving forward rapidly. Beautiful new churches are being built at Laurel, Bethesda, and Montmorenci, and soon new sanctuaries will be constructed at Black Mountain, Snow Hill, and Oak Grove.

Educational buildings are soon to be started at Asbury-Memorial, Moores Grove and Francis Asbury. Trinity, Burnsville, Groce, Mills River and Haywood Street have already moved into their new educational buildings.

A new parsonage has just been completed at Salem. Another is being constructed at Avery's Creek. They are in the planning stage for a new parsonage at East Flat Rock, and they are soon to begin new parsonages at Etowah and Horseshoe. A complete remodeling of the Hendersonville parsonage is underway.

Total building programs in the district planning stage under construction, or just completed add up to \$1,700,000.

The Pisgah Mountain Church has recently been dedicated, and Bishop Harmon officially opened the new educational building and reconstructed sanctuary of the Burnsville Methodist Church in October.

We have two Group Ministries working effectively in the district, one in the Weaverville-Mars Hill area under the direction of the Rev. Boyce Huffstetler, and the other in the Burnsville area under the direction

of the Rev. O. L. Brown. Mrs. Tillie Brooks is our rural worker in the Burnsville area. The Rev. Robert M. Brittain and Rev. E. H. Goode are working together in a larger parish arrangement in the Hot Springs area.

We are now seeking to organize new churches at Oteen and in Hendersonville, and plan during the year to survey Asheville for possible new churches.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has a pledge this year of \$17,000, a \$1,000 increase over last year, with the Wesleyan Service Guild having a pledge of \$2,000. Under the guidance of Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president, we are seeking to organize the thirteen churches of our district not yet having Woman's Societies.

The church school in the district is growing and our leadership is becoming better trained for more effective teaching.

Mr. Carl Hyatt, district lay leader, has appointed 150 lay speakers to the churches of our district where the minister cannot be present for the Sunday morning service, so that every church in the district, with a few exceptions, will have an 11:00 o'clock service throughout the period from September 1st until June 1st.

Charlotte District

WALTER J. MILLER, *Dist. Supt.*

A total of \$98,910 accepted on World Service, goal of \$97,819. Nearly \$50,000 has been accepted on Mission Specials. All other benevolent causes accepted in full and 40 to 45 per cent paid to date. All but a few of the charges have had an Every Member Canvass and all but four have active commissions which meet regularly. Average church school attendance shows a gain of 600 of the first six months this year over the same period last year.

The district MYF has been divided into four subdistricts and the attendance has almost quadrupled.

Evangelism again is being given great emphasis. 1,142 have been added to the church rolls since June. A great district rally on evangelism and workshops was held at First Methodist Church December 8th, with Dr. George Fallon, president of the Council of Evangelism and pastor of Lakewood Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, as the principal speaker.

Church extension continues to play a vital part in our district program. All eight new churches organized during the past three years now have their first units of the building programs completed. One of these churches, Aldersgate, has already added its second unit, and two others, St. Andrews and St. Mark's, are planning to enlarge their facilities. Six of the new churches have adequate and modern parsonages. Tuckaseegee Road has purchased a lot and will begin construction of its parsonage this year. In addition to the \$27,455 accepted on the Dollar Per Member there are 1,614 members of the Methodist Builders' Club and the churches of Mecklenburg County have assumed an additional \$50,000 apportionment for our extension work.

Morris Field, which was organized about 14 years ago, has purchased a tract of land and a parsonage for the purpose of relocating.

The fall District Workshop for laymen was well attended. Mr. R. H. Bond, lay

leader of the Memphis Conference, was the principal speaker.

On Sunday evening, January 22, a great Charlotte District Methodist Sunday Evening Service will be held in the Ovens Auditorium which seats 2,500 persons. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be the speaker. The theme of the service will be "Jesus Christ Is Lord." A combined choir of more than 300 voices will furnish special music. Every church in the district is cooperating.



Gastonia District

EUGENE C. FEW, *District Superintendent*

Since the session of the Annual Conference in June there have been conspicuous evidences of progress on several of the pastoral charges of the Gastonia District of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Cramer Memorial Church in Cramerton has done an excellent job in caring for the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Houck, and his family, through the erection and equipment of a handsome and conveniently appointed parsonage at a total cost of \$22,000.

Palm Tree Church, in its first year as a station appointment, has accomplished much in a short time in housing its pastor, the Rev. Herman C. Beck and his family, in one of the most beautiful and adequately furnished parsonages within the Gastonia District. Here again the total financial outlay was \$22,000.

At Faith Church in the city of Gastonia, the pastor, the Rev. William R. Brantley and his family are enjoying the comforts of a new parsonage. Also, since conference there has been a successful financial campaign under the general direction of the Rev. Rollin Gibbs, for funds for the erection of an additional educational building.

Following a disastrous fire during the last conference year, in which the church building was destroyed entirely, the Rev. Howard Allred and his heroic people of Maylo Church in Gastonia, rallied in a magnificent manner, and at the present moment they are far along toward the completion of a stately building including a spacious and worshipful sanctuary and carefully designed education space for all departments and groups of the church school. This impressive church is being erected on a five and one-half-acre plot of ground and involves an expenditure of \$225,000.

On Sunday, December 11th, groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted at the McAdenville Church as the pastor, the Rev. Thomas W. Weeks, and his small but determined membership launched the beginning of the erection of their new church building to cost between forty and fifty thousand dollars.

At Myrtle Church in Gastonia, where the Rev. W. Frank Heffner is the pastor, an attractive parsonage with its furnishings was dedicated on Sunday, June 19th.

While all the pastors and churches of the Gastonia District are working faithfully and persistently at the task of evangelism, the West Cramerton Church with a total membership of only ninety at the beginning of the present conference year has added twenty-four persons to the church by profession of faith during the six months period just ended. The Rev. E. L. Murphy is serving this charge as part-time approved supply pastor.

Greensboro District

J. CLAY MADISON, *District Superintendent*

Reports from the fifty-seven charges of the district, representing 83 churches, made to the Greensboro District Conference held at Greensboro College on December 4 show that the World Service apportionment, representing an increase of 37% over last year, has been accepted in full. In addition to this response to the need of the world most every charge in the district has some Mission Special, and many charges have a special in each of the four lanes of service. Other apportionments, with few exceptions, have been accepted in full, and the total amount of salaries for ministers to be paid this year is \$281,587.

District Conference reports that 772 new members were received during the first half of this conference year. This number, along with the large ingathering which can be reasonably anticipated during the Lenten season, should give the district a substantial net gain for the conference year.

Reports on new buildings indicate considerable progress in this area. Muir's Chapel and Groometown Churches are completing new educational units. Centenary Church will move into the first unit of its new lovely church plant, located on Friendly Road, the first of the year. Mispah Church on the Haw River Circuit has completed a fellowship building, and the new sanctuary of Mount Pleasant Church is well on its way to completion. Rev. Silas Strader, pastor of Mount Herman Church, recently moved into a lovely new parsonage. Main Street Church in Reidsville is building a new educational addition. Guilford College Church will soon have its parsonage complete and broke ground for the first unit of its church building program on Christmas Day. Saint Paul has already broken ground for the first unit of its new church on O. Henry Boulevard. Within the next calendar year West Market Street Church, in the heart of Greensboro, expects to begin an educational addition, the cost of which will approximate a million dollars. Woodmont Church in Reidsville has been organized during this conference year. It already has a membership of well over 200 and a budget of over \$30,000.

During the first round of quarterly conferences in the Greensboro District, four young men were recommended for license to preach by their respective quarterly conferences. One of these, Royal E. Williams from Trinity Church, has completed his preparatory studies and was granted local preacher's license.



High Point District

RALPH H. TAYLOR, *District Superintendent*

For the first half of the conference year the High Point District has received 102 on profession of faith, and 307 by transfer. The membership has grown from 19,945 in June to 20,106 in December. A new church has been organized at College Village, High Point, with 70 members. Four new church buildings have been completed: Bunker Hill, Wesley Memorial, High Point, Lebanon, High Point, and Burnett's Chapel. New educational buildings have been erected at First Church, High Point, and Rankin Memorial, High Point. A new parsonage has

been built at College Village, High Point. The Northwood parsonage at High Point has been dedicated. Number of subscriptions to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, as reported by pastors, 756. In World Service the district accepted \$67,754, which was beyond the asking, and has paid \$27,097. Pastors salaries amount to \$199,804, and of that amount \$100,928 has been paid. Children's Home apportionment of \$24,003 has paid \$12,538. Other ministerial support, \$45,671; paid \$21,385. Minimum salary \$14,727, paid \$7,687. College sustaining fund \$23,000, paid \$5,281. District work \$7,781, paid \$5,176.



Marion District

FLETCHER NELSON, *District Superintendent*

Salaries in Marion District have been increased to a total of \$175,088, and fifty per cent of this had been paid by district conference, which markew the halfway period of the year. World Service accepted in full and 49% paid by district conference. All other ministerial support as well as minimum salary, college fund, Children's Home, Home for the Aged paid about 50 per cent. Christian Higher Education fund, with an acceptance by the district of \$154,958, for the three-year period, has paid \$62,561. Fifty-eight vacation schools have been held; 290 credits have been granted in mission study courses; 887 credits have been given in training schools; members received into the church since conference 193; members removed 169. We have not held any revivals yet. Churches have been, or just completed at Connelly Springs, First Church Marion, Providence on the Marion Circuit, and Pinnacle on Burke-McDowell Charge. Addition to churches (sanctuary or church school building) have been made Cross Mill, Marion; North Morganton; St. Matthews; Zion Memorial; Burke's Chapel on Mt. Harmony Charge; First, at Old Fort; Rutherford College; First, Rutherfordton; Cedar Grove on the Sunshine Charge; Oak Hill on Table Rock Charge. Parsonages just finished or in the process, at Bethel; Connelly Springs. A new church with 40 members has just been organized at Pleasant Garden, and named St. Mark's.



North Wilkesboro District

GARLAND R. STAFFORD, *District Supt.*

In reporting the statistics for the North Wilkesboro District, 134 persons have been received by profession of faith, the largest number at half-time history of this district. Christian Higher Education payment on pledges almost on schedule; 352 attended the district mission rally held October 23. Offering, \$249.86.

Transou Church on Nathan's Creek Charge, Bethany on the Jefferson Charge, and Eschol on the Wilkesboro Charge dedicated by Bishop Harmon September 3rd and 4th. Rev. S. E. White is pastor at Transou; Rev. Ray C. Stephens at Jefferson; Rev. J. L. Johnson, Jr., at Wilkesboro.

Parsonages: New parsonage at Moravian Falls occupied after conference. New parsonages are under construction at North Wilkesboro and Creston. Wilkesboro acquiring site for new parsonage. Parsonage at Yadkinville ready for dedication. Building Committee for new parsonage at Miller's

Creek elected December 14. North Wilkesboro \$50,000; Creston \$15,000.

Churches: Walnut Branch in Alleghany County reopened by Rev. F. J. Rogers. New buildings are under construction at Piney Creek on the Alleghany-Grayson Charge and at Deerfield near Boone. (Deerfield set up as new charge in September by Bishop Harmon. Appointed Rev. Jack L. Caudill of Boone pastor of new congregation). Jefferson Church adding church school rooms and enlarging chancel.

Very beautiful Jonesville Church opened for services on October 23. Rev. W. H. Dyar is pastor.

Boonville Church, Rev. Earl Edwards, pastor, renovated and redecorated at cost of several thousand dollars had first service in new setting November 13.

Development plan for Elk Shoals Methodist camp prepared with perspective drawings of buildings. Brochure printed showing building and development plans.

Statesville District

J. ELWOOD CARROLL, *District Supt.*

The Statesville District has paid in full all acceptances for the past five years and the acceptances have been within 99% of the askings. The district continues to make progress in all areas of church life.

Despite the fact that fourteen charges were taken from the Statesville District to help form the North Wilkesboro District in 1955, the district has grown with new churches and the dividing of circuits until there are today 50 charges, a net loss of only four. Three new churches have been organized and lots acquired for two more. In five years, World Service has increased 100%, and most other giving in proportion.

The district has acquired land of 74 acres near Lenoir for a camp and is developing the site. Basic utilities will be completed in the spring and a full program of camping will be in operation thereafter.

Missions are well supported with Advance Specials by every church and with 85% of them carrying Specials in "four lanes of service." The district mission society is a going concern. Seventy-eight of the 84 churches have a Woman's Society of Christian Service. Currently we have five missionaries abroad from the district.

Christian Education is promoted in the district. Only two churches fail to have a Sunday school. Annually a training school is held within the reach of every church of the district. Center and Friendship on Balls Creek have just completed an education building. A new education building is under construction at Lenoir First Church, and educational additions are in the planning stage at Hickory First, Newton First, Statesville Broad Street, Providence, and Mount Hermon, and Rehobeth on Terrell Circuit.

Other building programs include a sanctuary for Friendship on Union Grove Circuit, for Statesville Wesley Memorial, an entire new plant for Hickory Highland; and at an early date the relocation of Mooresville Jones Memorial and Williamson's Chapel on McKendree. Recently the education building was dedicated at Union Grove, the sanctuary at Monticello, and the pews at Fairmont on Olin Circuit.

Membership continues to increase, but not nearly so rapidly as we would like.

Salisbury District

JAMES C. STOKES, *District Superintendent*

Rev. James C. Stokes, district superintendent of the Salisbury District, reports progress along many lines for the first part of the conference year. Of the 336 members that have been received, 100 were on profession of faith; \$22,891 has been paid on World Service acceptance of \$60,753. on the College Sustaining Fund \$7,612 on an acceptance of \$22,539 has been paid. Other finances are in proportion to date. The district shows 563 subscribers to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. On the Christian Higher Education Fund of \$203,019 for three years, a total of \$57,877.32 has been paid. The churches have co-operated almost without exception in accepting a 26% increase in World Service apportionments. The district is giving support to Rev. Charles Stokes' work at the Taejon Bible School, Korea, and to the jeep fund for Rev. Bill Bigham in Brazil.

Thomasville District

JOHN H. CARPER, *District Superintendent*

The Thomasville District has made fine progress for the first five months of the conference year. Acceptance on benevolences show an increase from \$36,456 for last year to \$43,298 for the present year. Every charge is asked to give for World Service a minimum of \$1.50 per member plus 10% of last year's contribution. The district was asked to accept a 35% increase in World Service over the 1956 figure, which was \$27,439; the asking this year is \$42,368, and the district has accepted \$43,298—oversubscribing by \$930. Other items are as follows:

New Churches

New Methodist Church, located at East Center Street Extension in Lexington, will be organized January 15. From June, 1960, to November 6, 1960, 219 members have been received on profession of faith; received by transfer from other Methodist churches, 166; received from other denominations, 84; infants baptized, 83.

Debt Payments

From the Annual Conference to November 30, 1960: Churches, \$116,080.35; parsonages, \$4,832.38; educational buildings, \$71,506.30.

Dedications

Advance-Mocks Charge: Mocks Church, on October 2, 1960, by Bishop Harmon and the district superintendent; Advance Educational Building, on October 2, by Bishop Harmon and the district superintendent.

Denton Circuit: Clear Springs Church, on November 27, 1960, by Bishop Harmon and the district superintendent.

Cornerstones

Shiloh Church, September 25, 1960, by the district superintendent; Welcome Church, Sunday, December 11, 1960, at 11:00 a.m., by the district superintendent.

Pine Woods-Fairview Charge: Pine Woods Church, Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m., by the district superintendent.

Waynesville District

FRANK C. SMATHERS, *District Supt.*

Waynesville District is making progress, according to information given at the district conference, held on December 4th at

Franklin. Statistics are as follows:

Members received since the Annual Conference, 192; addition to church school rolls, 198; vacation church schools held, 53; percentage paid on salaries and apportionments, 46.3%; Advance Specials and district mission society accepted \$29,462; all apportionments were accepted 100%.

New buildings: Bryson City, total church plant, over half complete, \$120,000; Cashiers, new sanctuary, near completion, at a cost of \$40,000; Cullowhee, educational building, Wesley Foundation quarters, remodeling of sanctuary, \$130,000; Louisa Chapel, Haywood Charge, total new church \$40,000; Long's Chapel, Junaluska, new educational building, remodeling old building, \$60,000; Cruso, on the Pigeon Valley Charge, new church, \$35,000; Andrews, new parsonage, relocated, now in use, \$18,000; West Macon, new parsonage half complete, \$14.00.

Patton's Springs camp site in Macon County given to the church. Plans under way for buildings. New churches recently completed and now in use: Shady Grove on the Shady Grove Charge, \$48,000, and Patton's Chapel on the Macon Circuit, \$35,000.

Winston-Salem District

LEE F. TUTTLE, *District Superintendent*

One evidence of progress in Winston-Salem District is the fact that there is at present nearly two million dollars in new church and parsonage construction going on in the district, with something like another half to three-quarters of a million in the late planning stage. The pledge of this district on the Christian Higher Education program was in excess of \$400,000, and it is believed to be the only district in the conference paid up to date on those pledges. The district again this year overpledged its World Service, including the 35% increase. The charges have also pledged approximately \$37,000 in Advance Specials, which is an increase of \$2,000 over last year. World Service reports for the past quadrennium show Winston-Salem District second only to Charlotte District in total amount of Advance Specials, and it led the conference in giving to National Missions and to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The district is second of all districts in Methodism in its support of Alaska College. Additions on profession of faith are 101, and by transfer 348. Our number of additions so far are not as large as we would like, but this may be due to the fact that last year the net gain was 525, or between 25% and 30% of the total net gain of the conference. Revivals held number 29 to date. Church extension work has gone well with continued help to the numerous building projects of the district, in addition to meeting the needs for new churches and relocations as they arise. The district is now engaged in several such projects, and is also buying future church locations while they are available. For the past quadrennium the district has put better than \$100,000 per year into its church extension program, and this has shown great results. Finances on budgets average around the 50% mark.

Dr. R. W. Bradshaw Honored By Duke Memorial Church

Members of the Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, gave their pastor, Rev. R. W. Bradshaw, a pleasant surprise as they gathered on Wednesday, December 14, to celebrate his 60th birthday. Singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," as Dr. Bradshaw entered the room with its beautiful decorations, it soon became apparent they had come to do him honor. There were many persons involved in the arrangements and services, which space will not permit us to mention. On Wednesday evening the members gathered in a family night supper and meditation service. Following this letters of tribute were read from a number of organizations and individuals, including trustees of Duke University, of which he is a member; the Children's Home in Raleigh, of which he is also a member; the Official Board of Duke Memorial Church; Coach Bill Murray of Duke, and Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent. A poem telling of some of his childhood experiences was presented by Mrs. F. R. Darkis, Miss Julia White, soloist, and Mrs. Horace Fowler, pianist, presented a program of music. And to "cap" it all, Mrs. George Kale presented him with the keys to a brand new Plymouth automobile, and little Susan Whitford presented a "Happy Birthday" speech. It was a time of excitement for the pastor as his people so thoroughly convinced him of their love and loyalty in such an impressive way.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy Elected President of National Missions

Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles has been elected president of the denomination's Division of National Missions. He will serve a four-year term.

The division is one of three main organizational units of the General Board of Missions, New York City, and is responsible for national mission projects throughout the U.S., and development of new churches. The other divisions are Division of World Missions, and Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Bishop Kennedy, now vacationing in Europe, is also president of the church's Council of Bishops. His election to the missions post came at the board's reorganization meeting in the Sherman Hotel, here.

Need New Approaches

Buck Hill Falls, Pa.—Calls for new approaches to solving social problems took the attention of Northeastern states' Methodist leaders here Nov 1-3 for the annual briefing conference on Christian social concerns. Some 180 attended the sessions sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns and 22 annual conference boards.

Morris Milgram of Princeton, N. J., a home builder who tries "to prove to builders that integrated housing is a profit-making business and that morality works in business," said it is difficult "to explain our lack of brotherhood to a world that is two-thirds non-white and will be 80 per cent non-white by the year 2000."

LETTERS

The Sustentation Fund

To one accustomed to a good salary and other prerequisites of the Methodist preacher, sudden retirement due to illness comes as a shock in many ways. Unless savings have been unusually large he faces a difficult financial situation. In my case I retired by necessity of illness almost a year before I could receive my Social Security benefit.

Into this gap stepped the fine officers of the Sustentation Fund of the N. C. Methodist Conference, making a monthly payment available equal to my Social Security expectancy. This amount was paid me the entire year. Now that Social Security is coming I have requested that the Sustentation payments be discontinued as of July 1, 1960. These payments are now going to some other man who finds himself in a similar situation.

We are grateful for the foresight of leaders who made this fund possible. And I am especially grateful to Dr. Howard Powell and others responsible who wanted me to feel it was my due and not a hand-out. Powell said, "That's what it's here for." I am grateful to the N. C. Conference.

—J. FURMAN HERBERT

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New Bern District Reports Progress

By DALLAS MALLISON

The New Bern District of the North Carolina Annual Conference is completing one of the very best years of its history, according to reports made on December 16, 1960, at its Annual Conference Session held at the Ayden Methodist Church. The district superintendent, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, presided.

Some 200 delegates and visitors heard reports highlighted by the revelation that over 600 members were admitted last year on profession of faith, one of the best records in the entire Richmand Area, it was revealed.

Another fine record was the granting of local preachers' licenses to five men who expect to go into active preaching, it was announced. Nearly twenty local licenses were renewed. The vote in both cases was unanimous and by secret ballot as is the custom.

Conference Treasurer M. J. Cowell and F. Olen Hunt, Director of the Department of Gifts and Wills represented the Methodist Foundation, Inc. They distributed copies of the first issue of a new publication, *Methodist Foundation News*, and reported on the work of the Department of Gifts and Wills.

Among the nearly twenty causes and agencies making reports were the two newly-created ones, the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information represented by its chairman, Dallas Mallison, and the Committee on Publishing Interests represented by its district secretary, the Rev. D. M. Tyson of Williston.

Roy Turnage, of Ayden, district lay leader, announced that the annual district lay rally will be held on February 20 at the Centenary Methodist Church in New

Rowe Scholarship Fund Committee Holds Meet

Members of the North Carolina Conference Committee for the Gilbert T. Rowe Scholarship Fund, to be raised as a memorial to the late Dr. Rowe, who taught for many years in the Divinity School at Duke University, met Monday, December 19, at the Holliday Inn, Durham. Present were Graham S. Eubank, chairman, O. Kelly Ingram, Leon Russell, S. J. Starnes, Dr. W. A. Kale and Dean Robert E. Cushman. Dr. Cushman brought the group up to date on steps taken. He reported that already some \$3,400 has been pledged on the \$25,000 goal, and the movement is just getting under way. Alumni and friends of the two conferences in this state as well as those from outside the state are showing interest and are cooperating. Letters will be mailed soon to give further information and to extend the opportunity for those who care to participate. A like committee is functioning in the Western North Carolina Conference, with Rev. L. P. Barnett of Charlotte as chairman. The Rev. A. C. Waggoner of High Point is president of the alumni association of the divinity school. The group meeting in Durham discussed plans and methods by which the program is to be promoted among alumni and friends of Dr. Rowe. The purpose of the fund is to help provide scholarships of merit to senior divinity school students.

We are glad to publish the following statement by Bishop Paul N. Garber relating to the *Gilbert T. Rowe Scholarship Fund* in the Duke Divinity School.

"For sixteen years I had the privilege of being a colleague of Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe on the faculty of the Divinity School of Duke University. We were not only colleagues, but were close friends.

Dr. Rowe made a unique contribution to the Divinity School of Duke University. He maintained the highest type of scholarship but his scholarship was not of a theoretical nature but was related to the personal life of the students and to their future service in the ministry. Dr. Rowe loved his students and he coveted for them the uniting in their ministry of scholarship with personal concern for people. Hundreds of preachers now serving in pastorates and in educational institutions bear witness to the success of Dr. Rowe in achieving this goal.

It is most fitting that the Divinity School Alumni Association should sponsor the Gilbert T. Rowe Scholarship Fund."

—PAUL N. GARBER

*Bishop of the Richmond Area
The Methodist Church*

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Education

To look is one thing. To see what you look at is another. To understand is still something else. But to act on what you learn is all that really matters.—*Educator's Dispatch*.

Bern, to be preceded in the afternoon by the annual laymen's retreat.

Dr. Hobbs stated that each of the 92 churches in his district was represented and expressed gratification at the cooperation and atmosphere existing in the New Bern District.

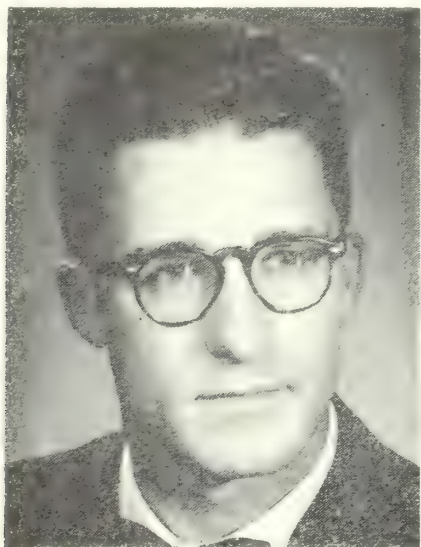
White House Conference On Aging

The Reverend Harold Minor, director of Adult Work in the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, has been appointed by Governor Luther H. Hodges as one of forty-eight delegates from the state to the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D. C., January 9-12. He is one of two members of this delegation assigned to the Work Group Section of Religion.

In a special report on the conference, the following statement was made by Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare:

"The increasing proportions of both young and old in our population means that there needs to be an increasing accent on age as well as on youth.

"Not only must we give a higher priority to solving some of the more immediate problems of concern to older people but we must be developing more effective



HAROLD MINOR

long-range plans in this area. Altogether, there are some 50 million Americans who are middle-aged or older—16 million of whom have already passed their 65th birthday.

"We have not yet adjusted our sense of values, our social and cultural ways of life, our public and private programs, to accommodate the concerns of this vast legion of old and aging people. For far too many people, old age means inadequate income, poor or marginal health, improper housing, isolated from family and friends, the discouragement of being shunted aside from the mainstream of life.

"I see the White House Conference on Aging as an intensive nationwide surveying effort, as well as an invaluable instrument for defining new goals and determining how to reach them.

"The concept of the White House Conference recognizes that a climate for 'aging with a future' is the concern of everyone in our land, and all levels of our society should accept responsibility for action.

"Each one of the 53 participating states and territories has set up a statewide group to prepare for the White House Conference on Aging. All have completed reports of their factual studies, and have held at least

one statewide conference. All have developed recommendations for submission to the White House Conference.

"It is of particular note that the states have followed the national pattern on their planning and study committees and have included broad representation of civic, business, labor, professional, and other major interest groups.

"Throughout all of this activity, it has been gratifying to note that many older people themselves have been invited to participate in the discussions and decision-making. This is in full accord with the principle we must always keep in mind, namely, that the individual of any age must have the right to make his own choices and to determine his own way of life."

From the background paper on Religion and Aging, comes the following statement on "Needs of the Aging:"

"At the present moment in our nation's historical development, we may ask what is, in sum, a sound outlook on the situation of the aged. One answer which will commend itself to most people with a religious background has been furnished recently by Senator Pat McNamara: 'The country has not taken enough time and thought for the problems of its older citizens. No one is asking for a bed of roses for the oldsters but they have every right to expect—and we have every moral obligation to insure them—a meaningful and adequately secure existence in their later years.'"



A Life of Praise

We should not speak in terms of words
When giving thanks to God above
For His rich blessings through the years
Bestowed because of His true love;
But from the depth of heart and soul
We ought to give Him thanks and
praise,
And live to honor His great name,
However long or short our days.

As years of time go passing by
God makes provision for our needs
From trees and vines and wondrous crops
That grow from fields of tiny seeds;
For truly it is from the soil
That all mankind are clothed and fed
And through the strength and toil of men
And by the sweat that must be shed.

Then as we think of life on earth,
With all it takes to keep us here,
Along with health across the years
That is to us both sweet and dear,
And crowned with blessings for the soul
That only heaven's King can give,
Our thanks should flow like living streams
For all His bounties while we live.

O heart and mind and soul, look up
From whence our many blessings flow,
And waft your thanks on wings of praise
Like pilgrims of the long ago,
That God be pleased to bless us on
As we have need from day to day,
Whatever be our place in life
And hear us as we humbly pray!

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

Richard G. Stockton

The death on December 12 in Winston-Salem of Richard G. Stockton transferred from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant one of the staunch and devoted laymen of the Methodist Church. Especially did Richard Stockton serve the causes of Christian education.

First I came to know him when I became director of Christian education and associate minister of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, in 1936. He was chairman of that church's Board of Education. His patience, cooperation and foresight were outstanding in that relationship within the local church.

In later years we served together on the Board of Trustees of Greensboro College. His keen business acumen and wisdom in investments were notably used in serving this college of the church.

He was the moving spirit in the organizing and promotional efforts of the North Carolina Foundation of Church-related Colleges. Others will tell of how this cooperative effort of the colleges of many denominations has grown, but Methodism has been strengthened through its influence—and Richard Stockton was the key personality in its development.

In 1957 following the mandate of the General Conference to launch a special emphasis on Higher Education, the Western North Carolina Conference set up a Commission on Christian Higher Education. Mr. Stockton was made a member and was elected its treasurer. In this capacity he had given untiringly and faithfully and was its treasurer at the time of his death.

Methodism has lost a stalwart layman—a strength in the local church and in the Annual Conference. We miss Richard Stockton, but thanks to God for sharing his warm friendship and his strong leadership.

—WILSON O. WELDON

Chairman, Western North
Carolina Commission on
Christian Higher Education

Organ Presented to Church By Mrs. Mark E. Dixon

The Ayden Methodist Church has received a wonderful gift for Christmas. On Wednesday, December 14, installation was completed on a new concert size Hammond Organ, complete with echo organ and chimes, presented to the church by Mrs. Mark E. Dixon in memory of her late husband, Mark E. Dixon. The new organ more than adequately replaces the old pipe organ which was suffering from age. Installation was rushed so that the new organ could be used for the District Conference of the New Bern District which met at Ayden Methodist Church, Friday, December 18, when Mrs. Dixon returned to the console from retirement to play the accompaniment for the choral Christmas story presented by the choir under the direction of Mr. Robert Ellwanger. Mr. R. P. Hardee, chairman of the Commission on Finance, announced the gift at the worship service December 11, and the work of removing the old organ and enclosing the new instrument was done by Mr. Vito Abene, who gave his vacation time to his church.

God's Open Door — A New Year's Meditation

By BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

"Behold,
I have set before thee an open door—
And no man is able to shut it." (Rev. 3:8).

New Year's is the traditional time for beginning again, "turning over a new leaf," starting over. This is in contrast to the world of nature, where there is no beginning nor ending, not even punctuation marks, as the great cosmic process rolls on. The world turns just as surely and relentlessly at midnight on New Year's Eve as it does on an April morning when the leaves are budding, or amid the gales of October when the leaves are falling. The sun rises and the sun sets; clouds and rain, sunshine and shadow, hail and tempest, seedtime and harvest, all move ahead in the age-long calendar of God. What is new about New Year's?

This: That while it is true that God has given sun and moon and stars, lights in the firmament of the heaven "for signs and seasons and days and years," so He has also given to the human spirit the right to command itself. Man can indeed mark time—his own time—by his soul's incommensurable processes. The poet who declared that we ought to measure time "by heart throbs, not by figures on a dial" was dealing with a very real measure. In the vast cosmic continuum that the Space Age make us aware of, we are—or should be—even more aware of ourselves, and our fellowmen's part in it all. Certainly we do well to stop occasionally and take account of our own lives, see where we have been, and, what is more important, where we are going.

John Wesley and the early Methodists kept journals, not that they might record what would otherwise be the trivial doings of ordinary lives, but that they might view and review the way they were spending their personal time. They wished to outline daily activities so that, after studying what they had been doing, they might see how they might do it better. Time itself was thus made precious, as indeed it ought to be. "Never spend any more time at one place than is strictly necessary" is still an injunction which is in our Methodist Ministerial Discipline.

But why are we willing to? This is not to say that there is no value in good resolutions, and perhaps make a few each New Year's Day, but there is a deeper purpose to life than one that can be neatly programmed out by well-meaning, but spasmodic ideas. Every day is a new day, and every hour gives a new chance for a Christian man or woman to make a life count for God. What else did the Apostle Paul mean when he wrote "*Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus*"? (Col. 3:17). What else did John Wesley mean when he, in sending us a revision of the English Prayer Book, did away with most of the holy days as these were in the calendar of the Ancient Church, saying that they "at present serve no useful end?" He really meant that every day should be a holy day, and that all time should be set apart for God. Can we do it? We can try.

Judge Walter Malone, of Memphis, some years ago wrote a poem called "Opportunity"—and said much of this in a very fine

way. The old adage had it, "Opportunity knocks but once." Malone, in unforgettable lines, nailed that for what it was:

"They do me wrong who say I come no
more
When once I knock and fail to find
you in,
For every day I stand outside your
door
And bid you wake and rise to fight
and win.

"Each morning gives thee wings to flee
from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to
heaven."

Thus may it be. One does not have to wait for a New Year to start over. "*This is the day which the Lord hath made*," exclaimed the psalmist, "*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*"

Rejoice, indeed! So we shall make days months and years bring us at least to that one far-off divine event when time itself shall be resolved into the solemn pulse-beat of eternity, when the Kingdom shall have been delivered up to God the Father, and God will be All and in all. It is a priceless thing to be a Christian and to be able to say to the Maker and Preserver of this gigantic universe, "Our Father . . ."

Methodist Credit Union To Meet January 9

The Methodist Ministers' Credit Union, which amended its by-laws and began a campaign of expansion at the 1960 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, will hold its 1961 annual meeting at Louisville College on January 9 at 11:30 a.m. The Board of Directors will meet one hour earlier. Lunch will be served in the college cafeteria at 1:00 o'clock.

The North Carolina Conference ministers pioneered the organization of a credit union for ministers in 1938, and its officers have been consulted by many church groups who have organized credit unions since that time. Restricted by regulations and procedures born of inexperience, the group has remained small and conservative with almost no recognition as a Conference organization. During the past year the bishop and his cabinet, the Commission on Town and Country Work, and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation have cooperated in an effort to strengthen the credit union and to give it recognition within the Conference. As a result the membership has almost tripled, the capital is over four times as great, and the amount of loans has increased about six hundred per cent.

The 1961 annual meeting will lay plans for a continuing advance. Pastors serving appointments in the North Carolina Conference are urged to attend. Those who do not now belong to the credit union may make arrangements to join by writing to Treasurer R. E. Walston, Ahoskie, N. C., or to President C. M. Mitchell, Seaboard, N. C.



MARY LOU TROUTMAN

One of the great moments in the history of a church is when a young person gives his or her life to God in full-time Christian service. Such a moment became a reality in the Pine Bluff Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, N. C., when Miss Mary Lou Troutman came to the altar and dedicated her life to Christ and His Church in full-time service on Christmas Day. Miss Troutman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Troutman of Addor. She is a member of the Pine Bluff Methodist Church, and a first year student in High Point College. Before leaving for college last September she was most active in all phases of the church's work. She was a member of the MYF and held a number of offices in this organization. She was director of the junior choir, a member of the adult choir, and has sung many solos in the church. She also sings in a trio with two of her sisters. She is now a member of the High Point College choir. Mary Lou will major in religious education and minor in music in her college training. May God be with her as she goes forth to serve mankind.

Jonesville Church Organizes Methodist Men's Fellowship

On Thursday night, December 15, the Methodist Men of Jonesville met in a mass meeting in the Church Fellowship Hall for the purpose of organizing a Methodist Men's Fellowship. Meeting as guests with the group were Mr. Herbert Graham, president of the Methodist Men of Elkin First Methodist; Mr. Fred Hobson, district lay leader, and Dr. Garland Stafford, district superintendent. Mr. Hobson was the guest speaker for the evening, giving a very effective address on "The Proper Concept of Power and Its Use." Mr. Graham brought greetings from our neighbor church and its Men's Fellowship. The Nominating Committee, acting on instructions from a previous meeting of the Official Board, had prepared a list of officers. Mrs. J. L. Haynes, our local church lay leader who presided over the organization, after the election of these officers, presented Dr. Stafford, who proceeded with the installation of the officers. O. E. Boles, Jr., was elected president; C. J. Holcomb, Jr., vice-president; David Vestal, secretary; E. L. Frazier, treasurer; and James E. Mathis, program chairman.



Woman's Activities



News of Jennie Larsen in Southern Rhodesia

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Jennie Larsen writes of the new units in the hospital at Nyadiri Mission in Southern Rhodesia. She says that in recent months they opened their new kitchen and laundry in the former old hospital and a few months later they opened a 54-bed ward for tubercular patients and all of the patients were moved from their former huts to the modern new ward.

Miss Larsen speaks yearningly of other improvements to come, when she writes, "Our next step is the Surgery and O. B. unit, and we do hope it will be finished in a year's time. We need it so badly, and the last building on our program will be the children's ward and maternity ward, but that is sometime in the future."

In describing the mission station, she says, "We live 80 miles out of Salisbury, in the bush, with only a few European farmers around, and the land here is very dry. The station has a nice new church, boys' boarding school and girls' boarding school up to standard 6, and also a day school—all together 500 children. We have a teacher training school and also a farm. Our hospital is growing big, and when we look back over the last three years, we wonder if it is really true.

"In 1957 we moved from the old primitive hospital into the new building with 85 beds, and in 1958 we moved into our next unit—outpatient department, x-ray, surgery, offices, etc. And this year we opened our kitchen and laundry."

She tells of other work being carried on. "In connection with our hospital we also have district work going on; six clinics cover an area of 100 miles. Our orphanage with 30 children comes under the medical work, but an African nurse is now in charge of that. It is a big problem to feed and clothe so many small ones, but friends have been good to us, sent us different kinds of gifts, for which we are very thankful."

She concludes by writing, "I hope you have got some ideas of what we are trying to do here at this place. The most important of our work is, of course, to win the people for Christ. That is our greatest task."

And she repeats the plea made by every missionary in Africa in letters home in recent months — "Please help us in your prayers."

Miss Larsen is a registered nurse. She is a native of Norway, but is supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. She went to her station in Southern Rhodesia in 1953. During the summer of 1958 she attended the annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society at Lake Juna-

luska, and also was resident nurse at the School of Missions of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Her present address is:

Miss Jennie Larsen

Nyadiri Mission, P. B. 636, E.

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Africa

Women of Japan

The women of Japan have set a three-fold objective during the coming year, according to the 1960 Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"They have pledged themselves to co-operate in evangelizing working women, working with women in farming and fishing areas, and in pledging themselves to become instruments of prayer for the evangelization of Japan, for the salvation of the world, and for all the churches of the world."

This is being planned through the Woman's Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan.

The annual report states further: "The women of Japan are very active in all these (mission) enterprises, inasmuch as women are members of the Christian Church and can participate in activities which include them. They have organized themselves into a Woman's Committee of the United Church of Christ where they are working together, especially in the last two years, with the aim that the spiritual education of the lay woman be strengthened and that women may become a stronger power for evangelism."

Japanese women say, "We can be proud of our opportunity to work together in a spirit of oneness with the United Church of Christ in Japan and with other churches who are working with the National Council."

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



President's Committee Prays For Guidance

The ninety-three members of the President's National Committee for the Golden Anniversary Conference on Children and Youth, meeting in Washington, D. C., recently, endorsed the program and plans for its successor group, the National Committee for Children and Youth.

A prayer voiced at its final meeting by Rev. Dr. William J. Villame, of Staten Island, N. Y., seems a fitting challenge to church people everywhere, and to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in particular as they seek to further the

cause of Christ through Methodism's children and youth. The prayer in part said:

"The knowledge and experience of thousands of youth and adults have been encompassed in volumes of printed pages; but we know that modern type and handsome bindings will not in themselves enable children and youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity. Stir our hearts, O Lord, and keep the burrs under the saddles until words become deeds and aspirations are realized in fulfillment.

"Guide us and our children that the richness of this land may benefit all who inhabit it and be a blessing to the world. May we not be enamored of the abundance of things we possess nor be tempted to measure the progress of our nation by the power of domination. Keep ever before us the responsibility of leadership that our beloved country may be an instrument to enable all peoples and nations to realize the full potential with which Thou hast endowed them.

"Implant deeply in our hearts the lofty ideals we so glibly espouse. Deepen our spiritual strength and our love for fellowmen so that this allegiance we pledge may sound loud and clear in our children's ears. By our actions and our choices may they know that their trust is in Thee rather than in the currency which proclaims it. Enrich us with life itself that this nation may not be bankrupt in eternal values, but may ever shine among the beacons in the pages of history.

"Erase from our eyes the cataracts of sophistry and from our hearts the weariness in well-doing. Give us courage to plant seeds, persistence to cultivate, and patience to await the harvest. Save us from the deception of the easy way and the temptation to circumscribe life with our own pleasure.

"Hear our prayer, O Lord; that as we conclude this conference we may live today as though it were our last; deal with all men openly; look forward placidly, backward thoughtfully, and perceive the thoughts, words, and deeds that will redound us to Thy glory and the welfare of Thy children. Amen."

Mrs. Boyd Gives Promotion Report

The total membership of the 758 Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the N. C. Conference is currently 31,959, according to the recent report of Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion. The figures show some loss in membership since the previous reporting period. Mrs. Boyd feels, however, that these figures representing the loss in membership can be attributed to a discrepancy in the previous reporting period's totals. The Wesleyan Service Guild's 67 units have a membership totaling 2,023.

Burlington and Durham Districts were 100 per cent in reporting. Three districts are 100 per cent organized. They are Fayetteville, New Bern, and Rocky Mount. Twenty-six churches in the conference have no WSCS or WSG. The districts and number of churches included in the unorganized category include Burlington, 2; Durham, 2; Elizabeth City, 1; Goldsboro, 10; Raleigh, 1; Wilmington, 10.

North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service's 36 district mem-

bers are in seven districts: Burlington, 4; Durham, 7; Elizabeth City, 5; Fayetteville, 8; New Bern, 1; Raleigh, 8, and Rocky Mount, 3.

A woman who becomes a district member pledges her prayers, her service, and her gifts. She can join the Fellowship of Intercession, use the Prayer Calendar, praying for the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and Methodist missionaries, deaconesses, and other workers. Through the *Methodist Woman and World Outlook*, and other literature produced by the WDCS, she can be informed about the work of the Woman's Society and thus be able to interest other women in her church and community in the work. She may even help organize a society. She can also propagate missionary information in her church to adults, youth and children. Her gifts of money will go places where she could never go—even "unto the uttermost parts of the world."



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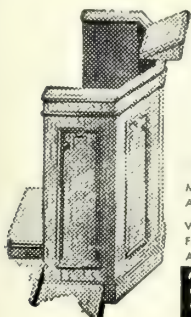
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Ayden MYF Entered Float In Christmas Parade

The senior high MYF of Ayden Methodist Church entered a float in the Christmas parade in Ayden on December 3 and won first prize of \$100. Sponsored by the Methodist Men of the church, the MYF entered the contest in the hope of using the income for the MY Fund. The idea for the float came from a council meeting in which the youth themselves made suggestions. Theme for the float was based on the MYF motto, "Christ Above All." The trailer on which the float was built was decorated to look like the open Bible, with the Christmas story from Luke printed on the open pages. Mounted in the center of the float was a four-foot globe, on which the continents of the world were drawn, the colors being the blue and gold of MYF. Attached to the world were the words, "Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come!" The world was rotated by an electric motor, with the Star of Bethlehem orbited around it in the opposite direction. Seated around the world on the float were ten members of the MYF in costumes of the nations of the world. Along the base of the float were the words, "God's Word Fulfilled." Most of the work on the float was done by our youth counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Vito Abene. Materials for the float were purchased by the Men's Club, so that the total prize money can be sent to the MY Fund.



To Dedicate Pine Woods Church

PINE WOODS METHODIST CHURCH of the Pine Woods-Fairview Charge in the Thomasville District will hold its dedication service on January 15, at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will deliver the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Russell T. Montfort, during whose pastorate the educational building and sanctuary were constructed, will take part in the service, together with the district superintendent, Rev. John H. Carper, and the church pastor, Rev. F. A. Wright.

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Dr. W. B. West, Asheville Succumbs December 31

Dr. Walter Brownlow West of Asheville, who held many high posts during his long career as a Methodist minister, died at a hospital in Asheville Saturday, December 31. He was 74 years old.

Dr. West served for many years as presiding elder of the Asheville District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was superintendent of the Asheville, Salisbury and Waynesville Districts of the church and was pastor of several churches including Dilworth and Hawthorne Lane Methodist Churches in Charlotte.

Since retirement four years ago, Dr. West spent much of his time traveling on various church missions.

Dr. West attended Rutherford College and was graduated from Trinity College now Duke University, in 1910. He later served as vice president at Rutherford College and held the same post at Weaver College. He also served as a public school teacher and administrator.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters and two sons.

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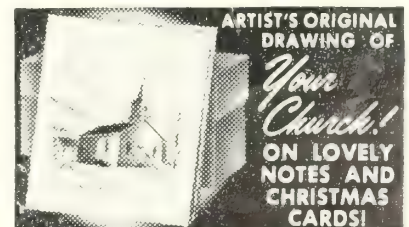
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New Year's Day In The Woods

By John Strong

"Do I look nice?" asked the Rabbit, addressing his friend the Chipmunk.

"Very nice," replied the Chipmunk, "that is, for a person who has no tail to speak of. But, of course, you can't help that."

The Rabbit looked into the looking-glass pond and saw his little white bob of a tail. "Don't you want to lend me yours just this once?" he asked. "I would take great care of it."

"No, I cannot do that," said the Chipmunk, "but I can lend you the tail of my late uncle. It is such a fine one that we have kept it to brush out the nests with."

"The very thing!" said the Rabbit.

So the Chipmunk brought the tail of his late uncle and tied it on the Rabbit's little bob tail.

"How does that look?" asked the Rabbit.

"Fine!" said the Chipmunk. "Now tell me how I look."

"Well enough," replied the Rabbit. "Of course, you would look better if you had long ears."

"Dear me!" said the Chipmunk, and he too looked into the looking-glass pond. "Haven't you a spare pair that you could lend me?"

"Why, yes," said the Rabbit. "There's a pair that belonged to my grandfather hanging on the wall at home. I will go and get them."

So the Rabbit got the ears and tied them onto the Chipmunk's head.

"Now how do I look?" asked the Chipmunk.

"Splendid!" said the Rabbit. "Now let us go and make our New Year's calls. Where shall we go first?"

"I wish to call on Miss Woodchuck," said the Chipmunk.

"So do I," said the Rabbit. "We will go there first." And off they went.

They came to Miss Woodchuck's house and knocked, and she opened the door.

"Mercy!" she cried. "Who are you, and what do you want?"

"We are Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Chipmunk," said the two friends, "and we have come to make you a New Year's call."

"More likely you have come to steal the nuts!" said the lady angrily. "I know Mr. Rabbit and Mr. Chipmunk well,

and neither of you is either of them. Who ever heard of a long-tailed rabbit or a long-eared chipmunk? Get along with you! You are frights, and probably thieves as well." And she shut the door in their faces.

The two friends walked a little way in silence; then they stopped and looked at each other.

"You said I looked fine," said the Rabbit.

"I meant the tail," replied the Chipmunk. "It is a very fine tail. But you said I looked splendid."

"I was thinking of the ears," said the Rabbit. "They're splendid ears."

They walked on until they came once more to the looking-glass pond. They looked at themselves, then they looked at each other. Then all in a minute off came the long ears and tail.

"There!" cried the Chipmunk. "Now we look as we were meant to look, and not like somebody that we're not. And I'm bound to say, Rabbit, that it's much more becoming to you."

"So it is to you," replied the Rabbit. "Now let's go and call on Miss Woodchuck again."

"Come on," said the Chipmunk.

So they went to Miss Woodchuck's house and knocked once more at the door. She opened the door and greeted them cheerily.

"Oh!" she cried. "Mr. Chipmunk and Mr. Rabbit, how do you you? I'm so glad to see you. A Happy New Year to you both!"

"The same to you, ma'am," said the Rabbit and the Chipmunk. And off they ran to give New Year Greetings to other friends in the woods.

—From *Evangelical Messenger*

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Young feller wanted with a knack for mending things—

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Must be good with children — millions more are due;

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Needs a knack for quelling fights—some are pretty fierce—

(Lest man was lucky just to stay alive).

Hours? All the hours in '61—no time off for lunch;

History will weigh his worth some day.

Must have working knowledge of foibles of mankind,

Lots of faith, and real ability to pray.

Whole wide world is waiting to see what he can do;

He'll need courage in a great supply.

All these qualities are "musts" for the boy who takes the job;

Other lads need not, of course, apply.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Adults, Let's Think On These Things

Boys are the stuff out of which men are made. If the church wins the boy, it has won the man.

Every boy and girl has goodness within. What they need is a friend to help them locate and develop this goodness.

Bible Rhymes

Who Are These Men and Women?

1. He proved to the people on Mt. Carmel's height

That the God he served was the God of might.

2. Three years with the Master ended in this—

A handful of coins for a traitor's kiss.

3. She watched a princess find her brother, Then for his nurse she brought his mother.

4. Her good deeds lived forevermore— A woman of Jappa who sewed for the poor.

Answers to Questions in Dec. 8th Issue

1. The Angel Gabriel, Luke 1:30-33

2. Her Cousin Elizabeth, Luke 1:39-43

3. To register for Taxation, Luke 2:1-5

4. All they had was their love, Luke 2:15-17

5. Gold, frankincense and myrrh, Matt. 2:1-11

Of the world's twelve and one-half million Jews, approximately 5,367,000 live in the United States, according to statistics in the new 1960 *American Jewish Year Book*.

Church losses from major fires took a sharp rise in the United States and Canada during the past year, with more than \$3,000,000 worth of church property destroyed in 10 large-loss fires.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 15

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Greensboro College

Head, Department of Religious Education,

YOU MUST BE BORN ANEW

Background Scripture: John 3

Lesson Scripture: John 3:1-7; 17-21

We may begin by thinking of this lesson in relationship to the main theme for the first nine lessons of this quarter, "The Significance of the Work of Christ." As these lines are being written the air is filled with Christmas music and the hurrying crowds betray the anxious and wearied look of the late shopper. One wonders how many of these people have paused to meditate upon the real significance of the Festival of the sermon, the parable, the enacted sign, Nativity.

Jesus used many methods of teaching: the exposition of the Scriptures and examples from ordinary life. In our story for this lesson he uses the interview. Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin, the local governing body for the Jews. It handled cases which the Roman government considered as not coming within its jurisdiction. Some have criticized Nicodemus for not being willing to be seen conversing with Jesus, and hence "coming by night." Others have noted that it was surprising that he came under any circumstances at all. While not mentioned by the other gospel writers, John mentions him two other times besides the instance mentioned in our lesson Scripture. One of these is in John 7:45-52, where Nicodemus pleads with the Jewish leaders to give Jesus a hearing. The other reference is John 19:38-42 where, following the crucifixion, Nicodemus is recorded as bringing certain materials to be used to prepare the body for burial.

Coming now to the interview itself, we notice that it follows the pattern of many discussions with the Pharisees set forth in the fourth gospel. In these discussions Jesus is asked a question and then makes a reply in terms that his questioners misinterpret. Then Jesus notes their inability to comprehend spiritual things, and further amplifies the subject. Since the manuscripts from which our Bible was translated contain no quotation marks it is sometimes hard to tell where the recorded words of Jesus end and where the testimony of the gospel writer begins. However, Garvie, in the Abingdon Commentary, thinks Jesus' words end with verse 15 and the Evangelist's reflections begin with the following verse.

Basic to a discussion of the New Birth is the distinction between the natural and the spiritual. This distinction runs through the gospel of John and, indeed, also in the Nicodemus is a brief one, leaving the distinct impression that Jesus was discoursing writings of St. Paul. The interview with on a level to which the Jewish leader was quite unaccustomed to reach. However this may be, it is clearly implied that the religion of salvation which is achieved by repentance and baptism is set over against

that which provides salvation through mere obedience to a set of regulations and laws.

The doctrine of the New Birth which has been central in Christian belief has unfortunately been the subject of controversy between Christian groups. When does it happen, how does it happen and what are the evidences that it has occurred in a given instance? While nearly all agree that it involves a radical change in the personality, the experiences accompanying the change seem to be many and varied. In some cases it seems to be quite sudden; in others it is the result of a process of growth. Space forbids an extended discussion of a theme upon which thousands of volumes have been written. H. F. Rall attempts to summarize it as follows: "The essential fact is simply this, that men can be made over in their deepest nature by a vital relation to

the world of spirit." William James, in his book, "The Varieties of Religious Experience," says "There are two lives, the natural and the spiritual, and we must lose the one before we can participate in the other."

Whatever may have been the history of the debates that have taken place concerning the New Birth one thing seems certain—when it has occurred a new and higher way of living inevitably results. There is a true story about a minister who voted against admitting men of any other than the white race to the ministers' association to which he belonged. He explained his vote to another minister by saying, "You see, I was born that way." To this remark his friend quietly replied, "Yes, I know; but I thought you were supposed to have been born again."

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The Eternal City

John, the beloved disciple, in Revelations 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of



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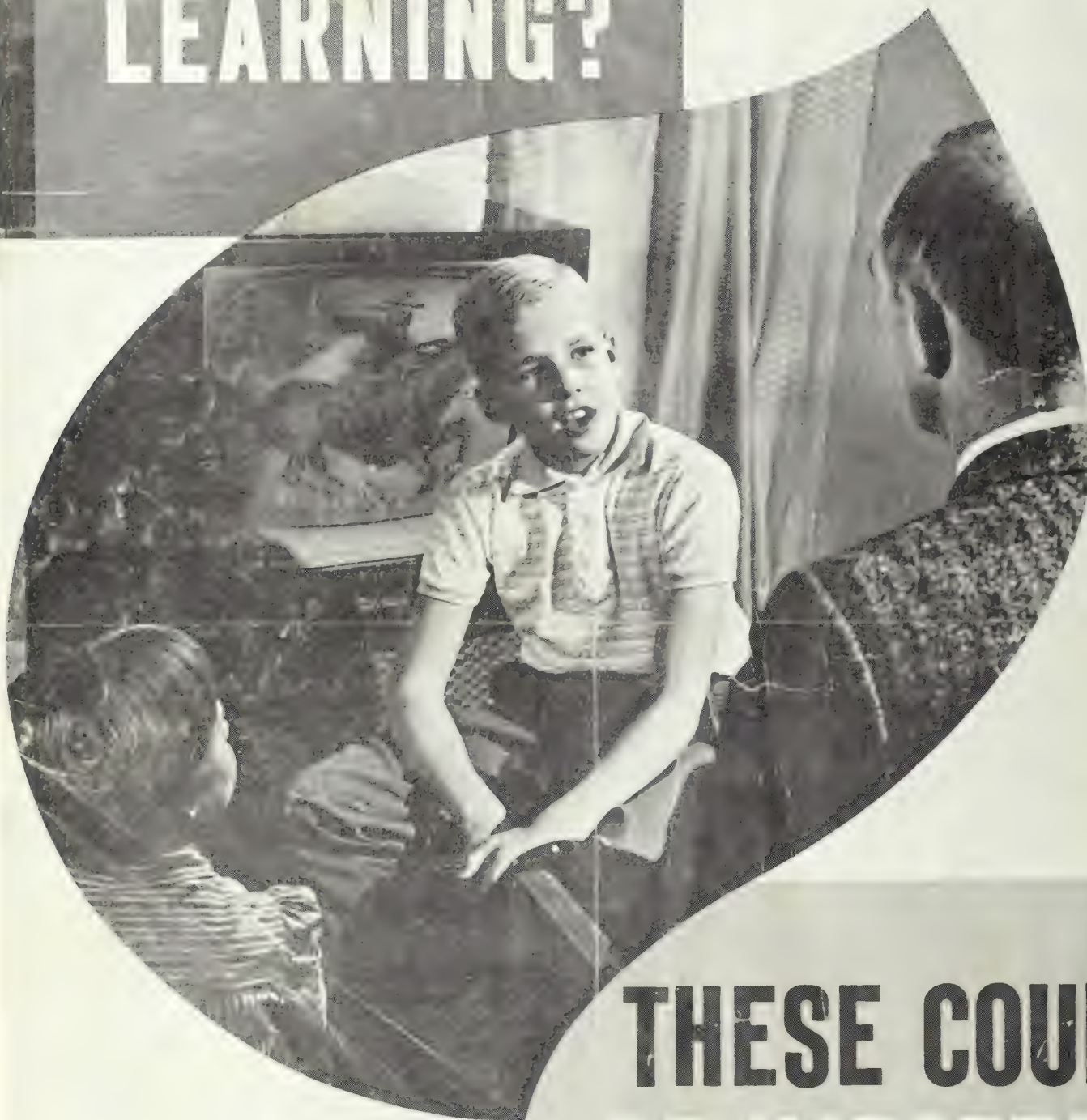
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Portrait of Dr. John O. Gross Presented to Board of Education

Dr. John O. Gross, General Secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, was honored at a banquet held at West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Thursday, January 5, commemorating his twenty years of service with the Board.. Bishop Paul N. Garber, president of the Board, presided, and accepted the portrait for the Board. Dr. J. Earl Moreland, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., made the presentation for the committee. This was a part of the annual meeting of the General Board. The portrait was painted by Mr. Goode T. Davis, of Nashville and New York, and will be hung in the Board's national headquarters building in Nashville.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☪ GOLDSBORO DISTRICT Conference will be held at Roseboro Friday, January 13, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

☪ DR. CARL STEWART, chief of Methodist Missionary work in Cuba, was guest preacher at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Sunday morning, January 8.

☪ JARVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH, Greenville, will broadcast its Sunday night services over Station WGTC during January, February, and March. The Rev. Howard M. McLamb is pastor, and will preach.

☪ The editor of the ADVOCATE last week attended the annual meeting of the Board of Education, held in Nashville, Tennessee. Bishop Paul N. Garber is president of the board, and presided.

☪ THE METHODIST MEN and the Baraca Class of the Saint Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, made a Christmas gift of \$560.50 to their church to be used in painting the assembly room and the kitchen.

☪ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service at Faith Methodist Church, Gastonia, Sunday, January 29. Dr. E. C. Few will take part in the service also. This marks the first time a bishop has preached in the Faith Church.

☪ THE PLACE for the holding of the Fayetteville District Conference has been changed from Aberdeen to the Methodist College in Fayetteville. The date is January 23 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

☪ A SON, MARCUS LEE TUTTLE, JR., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Lee Tuttle of Laurinburg on December 22nd. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Mark Q. Tuttle of Reidsville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Love, Laurinburg.

☪ REVIVAL SERVICES have been in progress during the past week at Lafayette Street Methodist Church, Shelby. Rev. Herbert Garmon, pastor of Central Church, Kings Mountain, assisted the pastor, Rev. R. W. McCulley.

☪ REV. R. H. EASON, of Westover Church, Raleigh, is another of the pastors who is making a strong effort to place the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in the homes of his people. He is using January and February for this purpose.

☪ ST. LUKE METHODIST CHURCH, Goldsboro, held a reception Sunday, January 8, to honor Rev. and Mrs. George C. Megill, who are leaving to do mission work in Brazil, and to welcome the new minister, whose name we have not learned.

☪ BOTH THE Thomasville District and the High Point District held their district conferences last Sunday afternoon. Thomasville conference was held at Welcome Church, and High Point Conference was held at Ashboro. We hope to carry a report of these two gatherings next week.

☪ THE REV. J. V. EARLY, pastor of First Church, Rockingham, received 17 young people into church on profession of faith December 25. Three others who were to have been received were away for the Christmas holidays and will come in later. Forty-eight have been added to the membership since conference. The church also made a Christmas gift of \$8,000 toward reduction of the church debt.

☪ MIDWAY METHODIST CHURCH, Kannapolis, has begun a 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, and is finding it well attended. The church is also having its annual church-wide school of missions beginning January 15, with a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. G. W. Bumgarner is pastor.

☪ The editor of the ADVOCATE spent a pleasant day last Sunday with Rev. E. C. Crawford of Salem Church, Fayetteville, and Rev. J. V. Early of Rockingham, preaching at Salem at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and at First Church, Rockingham, at 7:30. These two fine ministers are in high favor with their people and are doing an excellent work in their churches.

☪ FRED MCNEIL HOLLOWAY, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Holloway, of Lillington, recently received the certificate and badge of an Eagle Scout in a special ceremony held at the Presbyterian Church, on December 11. He is a member of the Methodist Church in Lillington, and has received a pin for nine years perfect Sunday school attendance. He is presently working on his God and Country Award.

☪ REV. J. MALLOY OWEN, pastor of Horne Memorial Church, Clayton, won a \$1,000 mink stole in the recent "Put-a-hat-in-the-ring" contest of Gulf Oil Corporation. This entry, written on the fourth of July, won the preacher third place in the contest. The contest called for a twenty-five-word nomination of anybody for President of the United States. Mrs. Owen can now enjoy a luxury not ordinarily possible for ministers' wives.

☪ DR. B. B. ST. CLAIR, pastor of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at First Methodist Church, Henderson, Sunday, January 1. Dr. St. Clair's wife is the former Bessie Mae Johnson, of Henderson. Dr. St. Clair was appointed pastor of the West End Church last summer after Dr. James W. Henley was elected bishop at the Jurisdictional Conference.

☪ JUDGE Q. K. NIMOCKS, of Fayetteville, was honored by the Golden Rule Class of Hay Street Church on December 18, when he was presented a plaque for 39 years of service as a teacher. The presentation was made by Mr. George B. Herndon, mayor of Fayetteville. Four charter members of the class attended the presentation. These were Mr. P. O. Hoffner, Mr. James Maultsby, Mr. Sid Kinlaw, and Mr. Lacy Kinlaw. Judge Nimocks began teaching the class in 1921.

☪ THE EMORY UNIVERSITY winter quarter worship service series began January 11 and will include a number of well-known speakers. Among these will be Dr. Lawrence T. Toombs of Drew University, Madison, N. J., speaking January 18; Dr. James S. Thomas of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, on February 1; Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., chaplain of Yale University, on February 8; Dr. Tom F. Driver, professor of religious drama at Union Theological Seminary in New York, on February 15. All services are at 10 a.m., Wednesdays, in Glenn Memorial Auditorium.

Pastors and Laymen Study Local Church Evangelism

The fourth annual national meeting for Methodist ministers and laymen who devote all or much of their time to local church evangelism will be held in Nashville, Tenn., January 30 to February 3.

Principal speakers will be Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, and the Rev. Dr. A. J. Walton, *associate pastor of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, and former faculty member of the Duke University divinity school.*

About 100 pastors, associate pastors, and laymen who are directors of local church evangelism are expected to attend, said the Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, Nashville. He is a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, sponsor of the meeting at the board's headquarters.

Resource leaders will include *the Rev. Dr. Wesley Aitken, chaplain of Duke University Hospital, Durham; the Rev. David A. Wilson, Jr., associate pastor of Haddonfield (N. J.) Methodist Church; and General Board of Evangelism staff members.*

Among subjects to be discussed will be modern evangelism, cooperation among urban churches, enriching the spiritual content of the church program, music and evangelism, and evangelism in hospital visitation.

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EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness."

—Psalm 48:1.

What Kind of Church Union Is Most Needed?

Reaction to the suggestion of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake in his "Proposal Toward the Reunion of Christ's Church" made during the annual meeting of the Council of Churches held in San Francisco early in December, has been varied. In his sermon, preached at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco, Dr. Blake proposed that the Protestant Episcopal Church, together with the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America invite the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ to form with them a plan of church union both Catholic and Reformed on the basis of principles which he suggested. In broad outline the plan includes a list of principles of reunion that are important to all who are of Catholic tradition. These are (1) The reunited church must have visible and historical continuity with the church of all ages before and after the Reformation. (2) The reunited church must clearly confess the historic trinitarian faith received from the apostles and set forth in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. (3) The reunited church must administer the two sacraments, instituted by Christ, the Lord's Supper and Baptism. The list of principles of reunion that are important to all who are of the reformation tradition are: (1) The reunited church must accept the principle of continuing reformation under the Word of God by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (2) The reunited church must be truly democratic in its government, recognizing that the whole people of God are Christ's church, that all Christians are Christ's ministers even though some in the church are separated and ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament. (3) The reunited church must seek in a new way to recapture the brotherhood and sense of fellowship of all its members and ministers. (4) Finally, the reunited church must find the way to include within its catholicity (and because of it) a wide diversity of theological formulation of the faith and a variety of worship and liturgy including worship that is non-liturgical. Dr. Blake of course enlarged upon these principles which we have given briefly. We have no quarrel with these suggested prin-

ciples. And we believe in a united church, but we are not in accord with those who suggest that because we have different denominations we are therefore hopelessly divided and cannot exert influence and make appeal to mankind. They tell us that variety is the spice of life, and since all men are not made in the same mold, it seems good that there are varieties of organization and practice so that everyone may find the place where he or she can work best and find the greatest satisfaction in so doing. It is good also to know that in the essentials Christianity is one. "Jesus Christ is Lord." Dr. Blake says one reason for his proposals for a union of the denominations is the fact that during the recent Presidential campaign, when religion was discussed somewhat, that one thing is clear: every Christian church, Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican, and Roman Catholic, was weakened. "Never before," he says, "have so many Americans agreed that the Christian churches, divided as they are, cannot be trusted to bring to the American people an objective and authentic word of God on a political issue." Which seems to say that if we had just one so-called united church, it would be supposed to tell its people what to think rather than allow them to think for themselves. For most part the churches did not try to tell their people how to vote in the recent election, but urged them, after prayer and thoughtful consideration, to do what they honestly thought they should do as Christians. That was the position of this publication, and of many others. It is significant that there are more people united with the church today than at any other time in history. Each of them working for the same purpose is able to win more adherents, it seems, than one organization, however big it might be, could hope to win. And we remember something of the coldness that existed in the state church in Wesley's day. Only because some refused to be encrusted in the same mold of complacency which squeezed the spiritual life out of its people through ritualism, and went out to reach the people, was the tide turned and evangelism found its place and produced its fruit.

It may be recalled that some years ago there was a strong wave for consolidation of churches, but the results were disastrous. Now there is a tendency to establish new churches in every community where people live, and that accounts in large measure for the increased membership of the various denominations. There was also a tendency to concentrate upon one service on Sunday,

which left a wide-open field for the material and temporal things. However, those churches which kept diligently at the job and operated full-time have proven to be the growing and prosperous ones.

We do not wish to be misunderstood. We are not speaking against any plan or proposal that would develop better results in reaching and blessing mankind, but we are simply saying there are pros and cons on both sides, which we need to consider. It would seem that what we need most is unity of spirit and effort rather than organic unity as such. It is possible for us to spend our energies on organization and neglect the essential part of our task, namely, the redemption of mankind. Our prayer and hope is that we may have the wisdom to see the right way and the courage to follow it.

Two Great Meetings On Evangelism January 22

As an indication of the important emphasis being placed upon evangelism in North Carolina Methodism we call attention to two meetings to be held in two different cities on the same day for the same purpose. And we doubt that either group was aware of the other group's plans when these meetings were arranged. It shows that each of our two conferences is keenly aware of its responsibilities and opportunities in this number one field of activity in the church. On Sunday afternoon, January 22, at Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, a district-wide program of evangelism will get underway, with Bishop Arthur J. Moore, of Atlanta, as the preacher. This will be followed through the week with services each day at 10:00 a.m., at Hayes Barton Church, and at 7:30 p.m., with services at Edenton Street Church. On the same day at 7:30 p.m., all the Methodist churches of Charlotte and surrounding territory will meet in a great worship service at Ovens Auditorium with Bishop Harmon preaching, and all ministers seated on the platform and presenting a musical number. This will be leading up to the conference-wide evangelistic mission to ministers to be held at Dilworth Church January 30-31. These meetings speak well for the evangelistic interest in the Methodist church in this state, and should furnish inspiration for a great advance in this field.

January and February Advocate Months

January and February have been considered traditionally as "ADVOCATE Months." While our campaign has been underway for sometime, and has produced splendid results in some cases, we are suggesting now that with the coming of January every charge give us

a hand in placing the *ADVOCATE* in every home possible. We want each district to have at least 1000 subscribers. How does your district stand? If a district has 50 charges, this would be an average of only 20 for each charge. Of course larger churches should have many more. The more *ADVOCATES* that go into the homes, the better church it will be. It is one of the best investments a church can make. No other publication can do what the North Carolina Christian *ADVOCATE* does in informing people on the local church and conference level, and promoting the program of Methodism in these conferences. Let's really take it seriously and build our subscription list. Don't just announce it and invite people to mail their subscriptions, but appoint someone to contact them and solicit them. Many pastors and district superintendents have done a fine job. We earnestly urge every pastor to see that the *ADVOCATE* goes into the homes of his people. We are grateful for what has been done; now through January and February let's really build our subscription list. The people need the *ADVOCATE* and the *ADVOCATE* needs the support of every church.

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Dallas Church Underwrites Largest Budget In History

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, presented to its congregation of 12,000 members a budget of \$1,195,000 for the year, and was oversubscribed by \$5,290, making a total subscribed of \$1,200,290. Operating expenses of the church will take \$498,352, which includes \$221,130 in salaries for 50 staff members and 50 maintenance workers, promotional expenses for 86 Sunday school departments, and other expenses that run from \$300 for flowers for the pulpit and funerals, to \$13,975 for a music program. Of the balance \$501,648 will be used for denominational, benevolent and missionary causes, and \$195,000 will be applied to the debt on church buildings, valued at \$7,000,000. The pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell, says "the most marvelous thing about this giving program is that it is done by thousands of humble, Christ-loving people. Those who are familiar with the tremendous budget of the church but unfamiliar with the congregation think we are a group of multi-millionaires, and are surprised when they find out it is made possible only through the love and devotion of these thousands of members. The genius of the appeal lies in the teachings of the Bible, 'On the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store,'—1 Cor. 16:2. The secret of sure success is found in the admonition 'every-one of you.'"

When examined this large budget is just a fraction more than an average of \$100 per member. By systematic and regular giving most any church could measure up to this standard, and if it did there would be no lack of funds with which to support the kingdom of God. The large Dallas church has just demonstrated what can be done when everyone is involved.

LETTERS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, 1960

The Christmas season is here. On Thanksgiving Day we gave thanks—thanks for the blessings we receive, especially the work we have been given to do, and the joy of knowing that many of you remember us in your personal and church life. Thanks we continue to give, though, for the Christmas season is here.

"The Light shines in the darkness." Many families celebrate Advent by lighting a candle today, and another each Advent Sunday in a circle, until the center light for the Christ-child is lit on Christmas Day. This is a parable on the mission of the Church—lighting a few lights here and there until they center on Christ, the Light of the world, shining anew in the 20th century, where each of us lives.

In the past year we have seen a few more lights lit in Japan. A pastor went to a small village at the base of famous Mt. Fuji. The people, from olden days strongly Buddhist, hardly knew what to do with him, a representative of a strange faith. His greetings on the street were never returned. Then a typhoon tore up the roads, and washed away 30 out of 32 bridges. Rev. Yamanaka and a team of Christian students from Tokyo set about helping rebuild roads and bridges. These Christians won their way into people's hearts with a pick and shovel in their hands. We are discovering anew that the way of Christian witness is right in the middle of every-day society. Sometimes a witness is best made from the effective end of a shovel.

The darkness of political strife has made the lights stand out. A year ago, one of our advisors at the student center, a political scientist, warned me that much misunderstanding existed over the proposed revision of the U. S.-Japan Security Pact. He was then publishing a book analyzing the situation and suggesting some points from his own Christian perspective. He asked that we get together young Americans and Japanese to talk of ways to help. Unfortunately, such talk was too little and too late. By spring the problem snowballed into demonstrations and then riots. But in the darkness of that hour and since, this professor and others have been most helpful to students as they seriously seek to find answers that will stick.

Some of you have seen the movie, *The Apartment*—a humorous treatment of the sordid side of upper middle-class life. The heart of the movie is the scene where the star, Jack Lemmon, is challenged by a kindly doctor to "be a 'mensch.' " 'Mensch' is simply German for *human being*. Stop being a silly, greedy fool, and be a real human being. At that point the movie has a Christian dimension: for this is the meaning of Christmas. God challenges us to be real human beings, not fakes. To show us how, he sends a real Mensch, Jesus, a true man. Do you want to be a man, a real human being? Be like Jesus.

This is what we think we need to be saying to students here in Japan. How else can they work for a peace that will make any sense, will last? The same thing is being said to us at this and every Christmas time: Listen, man; do you want to be a real 'mensch'? Then, I will show you how,

Christians To Pray For Unity In World Observance

In more than 50 countries including the United States, church people will observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25. It is sponsored annually in this country by the Department of Faith and Order Studies of the National Council of Churches and in other parts of the world by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council.

"Prayer for unity should be realistic and not an evasive substitute for thinking," Dr. Keith R. Bridston stated in a letter to the World Council's 178-member bodies. Secretary of its Faith and Order Commission, he noted the week's theme, "I Am the Light of the World," and asked, "Are you one of those who pray for Christian unity with your fingers crossed?" He explained that there is no need for it. "However," he added, "the more we are told that our divisions are sinful, the less certain we become as to what true unity is."

Dr. Bridston added that "as Christian unity becomes popular, even front-page news, it is especially important that prayer for unity should be thoughtful prayer."

The special pamphlet containing suggested prayers and Bible readings to be used as a guide, has been printed in more than a dozen languages. It will also be used by Roman Catholics in Week of Prayer observances sponsored by the Association of Christian Unity in Lyon, France. In many areas, lectures on unity will be given under joint Roman Catholic and Protestant auspices, Dr. Bridston explained.

The Rev. William A. Norgren, director of Faith and Order Studies of the National Council of Churches, underlined the increasing importance which the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is being given in the calendars of this country's Protestant and Orthodox churches.

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Onward Together

Let's walk together, friendly-like, as now we onward go;
Just how we'll need each other on the way, we do not know;
There may be trouble for us all, and darkness black as night,
And then we'll know that fellowship helps make our burdens light.

So let's move on together and go forward hand in hand,
And thus like brothers we'll advance right through the unknown land;
And at the end, while looking back, we each shall wear a smile,
Because like sincere friends we walked together—every mile.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

says the Lord. I will send my Son, Jesus, the Christ, a Light shining in the darkness. The darkness of human folly, pride and greed, that is the pain of man the world over, Seoul, the Congo, Moscow, New Orleans, Tokyo, everywhere.
"... and the darkness has not overcome it."

Greetings from,
—DAVID, BETTY, ROBERTA,
JOHN ED, PAUL.

Bishop Bachman G. Hodge Died In Birmingham, Ala.

Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, 67, leader of the Methodist Church's Birmingham Area since 1956, died Thursday, January 5, at his residence in Birmingham.

Death followed several months of failing health, but Bishop Hodge had remained active and made his last public appearance Tuesday night, January 3, at a conference on evangelism.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 6, at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, conducted by Bishop Roy Short and Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., and Bishop Marvin Franklin, of Jackson, Miss.

Elected to the episcopacy in 1956, Bishop Hodge was assigned to the Birmingham Area, which includes North Alabama and Alabama-West Florida Annual Conferences.

Born February 21, 1893, in Talladega County, Alabama, Bishop Hodge was a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and of Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He began his ministry as an Army chaplain in 1917 during World War I and attained full conference membership in 1923 in the Louisville Conference. His pastorates included Woodlawn Church, Birmingham; associate at First Church, Birmingham; Settle Memorial, Owensboro, Ky.; Crescent Hill, Louisville; Belmont, Nashville, and Centenary Church, Chattanooga. He was Nashville district superintendent 1939-44.

He had received honorary doctorates from Kentucky Wesleyan College, University of Chattanooga and Emory University.

Bishop Hodge was elected in 1960 as president of the College of Bishops for the Southeastern Jurisdiction. For the general church, he was a member of the Board of Hospitals and Homes and of the Board of Missions.

Survivors include Mrs. Hodge and two daughters.

Durham District Youth Fellowship Council Meets

The Durham District Methodist Youth Fellowship Council held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, January 7, in the church parlor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham from 9:30 until 3:30. The meeting included luncheon at the S&W Cafeteria.

The Council heard committee reports on preparations for the district's annual rally to be held at Duke University on April 30. Also, detailed plans for the event were made.

For its main project this year the Council will write a skit showing how a really good MYF functions and present it to each of the five subdistricts in the Durham District over a two and a half-month period. The first of these presentations was given in Hillsboro on January 8. Rehearsals for this skit took place at the Saturday meeting.

Also, at this meeting a proposed constitution and by-laws were considered.

The members of this Council represent 3,000 Methodist youths of 82 churches in Granville, Orange, Person, Durham, and Chatham Counties.

Council Calls On Churches To Improve Race Relations

The use of all possible channels of communications leading to greater understanding between people of all races was called for last month in a resolution adopted unanimously by the Assembly of the Kentucky Council of Churches.

In its appeal, it urged member churches to provide for study of all aspects of the issue; to assure freedom of the pulpit to "those who would relate the gospel to all social issues;" and to seek solutions to problems of human relations in a spirit of love.

The churches, said the resolution, should seek to overcome all bitterness and any use of violence, slander and intimidation, working for a free society "in which all persons are treated equally as full citizens of our country."

Student Recognition Service Held at Whiteville Church

Charles K. McAdams, director of Public Relations and Development at Methodist College, was the speaker for the Student Recognition Service at the 11:00 o'clock service Sunday, January 1, in the Whiteville Methodist Church. Students were in complete charge for the service with Elizabeth Sledge, presiding. Linda Avant led the morning prayer, Marilyn Floyd read the scripture, and Billy Ashley recognized the college students and introduced the speaker. The intermediate youth choir of over 30 voices provided special music. Mr. McAdams used as his subject, "The Christian Perspective in Higher Education." The Rev. P. O. Lee is pastor of the church.

Establishes Scholarship At Methodist College

Mrs. Fannie Vann Simmons of Kenly, has established a scholarship at Methodist College in honor of her parents. It will be known as the Arthur and Portia MacPhail Vann Memorial Fund.

The earnings from this fund will provide an endowed scholarship to be used for study in religious education.

Mrs. Simmons officially established the scholarship during a recent visit to the Methodist College campus.

Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Jr., Died At Durham Dec. 25

The Rev. Carl Anderson Johnson, Jr., 42, pastor of the Carr Methodist Church of Durham, died December 25 at 8:20 o'clock at Duke Hospital.

Son of a Methodist minister, he spent his early life in various cities of the state where his father served in pastorates. Before going to Durham in July, 1959, he held pastorates in Siler City, South Mills, Cordova, and Aberdeen.

In 1942 he was married to Miss Sallie Pearl Crisp of Tarboro who survives, as do one son, Carl Anderson Johnson, III; one daughter, Sylvia Marina Johnson, both of the home; and three sisters, Mrs. Agnes Johnson Faircloth of Fayetteville, Mrs. Annie Ruth Flowers of Cary, and Mrs. Vera Johnson King of Bloomington, Ill.

He was educated in the Holly Springs High School, Louisburg College, Wofford College at Spartanburg, S. C., and Duke University.

Funeral services were held December 27 at 2 p.m., at the Carr Methodist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery at Holly Springs.

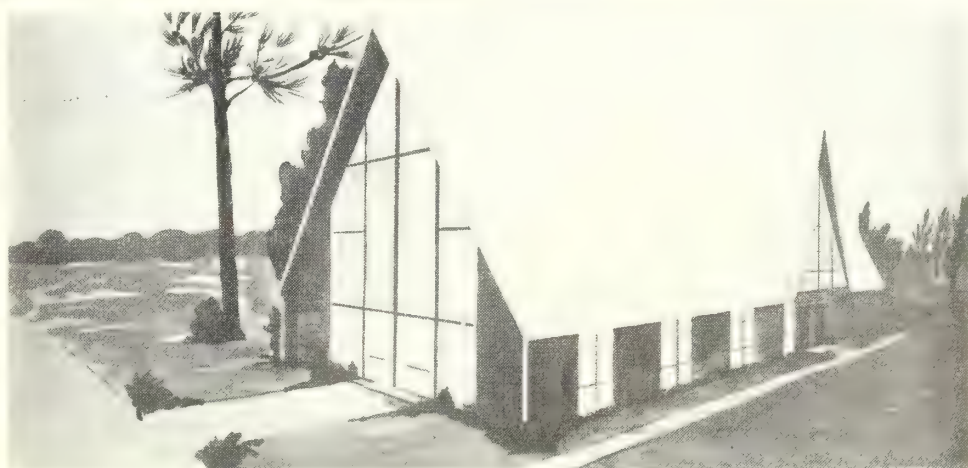
Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Robert Bradshaw, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, and the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of McMannen's Chapel Methodist Church.

Serving as honorary pallbearers were the ministers of the Durham District of the Methodist Church and members of the official board of Carr Methodist Church.

Three Leaders Retire

Chicago—As the old year came to a close here, three Methodist leaders retired. The Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg retired after nearly 17 years as general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, and Miss Dorothy L. Thomas, a staff member for 43 years, retired as cashier.

After more than 12 years in promotional work for the church, Dr. E. Harold Mohn stepped down as general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.



The picture shown above is the new St. Matthews Church of Fayetteville. Rev. David L. Moe is pastor. This church was organized just a few years ago and has made steady progress in growth and development. It is located in Fayetteville Village, near Fort Bragg. It has a membership of 138. This first unit cost \$53,000, and will seat 200.

Bishop Pickett, Advisor in Evangelism, Tells of Conditions in Mission Fields

Introduction

Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, for 46 years missionary and since 1935 bishop in India, has for the last four years been the advisor in evangelism to the World Mission Program of Methodism in some 44 countries of the world. In this period he has traveled several times throughout Africa, India, Asia, South America, and other areas of the world.

As bishop in India he became the best known American in Asia and was intimately acquainted with Nehru and Ghandi, often being called in for guidance and counsel in crucial matters.

Following his retirement he returned to India upon invitation of the president for a special celebration of Nehru's birthday and at a special dinner, every member of the cabinet personally thanked Bishop Pickett for all that he and the Methodist church had done for India in the crucial days of India's becoming the largest republic in the world.

Bishop Pickett recently spent 10 days in the Western North Carolina Conference speaking in district conference and district ministers' meetings.

The following article was tape recorded by Bishop Pickett. (This tape recording, 22 minutes long, is available for local church use from the Board of Missions, Box 749, Statesville, N. C.; \$1.00 service charge).

By BISHOP J. WASKOM PICKETT

I warmly appreciate the invitation of the editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to address its readers. Having been an editor myself of a paper with about the same purpose, speaking week after week to a group of Methodists in a given area, my area was the whole of India, I appreciate the concern of Dr. Starnes and rejoice that I can speak to you through the column of this paper.

Three generations of my own ancestors lived within the bounds of this great state. I grew up in a southern home, born in Texas, spending my boyhood in Kentucky, but God called me to the missionary service in India. And in obedience to that call, since my own Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was not then represented in India, I had to join the fellowship of the Yankee Methodists. I like to think of myself as having gone as a missionary to the Yankees to get them ready for union, but I shall always thank God for the action of the Methodist Episcopal Church in welcoming me, a southern rebel, into their fellowship and appointing me a missionary to India.

I went to India in 1910. I have learned to respect the Indian people as much as any people in the world. They are wonderful in their capabilities. There are no more intelligent people anywhere. The Brahmins has gifts that made him the equal of any people, and let me say, maybe it will be good for us Americans to think it, that perhaps God's gifts to him are a little bit richer in some ways than to us Americans.



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The simple fact is the Indians, the privileged and educated Indians, can out-talk us Americans almost any time. They are the world's greatest talkers. They literally talked the British government out of India. When we wanted to get rid of the British, we had to take muskets and wage war. India didn't. She didn't for one reason, because she didn't believe in war, and she had a great leader who firmly believed in non-violence. But there was another reason, and that was that her foe, the British, were protestant Christians in the main and they had a conscience. Mr. Ghandi spoke to the conscience of England and claimed that it was not right for England to deny the right of self-determination. Mr. Ghandi was to an extent that we must remind ourselves about, a man with whom Christ worked. Christ had placed his hand upon Mahandas K. Ghandi, and it had rested there for good. He became a great man, a noble man. It was probably my privilege to know Mr. Ghandi over a longer period and more intimately than any other American knew him.

But God also placed his hand on another eminent son of India, less generally recognized in America as a nobleman, a great spirit, Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, since the first Indian independent government was organized. It was my privilege also to know Nehru intimately.

My real purpose in this article, my chief purpose in this article, is to represent conditions widely prevalent in our world. I am not specializing now on India. I am very eager that Methodists in North Carolina recognize that the world is not the dark and frightful place that so many are imagining. Our newspapers do not give us balanced accounts of conditions that prevail abroad. Newspapers have always emphasized wrong-doing. That's what makes news. It wouldn't be altogether reassuring if good behavior made news. People buy papers that do specialize on the bad news and of late for understandable reasons, some great newspaper proprietors and those who operate our news gathering agencies have been a little afraid to let the good

news be known, believing that if people thought enough about the bad news they would approve larger expenditures for defense, and they were placing their hopes for living tomorrow upon military defense expenditures.

The simple fact is that there are many bright and glorious aspects of today's world, and it is not good to focus attention over-much on bad news. Some of the attention now given to bad news fosters panic and we need to be very much afraid of actions taken by any people in a moment of panic. We have got to be realistic and make programs based on the most panic-free appraisals of conditions. Now there is reason to be optimistic about the state of the world today. One reason is that for the first time in human history there is a world church of Jesus Christ because a minority of Christians (I wish it might have been a majority) have done something about the commands of Jesus to make disciples of the nations and have supported missions. And because many dedicated fathers and mothers have thanked God when their own children were called to be foreign missionaries and have sent them out with their blessing, missionaries have been able by the wonderful blessing of God to produce churches in all the major language and racial groups across the earth.

There is today in reality a world church and we can rightly speak of a World Council of Churches. Further, the church is growing today as it has never grown at any time in the past. There have been occasions in the past when the church has grown tremendously in limited areas and when it has weakened in one area, it has grown in another. A lot of attention has been given to those areas where the church has weakened in our time as in areas that have passed under the domination of communism, but too little attention is being given to the areas where the church is growing. But on this Christmas far more people will worship Jesus Christ than ever did so on any previous Christmas, and especially is it true that larger numbers of people will celebrate their first Christmas as disciples of Jesus than did so on any previous Christmas.

If I had time, I would like to describe conditions on all continents. I would like to tell you about how strong the church is growing in Latin America. I'd like even more to tell at length about how the church is growing in Africa. And more particularly, in those sections of Africa that have never known the establishment of Islam as a controlling force. Islam in some way has a disastrous effect in inhibiting improvement. It has been well said that Islam originated in a desert and where Islam has ruled as the primary religious philosophical force, there deserts have been established.

The peoples of Africa today who have not come under the dominance of Islam, are turning away from the religion of their ancestors. These people I refer to have been pagans. They have practiced animistic religions in which they worship spirits. They develop social institutions some of which have been about as completely bad as any man has made. The so-called medicine man in Africa has not studied drugs so much to find remedies for diseases as to find poisons with which to do away with

enemies. It has been estimated by careful students of Africa that as many as a million people a year have died of poisons that have been concocted by the so-called medicine men, or have been put to death by some other practice that had the sanction of animistic religion.

But today all across Africa the old religion is losing its power. It is disintegrating and one new Christian nation after another is shaping up. I think of Kenya, where the Mau Mau murders took place a few years ago, where the church has come together. Africans, Indians, and a great many people from India and Kenya and Europeans . . . and they have come together to form a true family of God, now worshipping him as one united people. I think of Uganda where more than fifty per cent of the people have been baptized and that included in the total population of Moslems, of non-Moslems, probably 70% have been baptized on profession of Christian faith. I am thinking of Taranika and Mozambique, Northern and Southern Rhodesia and the Congo, of Angola, of Nigeria and Ghana. Here are nations with enormous potentialities, the vast resources of land and of minerals, nations that can move forward into a largeness of life which the present generation is not dreaming. Those nations can be established in Christian faith. The purpose of the majority of them even now is to become Christian, but they are encouraged by Moslems and communists to be careful.

The Moslems are saying that the Christian religion failed and was superseded by Islam, that was by the providence of God. They are begging African people not to adopt the religion of their oppressors who took so many of them into slavery and took them all over the world. The communists are supporting the Moslems, but with a purpose of their own and the Moslems will gain nothing from them. They say to the people that the Moslems are right in telling you not to become a Christian, don't trust those white people, but we tell you, "don't trust any man of religion. Religion is an evil force. We were Christians in Russia and found that Christianity stood in the way of fair dealing and progress and we abandoned Christianity. We are atheists. Now you, too, become smart and refuse to have anything to do with religion. Stand with us and we will make you great and the world free from the curse of religion."

Now my studies in Africa and I have been in all parts of Africa not once but several times, make it clear to me that the people are not very responsive initially to becoming communists. Where they are making progress it has been through a line upon line program in Africa. Up to the present time, the mind and the heart of these African people reject communism, but will it be that way tomorrow? Frankly, I don't know. It rather looks like it may not for the communists are receiving help from unexpected quarters. Some extreme racists in our own country have been serving the communists even better than most communist party members have, for they have been demonstrating hatred and communists have been making records. These are visual and auditory with radio, record players, with TV, they are now giving demonstrations of white people's ill will for the

Negro, and those demonstrations are being used with terrifying effectiveness to keep some African people from Christ.

With what happened in New Orleans recently with certain women, certainly not high class Southern women, raving, ranting, swearing, using such vile language that our own TV stations had to shut it off the air, the communists have just been given a present. For records they have made will undoubtedly be shown to many people in Africa. The best known American name in many parts of Africa is not Eisenhower or the name of any other political leader or business man, but the name of Faubus, governor of Arkansas, who perhaps in ways quite unfair to Arkansas and to Faubus, has been represented to the people as the leader of American Christians in expressing their true feeling toward people of color. The simple fact is that what happens in Africa in regard to religion and government is of enormous, possibly determinative, importance, with reference to the future of our country. If the African decides that he cannot get on with the white man unless the white man is a communist, then quite frankly, our republic is in for dire trouble. And I say to you with deep personal feeling that this republic will probably be doomed and our children's children, if not our very own children themselves, will pass under

the tyranny of the communistic atheists if Africa goes communist. And certainly if Africa and India and Latin America, where we are now preaching against handicaps, should go communist, there would be very little hope that the American republic could survive as much as a half century longer. But I am not proposing a new motivation for missions. The reason we Christians should be Christian is that Jesus told us to be Christian in our attitude to others. The reason we should support missions is that missions is the cause for which Christ died, that He gave us an unmistakable mandate that our discipleship is tested by our missionary obedience. It just happens that our missionary obedience will prove more than our discipleship, it will prove the truth of the gospel we preach. If it does what Jesus did and said people with real belief in him would do. If we heal the sick, if we provide hospitals for those who have them not, if we teach and open the mind of the illiterate to real education, if we cleanse the leper, if we open the eyes of the blind, and if we do it not as secularists, but as believing Christians, we will make it possible for otherwise incredulous people all across the land to know that the gospel of Jesus is true and that it has the utmost relevance to them, their families and the society of which they are a part.

Walton Memorial Library Living Monument to Vision of Minister

By DALLAS MALLISON

The seven-year-old Walton Memorial Library in Raleigh, a brilliant and promising venture in North Carolina Methodism, affords dramatic proof that the use of audio-visual materials is destined to become a major ministry in spreading the Christian gospel in this state.

"While ten years ago there was practically no demand for audio-visual material among the churches in the North Carolina Annual Conference, today the demand is far outstripping our ability to meet it," declared Mrs. W. R. "Pat" Lawson, who has been librarian since May, 1958. "Today the range or kind of materials in this field have become almost unlimited."

The use of the library's materials during the past year, 1959-1960, has more than doubled, compared to the previous year, and last year about half of the 850 churches in the N. C. Conference borrowed materials from the library, reported Mrs. Lawson. More than 1600 "usages" were recorded last year compared with two years ago when the total "usages" were 750, she said.

"Usages" are the number of individual audio-visual aids booked and mailed out from the library for use on specific dates, she said. The library contains over 600 individual audio-visual aids, representing about 400 different titles. This breaks down to about four "usages" per title during the past year.

Materials and Needs

Except for seven 16mm films and three sets of 2" x 2" transparent slides, the library consists entirely of 35mm filmstrips.

Available also are a quantity of catalogs describing these materials. These catalogs can be obtained without charge from Mrs. Lawson.

The materials in the library cover every phase or activity of the local church program, Mrs. Lawson said. They relate to all 12 months of the year, especially during Easter, Christmas, and the vacation or summer periods. These are peak periods of use.

Groups in the local church vary widely in their utilization of the materials, she pointed out. The Woman's Society stands out, especially in its use of study course materials. Youth groups, particularly the MYF, uses a wide variety of materials. Smaller but increasing calls are coming from Methodist Mens Clubs and the church school departments.

Mrs. Lawson pointed out that the present materials could be used much more than they are, and through greater utilization of existing facilities, could be of even greater benefit to churches of the N. C. Conference. The fact that each aid was used on the average only four times last year indicates that much wider use could be made of present materials.

Requests for information concerning other sources of materials are increasing, but because of limited funds and time these requests are handled on an individual basis only. For the same reasons, lists of other sources of materials can not be supplied.

This severe limitation of funds expresses itself in other ways. The much higher cost of 16mm film has caused such materials to be very limited. The purchase of new aid

and titles must proceed at a snail's pace. The current catalog, a 1959 edition, although brought up to date with supplemental listings, needs reprinting. Such items must await much greater funds from the conference.

Essential Equipment

Mrs. Lawson advises that when a church begins its own audio-visual program it should start with the purchase of a 35mm filmstrip projector, followed in order by a record player and a screen. However, any smooth white surface, such as a white wall, may be used temporarily as a screen.

"It's nice if a church can afford a 16mm moving picture projector, but this is not really a prime necessity," Mrs. Lawson commented. "A 16mm projector goes into money but it does enable a church to use not only the library's 16mm film, but also free and semi-free 16mm films from other sources. Such material should be purchased only after the local church has essential equipment."

Other agencies of the N. C. Conference make available their own audio-visual materials but only on a very limited basis, she pointed out. For example, the Board of Education maintains a library of audio-visual teaching aids. The Board of Missions has a series of slides on church extension in recent years which are available through the Walton Memorial Library. Other conference bodies release their very limited materials through the library also.

Origin and Growth

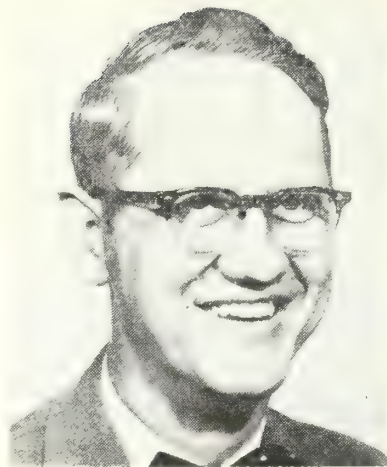
"The origin and growth of the Walton Memorial Library dates back to April, 1954, and the one person most concerned with its establishment was the Rev. W. C. Walton, Jr., although he and I were the ones who began it, saw it through its fledgling days, and established it as a working conference agency," declared the Rev. T. A. Collins, now president of the N. C. Wesleyan College and then secretary of the Board of Missions.

The Rev. Mr. Collins said that, following the establishment of the general Radio and Film Commission by the General Conference in April, 1952, the N. C. Conference set up its own commission in November of the same year.

At its organizing session the commission elected Collins chairman and the Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., secretary, but upon the latter's resignation, the Rev. Mr. Walton was chosen to replace Wells at the spring, 1953, session of the agency. Walton was then in his first year as minister at the New Longview Gardens Church in northeast Raleigh. Collins and Walton served as the first officers of the commission during the 1952-56 quadrennium.

"In April, 1954, we held the first audio-visual workshop in the N. C. Conference in Raleigh," Collins said. "At this time and as an outgrowth of the workshop Carl Walton suggested the establishment of an audio-visual library for the N. C. Conference. We began working on this with very limited funds, but we did secure some of the free audio-visuals in the conference and centralized them. We added them slowly but regularly."

The minister said that in the fall of 1954 he and Walton were invited to attend an audio-visual workshop in Atlanta sponsored



REV. W. C. WALTON

by the General Commission. He said he could not go but Walton went alone.

"Walton returned from this workshop with renewed determination and a new vision to establish the audio-visual library as a vital part of the N. C. Conference program," declared Collins. "He and I began to plead for additional funds and in 1955 the World Service and Finance Commission increased our budget from \$250 to \$750 annually in order to make possible the establishment of the library."

At the start of the new 1956-60 quadrennium Collins resigned as chairman in the summer of 1956 and Walton was named to succeed him. At the spring 1956 General Conference the Commission had been renamed the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) by which it is known today.

Librarians and Other Matters

Before the close of 1956 the library was being put to excellent use by churches throughout the N. C. Conference, according to the Rev. Mr. Collins. In the fall of that year the first catalog was printed and distributed. In that year, too, the annual budget of the Commission was increased to \$1250. This made possible the employment of the librarian. She, as her successors, has worked on a part-time basis.

In the beginning the library was located in the office of the Longview Church. The first librarian was Mrs. Martha Mason who was then the church secretary. After a few months Mrs. Mason resigned her secretarial position and her successor, Mrs. Helen Lewis, became librarian. Mrs. Lewis served in this capacity for little over one year when Mrs. Walton took her place as librarian, the library being moved to her home.

In May of 1958 when the Waltons moved to Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Lawson became librarian. The library was moved to the basement of her home where it is still located. The library continues to grow slowly but steadily and Mrs. Lawson has given it a professional and attractive appearance in the basement of her home at 2328 Derby Drive, just one block from Longview Church.

At the annual session of the N. C. Conference in Wilmington in June of 1959 the delegates by unanimous vote approved the proposal of the Commission that the library be named The Walton Memorial Library

in honor and memory of its founder, then the late Mr. Walton.

At the Atlanta workshop in 1954 Walton, Collins, Dr. Landis Bennett, and the Rev. J. H. Lanning became the first certified instructors in the use of audio-visuals in the local church in the entire Methodist church. They, and especially Walton, taught the course all across the N. C. Conference. This strengthened especially the conviction of Walton that the audio-visual library was both a desirable and necessary facility.

The Rev. W. Carlisle Walton, Jr.

As a young minister just graduated from the Duke Divinity School, the late Rev. William Carlisle Walton, Jr., came to Raleigh in November, 1952, commissioned to organize a new Methodist church in the new and growing Longview Gardens section. He succeeded, building the Longview Church into the effective church that it is today.

In June, 1958, he transferred to Nashville, Tenn., to take on the biggest assignment of his career. This was to develop the television ministry of the Methodist church, as a staff member of the National TRAFCO. This honor and assignment came to him as direct result of the national reputation he earned in developing the library and audio-visual program in the N. C. Conference.

The minister met his death in the early morning hours of February 4, 1959, a victim of the crash of one of the ill-fated Electra Prop Jets which undershot the landing strip at Laguardia Airport at New York and plunged into the icy waters of nearby East River. The minister and several of his colleagues were on their way to New York to attend a national conference to develop a TV program for children. His remains were brought to Raleigh and are interred in the Montlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Walton and their four children now live in Raleigh. As the former Miss Mary Jane Person of Atlanta, Ga., she met and married her late husband at Maryville College at Maryville, Tenn., where he was majoring in mathematics and she in home economics.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., on February 7, 1918, the minister moved at the age of four with his family to Chicago and at seven to West Orange, N. J., where he grew to manhood. In 1941, soon after college graduation, he entered the Army Air Corps, being sent as a meteorologist to the foothills of the Himalaya Mountains.

Following his discharge he returned to New Jersey, going to work with the Western Electric Company. In 1947 he entered Duke Divinity School and received his P.D. degree in 1951. Before coming to Raleigh in November, 1952, he was a student pastor for four years, 1958-52, on the then Apex-Holly Springs-Macedonia Charge in Wake County. He was ordained by the late Bishop W. W. Peele and Bishop Richard Raines and became a member of the N. C. Conference.

Gripped By A Vision

In the same manner as religious leaders in Biblical times and ever since, the late minister had a vision and became possessed by it. He clearly conceived the almost limitless potential of the infant TV, radio, and film ministry. He was gripped with a vision of the new ministry's vast possibilities as a

media for extending the Christian gospel.

The head start and position the N. C. Conference enjoys in the audio-visual field are due in a large part to the energy, determination, and faith of the late Mr. Walton.

The library which is named for him is a concrete evidence of his influence. Through the years and decades to come it will remain a living memorial to him.

It is undoubtedly true that he did not realize when he was engrossed with the details of its founding and development that the N. C. Conference audio-visual library would become a highlight of his abortive career, if not indeed its crowning achievement. But this is the way with history which writes its own endings of which even the wisest of men can not precisely predict in advance.

Salisbury District Conference Hears Reports

By J. F. HARRELSON, *Secretary*

The 1960 session of the Salisbury District Conference was held in Central Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4th, and presided over by Dr. James C. Stokes, district superintendent.

Rev. J. G. Wilkinson made the opening prayer. This was followed by a devotional address by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Young.

J. F. Harrelson, the district lay leader, presented the associate laymen and explained to the conference the area and churches for which they are responsible.

Mrs. William Clayton gave the report of the W.S.C.S. of the district. Rev. Frank Kiker, district director of young people, told about the work of his group. Rev. J. G. Wilkinsin spoke about the adult work. Rev. George M. Schreyer represented Pfeiffer College, and Dr. Horace McSwain briefly addressed the group on the challenging situations that confront the Christian world with special mention of Cuba, the Congo, Korea, Bolivia, and Southern Rhodesia.

Miss Frankie Craven presented the cause of the Children's Home. She stated that the Richard Stockton Home would soon be occupied. There are now about three hundred boys and girls who are guests in the Home.

The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications reported that they were recommending the passing of characters and renewal of license of 27 local preachers and recommended as approved supply pastors. Also recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference, Hubert Alvin Brown, Tommy Martin Faggart and William Harold Faggart. By secret ballot the conference approved of the recommendation of the committee.

The Committee on Church Locations and Building submitted its report by Rev. F. M. Shinn. This showed that an activities building at Providence Church and parsonages at Milford Hills, Salisbury and Friendship Church in Cabarrus County have been completed. Bethany Church in Cabarrus County will occupy its first unit of construction on or about March 1, 1961. The board has approved plans for the building of an educational building at Liberty Church on the Gold Hill Charge. Preliminary plans for the building of an educational addition to Rock Grove Church and Rowan and Shiloh Churches. First Church, Salisbury, has voted to proceed with plans for the erection of a sanctuary and Main Street Church is working on plans for a new church and educational plant.

Proposed buildings in the early planning stage are at Harmony Church, Concord,

Landis, Spencer, and possibly at Cleveland on the Elmwood Charge. Royal Oaks is moving along with its additional unit which will be its second one and Jackson Park has completed a remodeling of its sanctuary at a cost of \$12,000.

Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, addressed the conference on the program of the church for this quadrennium. He stated that evangelism was the paramount concern of the church for this period. Preach the gospel, present Christ to the unsaved by both pastor and people, re-emphasize evangelism and get people into the church.

The American Bible Society was represented by Rev. W. C. Crummett, Social Concerns by Rev. Walter Thompson, Christian Vocations by Rev. M. R. Howard, Evangelism by Rev. C. C. Washam, Golden Cross by Rev. J. L. Rayle, Missions by Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, Publishing Interests by Rev. Earl Crowe, Town and Country Work and the Youth Camp by Rev. B. C. Adams and Television and Radio by Rev. Edgar M. Neese, Sr.

The new editor of the North Carolina Christian ADVOCATE, Rev. S. J. Starnes, was presented to the conference by Dr. J. C. Stokes. He was very gracious in his remarks about our district and the churches in the two conferences. His presentation of the ADVOCATE was timely and he enlivened his hearers with his good humor.

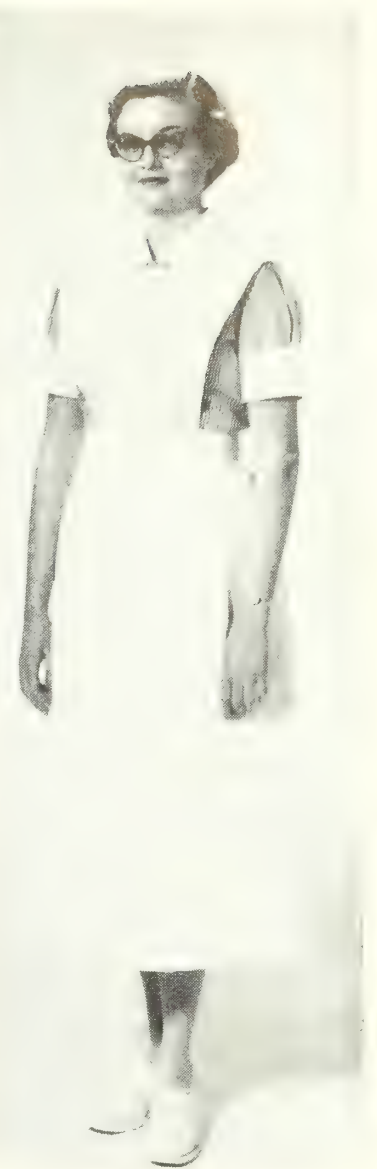
The report of the Findings Committee was submitted by Rev. John Hoyle, Jr. Rev. J. G. Wilkinson submitted the report on Statistics and the W. N. C. C. Brotherhood. He also brought greetings from Dr. H. G. Allen who could not be present on account of being confined to his bed.

Rev. Harold Simpson submitted a commendable set of resolutions in which he expressed warm feelings for the host pastor and the church in which the conference was held, to the new district superintendent, Dr. James C. Stokes, for his fine brotherly manner in which he presided, and to the secretary, who has served in this position for twenty-six years.

At four o'clock the conference was inspired by a telling address by Dr. M. B. Stokes, father of the district superintendent. He very vividly told about his experience in praying and the results thereafter. The work of the holy spirit if we place ourselves in the right attitude and how it will bring a new feeling into our hearts and lives.

By invitation the 1961 session will be held in Coburn Memorial Church, Salisbury.

The conference adjourned at 4:30 with the benediction by Dr. J. C. Stokes.



MISS JEANNETTE CAREY

Miss Methodist Student Nurse

Miss Jeanette Carey, 24-year-old senior student in Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, has been chosen "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" for 1961.

Picked by the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes from a field of high-ranking seniors in Methodist hospital schools of nursing throughout the nation, Miss Carey will be honor guest of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., January 31-February 2.

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Carey's home is in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was graduated from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1958 with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

The downward trend in moral principle and the rising tide of crime can be reversed by bringing physical power under the control of the power from on high. We must do this because we are breaking under the pressures of power and prosperity.

—CHAPLAIN HANSEL H. TOMER, of the U. S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., speaking on the CBS Radio *Church of the Air*, October 2.

Winston-Salem District Conference Highlights

The Winston-Salem District Conference was held Wednesday, December 7, 1960, in the lovely new building of the Pisgah Methodist Church, Route 3, Kernersville. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, the district superintendent, presided. The devotional service was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. F. Doyle Freeman.

Officers elected by the conference were: Aubert M. Smith, secretary; Paul S. Nunn, treasurer; trustees: Paul S. Nunn, Norman V. Stockton, Mrs. Paul Jones, Robert M. Mith, and Ira G. Shamel.

Greensboro College was represented by Dr. Harold H. Hutson; Brevard College by Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, Jr.; Dr. Herbert H. Peterson spoke for High Point College, and Dr. J. Lem Stokes for Pfeiffer College. The Wesley Foundation of Wake Forest College, Salem College, and the Baptist Hospital of Winston-Salem were represented by the director, Rev. Robert W. Younts. James McLean, a student of Wake Forest College, spoke briefly of the Foundation program for the 467 Methodist students at Wake Forest and Salem Colleges and at the Baptist Hospital.

Reports on pledges and payments to the Christian Higher Education campaign revealed that on a district goal of \$342,000 a total of \$407,250 had been pledged with payments to date totaling \$115,040.17.

Dr. S. J. Starnes, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, encouraged a stronger support of the ADVOCATE and spoke of an apparent renewed interest over both conferences in that the total subscriptions have increased from approximately 11,500 to 15,000, and the list is still growing.

Mr. Willard S. Farrow, administrator of the Methodist Home of Charlotte, reported there are 214 members of the Home, ranging in age from 67 to 99 years.

Mr. J. S. Doyle, a member of the staff of the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, stated that there are approximately 300 children in the Home and that 14 additional younger children are being aided financially in their own homes.

The Golden Cross and Youth Work were represented by Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr. and George W. Thompson, directors, respectively, of such programs.

Rev. James T. Ingram, chairman of the Committee on Camping, reported that consideration is being given a camp for the Winston-Salem District but that study is also being made of possible joint ownership with the North Wilkesboro District of a 250-acre camp on New River in Ashe County.

The program of missions was stressed by Rev. Earle R. Haire, district director, the superintendent, Dr. Tuttle, stated that during the past four years the Winston-Salem District has given in excess of \$130,000 just to foreign mission specials.

Rev. Glen H. Little, district director of Christian Social Concerns, emphasized the importance of an active Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

Mr. Robert M. Smith, lay leader for the Western N. C. Conference, described the goals of the General Board of Lay Activities and the Conference Board of Lay Activities. Mr. Ira G. Shamel, district lay leader,

also spoke words of commendation and encouragement relative to the program of the church. Mrs. Royster Simpson, district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, represented the women's work.

The district statistician, Rev. Arthur L. Chamblee, Jr., reported that on pastors' salaries and conference claims approximately 50 per cent has been paid; that 598 credits were received in the Forsyth County Leadership Training School; that toward a goal of 1459 new members 449 have been received on profession of faith and by transfer.

On recommendation of the District Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, Rev. J. Clyde Auman, chairman, the District Conference granted license to preach to John Mack Nelson of Kernersville, N. C.; renewed local preacher's license for twenty men; recommended approval of eleven men as approved supply pastors; recommended that the following be admitted on trial in the Western N. C. Conference: Joseph Marion Fulk, Thomas Jolly Howard, Kelly Ray Jones, Milford Loy Kennedy, and Mark Spurgeon Rose, Jr.; and also recommended to the Annual Conference for local deacon's orders: James Dwight Cartner and Kelly Ray Jones.

Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, director of Church Extension for the Western N. C. Conference, declared that church extension offers us our greatest opportunity for growth. He stressed that within the bounds of the Western N. C. Conference he knew of 75 communities in which we as Methodists ought to go to establish churches.

The director of Christian Vocations, Rev. C. Jack Caudill, emphasized the importance of the call to the ministry and announced that three district workshops dealing with the ministry, missions, and Christian education would be held in the spring.

Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, district director of Evangelism, indicated he fears Methodists have lost from their vocabulary words

describing what it means to be under the conviction of sin. He declared the time is short for evangelism and gave particular emphasis to the serious need for conversion and discipleship.

Mr. Robert M. Smith, lay leader of the Western N. C. Conference, voiced appreciation of the district conference for the very able and highly constructive leadership of Dr. Lee F. Tuttle as superintendent of the Winston-Salem District during the past four and one-half years. He also expressed the admiration of the conference in Dr. Tuttle's being selected as secretary of the World Methodist Council. The delegates to the conference stood in thoughtful expression of gratitude and congratulations.

The conference voted to accept the invitation of Marvin Methodist Church to hold its 1961 session.

As India goes, so goes the world, declared Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, a retired missionary of 46 years service in India, and the inspirational speaker for the district conference. He was presented by Dr. Horace R. McSwain, Conference missionary secretary. Bishop Pickett stated that this is the great day of growth and opportunity in India, the land where the Christian church has made its largest growth.

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Sermons On "The Call To The Ministry"

The ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference are asked to preach a sermon on "The Call to the Ministry" on Sunday, January 22, or at an appropriate date near this one. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and the Conference Planning Conference approved this recommendation which comes from the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations and the Board of Ministerial Training.

—JULIAN HOLMES, *Chairman
Conference Commission on
Christian Vocations*

Raleigh's New Cokesbury Methodist Church



The above picture is of the new Cokesbury Methodist Church organized in Raleigh October 2, 1960. The Rev. Sam S. Moore is pastor. The new church is off to a good start.

Albemarle District Conference Shows Gains

The Albemarle District Conference met at Central Methodist Church in Albemarle on December 13, 1960, at 9 a.m. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, district superintendent, presided.

Opening devotions were led by Rev. William T. Ratchford. Each delegate was presented an attractive booklet containing written reports from district officers and committees. Certain highlights from the printed and oral reports to the conference are mentioned here.

The statistical tables revealed that 131 persons had been received on profession of faith since Conference, and 173 otherwise. This total of 304 additions produced a net gain of 68. The total amount accepted for the year for World Service is \$42,389, of which \$19,791 has been paid to date. The Christian Higher Education report revealed that \$40,681 has been paid on total pledges of \$149,404. Reports from the work of Church Extension in this new district show that \$3,361 has been paid into the Dollar Per Member Fund. One new church is presently under construction, that being the Grace Church in Wadesboro. It was announced that a church is soon to be organized in the Albemarle area. Three and one-half acres of land are being purchased on the Aquadale Road, south of the Highway 27 bypass, to be used for this church. Prospects for two or three other churches in the district are being considered.

A special resolution was passed by the Conference authorizing the district trustees to borrow \$19,000 from the Home Savings and Loan of Albemarle. This represents the remaining indebtedness on the district parsonage at 276 N. Fourth Street in Albemarle which was purchased as a residence for the district superintendent. This loan will be financed over a period of 15 years.

It was announced by James (Buck) Nance of Albemarle that the district parsonage is now completely furnished. This task was undertaken and completed by the churches of Stanly County.

Rev. B. C. Adams presented a preliminary sketch of the proposed district camp. This showed the location of future buildings and camping facilities at the site near Morrow Mountain. It was announced that the Salisbury District Conference would hold a special meeting at a later date to complete plans for making this a two-district camp. Plans for the future call for both the Albemarle and Salisbury Districts to work together to complete the camp.

A Local Preacher's License was issued to Burvin Lee Baucom from Love's Grove, Stanfield Charge. The conference renewed the licenses of Richard Luther Bowman, Bobby Eugene Green, Charles G. Mitchum, Orlen Nordstrom, and T. A. Plyler, Jr. The following persons were recommended to the Annual Conference for Approved Supply Status: Richard Luther Bowman and Luther Bunyan McPherson; for continuance as Approved Supply Pastors: James Wayne Billings, John William Hall and Harry Queen; for Local Deacon's Orders: Budd Ellington and Harry Queen; for Admission on Trial: Paul V. Ridenhour and R. J. Faulkner.

An interesting sidelight came in the report by Rev. Harold Austin on Town and

Country Work when he said, "The big city preachers don't have it as good as us boys in the country." He then presented the district superintendent with a country ham.

The following persons represented our Conference Institutions and Colleges at the Conference: Dr. Carl King, Conference Board of Education; Jackson Hoyle, Children's Home; John Lambert, Methodist Home for the Aged; Rev. Glenn Lackey, the work of Church Extension; Dr. S. J. Starnes, NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; Rev. A. J. Clemmer, Pfeiffer College; Dr. Glenn Hardesty, Brevard College; Dr. Wendell M. Patton, High Point College; and Dr. Alan C. Best, Greensboro College.

The highlight of the day came at 12:00 noon with the closing hour of worship. This service was led by Rev. Harley Williams. A quartet from Pfeiffer College sang three numbers. Dr. Huneycutt presented Dr. Horace McSwain who introduced the preacher of the hour, Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, retired, formerly of India, presently teaching missions at the Boston School of Theology. Bishop Pickett inspired the delegates with his words. He challenged them to greater service in missions and increased interest in world affairs.

The Conference adjourned at 1:00 p.m. and the delegates moved to the Church Fellowship Hall where a delicious meal was served by the WSCS of the host church.

All of the reports and actions of this first regular district conference of the new Albemarle District pointed to the fact that the people from Anson, Stanly and Union Counties have welded into a cohesive unit. They are active and working together to carry out the Conference program in this area. A sincere desire to do the work of Christ in their local churches and around the world was in evidence. It was a thrilling experience to see a new organization function so effectively. We attribute this to the capable leadership of our fine district superintendent, and the fine cooperation of all the Methodist people in the district.

—C. HARLEY DICKSON, Secretary

A former enlisted Marine, who has been a chaplain since 1942, has been assigned as Protestant cadet chaplain at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George J. Cameron, a Methodist from the Michigan Conference.

The Upper Room Disciplines For 1961

The Upper Room Discipline for 1961 is written by 52 outstanding writers who are college and seminary presidents, deans, and professors; ministers, chaplains, and administrative heads of boards and agencies.

The Upper Room Discipline is a unique manual of daily devotions for ministers and other workers in the church. The weekly themes parallel these which guide the laymen's devotions in *The Upper Room* bi-monthly booklets for 1961. This new book carries forward a second year the service of providing a special devotional manual for all whose vocations lie particularly within the program and structure of the church. This service was begun in 1960 with *The Upper Room Companion*.

In this book each writer has developed the theme for an entire week. By doing this the theme has been explored with greater depth and continuity than would be possible if a different author had written the meditation for each day.

Discipline in daily practice of the devotional life through prayer, meditation, and the reading of the scriptures brings strength and certainty into the life of the Christian. *The Upper Room* provides a daily devotional guide for many millions of persons through its bi-monthly circulation of three and one-quarter million copies in thirty-one languages.

These may be ordered from *The Upper Room*, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee at \$1.00 each; \$10.00 per dozen.

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Convention Planned

Eight group chairmen who will be responsible for section meetings at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Kansas City, Mo., January 31-February 2 have been announced.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. Bolton Boone of Dallas, Texas, president of the association, which includes nearly 250 hospitals and homes.

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Robert T. Mann of Seffner, Fla., treasurer of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, has been appointed to the Florida Advisory Committee of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. He is a Tampa attorney.



The new parsonage, shown above, is now in use by the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Cook. Mr. Cook is pastor of the Friendship Church, Salisbury District. The church became a station work and the people have erected this splendid residence for their pastor. It stands near the church building. It is to be dedicated by the district superintendent, Dr. I. C. Stokes.



Woman's Activities



Missionary Evaluates Work

By MARY GARDNER

Two years ago the missionary unit for additional sessions with primary and junior children in Methodist churches had for its emphasis the work in Mexico. During these sessions at the Edenton Street Methodist church school, a first year junior class wrote a letter to Miss Pearl Hall, missionary at the Sanatoria Palmore, Chihuahua, Chin, Mexico, in which they requested information concerning the work at the hospital and ways in which they might help. Those children later shared in a project which Miss Hall named as a need.

In her recent Christmas greetings to the children and their teacher, Miss Hall writes in part: "Just possible that this is the last Christmas greeting I shall send you from Mexico, and as such it should be really special.

"As the time for retirement approaches, one feels the need of summing up values. The years, 36 of them, have flown as if on wings. So much time, so little accomplished, so little time left for things one would like to do. So much time wasted that might have been used to better advantage, so many words that should have been spoken and never were, so many words spoken in haste that cannot now be recalled. But all in all it has been a good life that I would not have changed for any other.

"And some of the best times at all came in this year of 1960. How well we remember the retreat last February in Monterrey when most of the missionaries of our Board met Miss Derby and Dr. Ellis, our secretaries, who led our discussions, and Dr. (now Bishop) J. K. Mathews, who directed our Bible study and made the Gospel of Mark a living thing. Days before in Mexico City he had delighted some of us who were there for a special meeting, with the study of the Gospel of John.

Early in January our Council of Cooperation which serves as the link between the Methodist church at home and the Mexican Methodist Church, met in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, for three days and some of us stayed for part of the Border Conference.

"Later, Miss Lula Rawls, a co-worker who this year completed 30 years in Mexico, nearly all of them in this institution, and I, set out to spend our vacation seeing some of these places in Mexico which we had heard so much about but had never had time nor opportunity to visit. To make the trip I bought a little English car and we went bowling along most happily, visiting cities, villages, markets and famous places along with sister institutions and several of our ex-students whose welcome made us specially happy.

"Soon after our return Miss Rawls said her goodbyes and left for her native Florida

to begin her pre-retirement furlough. The numerous parties and gifts showed the esteem which so many held for her. It was not easy to break off our companionship and sharing for so many years the mutual problems of our much loved Sanatoria. *We pray for new workers to fill the ranks being broken by so many retirements.*

"Among the highlights of the year were two very special occasions, one of them in April when the new addition to our Nurses Home was dedicated, the other in October when our sister institution, the Centro Christiano, inaugurated its lovely new gymnasium and school building. Both occasions brought visitors to Chihuahua who we loved having and were honored to receive.

"Here at Palmore we struggle along trying to make ends meet (they never do) and trying to cover all hours and all departments with limited personnel. In spite of graduating 16 nurses in June we do not seem to keep them. I suppose we should not turn out nurses who are so much in demand, but once having set a high standard it is not easy to lower it. We have a very promising new group of students, 21 in number, and have a total of about 55 student nurses."

Prayer Calendar Helpful in Devotions

Each year the Woman's Division of Christian Service in cooperation with the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church publishes an attractive and unique book known as the Prayer Calendar. Among the contents of this itinerary of prayer are names of all missionaries and projects of the Board of Missions, including the Woman's Division, the Division of World Missions, and the Division of National Missions. These are listed so that every missionary and every project may be an object of prayer during the year.

Also included in the Prayer Calendar are birthdays of missionaries and deaconesses, along with their names and addresses, maps of the various countries where the Methodist church is at work, ways of using the Prayer Calendar, and other information.

The Prayer Calendar serves as an aid in private devotions and in group meetings.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



The Recording Secretary

An advantage which all recording secretaries have, which is not enjoyed by most of the other officers, secretaries of lines of work, and chairmen of committees, is that they can see in black and white what they have accomplished. By the same token, any

mistakes which they make are also in black and white for all the society to see.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service must think that recording secretaries are very smart, or that they are "born with experience," because they do not supply a handbook for recording secretaries—nor any other material.

To be a good recording secretary, one must be dependable. The recording secretary not only attends the meetings, but she must be prompt. The minutes of the meeting are the permanent record of the society, so it is important that the recording secretary write accurate and complete minutes of all the business transacted at the meetings. A good memory and an aptitude for detail are also good attributes for a recording secretary.

A sense of humor stands the recording secretary in good stead, for when the Committee on Nominations says, "Oh, anyone can be a secretary," she should be able to smile and not feel inferior.

—MRS. HUGH WILKIN

Conference Recording Secretary

Mission Projects in North Carolina

Listed in annual report Woman's Division of Christian Service:

I. Community Centers

1. Bethlehem Center, 2705 Baltimore Ave., Charlotte 3, N. C.
Deaconess Margaret Hodkins, director.
2. Bethlehem Center, 408 Hickory Street, Winston-Salem 4, N. C.
Extension Program:
Happy Hill Gardens Housing Project, 920 Mock Street.
Cleveland Avenue Homes Housing Project, 1115 East 15th Street.
Kimberly Park Terrace Housing Project, 1400 Oak Street.
Mrs. Marion B. Wooten, director.

II. Educational Institutions:

3. Allen High School, 331 College Street, Asheville, N. C. Founded 1887. Enrollment 153.
Miss Ruth Walther, superintendent.
4. Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. Founded 1926. Enrollment 480.
5. Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, N. C. Work opened 1936. Methodist students, 750.
Deaconess Mamie Chandler, director.
6. Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C. Founded 1903. Enrollment 654.
Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, president.

III. Social Welfare and Medical Work:

7. Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers, 29 Spears Ave., Asheville, N. C.
Deaconess Mable Metzger, director.

IV. Town and Country Work, Western North Carolina Conference:

8. Avery County, Miss Virginia Miller, Newland, N. C.
Clay County, Miss Laura Wells, Hayesville, N. C.
Surry County, Miss Anita Benoy, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Yancey County, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, Burnsville, N. C.
9. Eastern North Carolina Rural Work:
Glendon Area
Pembroke Area
Roberdel Area
10. Cherokee Methodist Center, Cherokee,

N. C.
Deaconess Vera Falls, director

World Day of Prayer—February 17th 75th Observance

Thirty prayer fellowships have been set up in the United States and Canada and five in foreign countries to visit in designated areas prior to the day set for the World Day of Prayer to help church women plan effective prayer programs for that day.

Watch for the team for your area—meet with them—pray with them—share with them.

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N. C. Conference Young Adult Week January 15-22

Plans are now underway in many local churches for Young Adult Week, sponsored annually by the Young Adult Fellowship of the North Carolina Methodist Conference and the Conference Board of Education.

President Wilton Ward of Goldsboro announced that *every* young adult Sunday school class, or evening fellowship, is urged to participate in the observance in four special ways:

First, the inspirational phase, making plans to attend the district missionary rally, sponsored by the Conference Board of Missions. This will be the *inspirational* phase of the observance. Several of the rallies will feature Dr. Gordon Gould of Alaska as speaker, while others will present Dr. J. Lem Stokes III, president of Pfeiffer College.

Second, the informational phase, studying one of the two recommended mission courses on the Annual Mission Themes. These courses are *One World, One Mission*, by W. Richey Hogg, and *Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions*, by Charles Parkin. Hogg's book, with a leader's guide, is available from Cokesbury. Parkin's course is the "Adult Fellowship Series" found in *Adult Student* and *Adult Teacher* for January, 1961.

Third, the *local church service phase*, providing leadership for all church activities on Sunday, January 15 or 22. In past years this phase has included teaching all Sunday school classes, leading in worship, singing in the choir, ushering, preaching by young adult certified lay speakers, visitation evangelism, family night program, etc. Many young adult groups have also engaged in work projects during the week, for the church or the community.

Fourth, the *Conference loyalty phase*, giving to make possible new activities and programs. Each young adult group is asked to contribute a minimum of \$1.00 to the Conference Young Adult Fellowship. The funds thus accumulated will provide a travel scholarship to the young adult regional workshop, and underwrite other projects.

One of the projects already planned is the purchase of a small sailboat for use in the summer camping program at Camp Don-Lee. Cost of this pram is \$150.00. Goal for this conference loyalty offering is \$500.00. Contributions should be sent to W. J. Des Vergers, Y. A. Fellowship Treasurer, N. C.

—HAROLD D. MINOR
Director of Adult Work,
North Carolina Conference
of the Methodist Church



MISS ANNE HERBERT

Anne Herbert, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Herbert of Chapel Hill, will return in January from Italy. In her first year in the Chapel Hill schools after moving from Morehead City, Anne won the American Field Service exchange scholarship and has been representing Chapel Hill High School for the first half of her senior year in the high school in Potenza, a city of 70,000 people in the mountains of southern Italy. Anne will complete her senior high school year in Chapel Hill and graduate in June.

Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of the Reverend Hiram E. Myers as pastor of Carr Methodist Church, Durham, effective January 1, 1961, to complete the conference year, due to the death on December 25, 1960, of the Reverend Carl A. Johnson. Dr. Myers, who resides at 141 Pinecrest Road, Durham, is a retired member of the North Carolina Annual Conference and of the faculty of Duke Divinity School.

—C. D. BARCLIFT
District Superintendent

Pfeiffer Male Chorus Opens Television Series

Misenheimer — The Pfeiffer College Male Chorus opened a special television series being presented by the college over WSOC-TV, Channel 9, Charlotte, Sunday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. The five-months' series will have as its theme "Adventures in Ideas," and will be produced live from WSOC-TV's Charlotte studios.

The chorus sang under the direction of William B. Thomas of the college faculty and explored ideas in several types of music. The male chorus, which enjoys the reputation of being a polished but spirited group, consists of 40 voices.

In past years it has toured from Georgia to New York, has provided music for the famed Easter sunrise service on the steel pier of Atlantic City, N. J., and has recorded programs for major radio networks including the Voice of America. It leaves for a Florida tour in late January.

The television series is under the supervision of William S. Reasonover, director of the college's news service. Programs in the series will develop ideas in academic excellence, the role of a liberal arts college in teacher preparation, the responsibilities of a church-related college, and ideas being used at Pfeiffer to expand the cultural horizon of students.

Fine Arts Week Opened At Louisburg College

The Louisburg College Winter Fine Arts Week opened January 4 at the 10 a.m. chapel hour in Mills Auditorium with a recital by Calvin Harris, tenor, of New York City. A talented native of Baltimore, who has sung his way to stardom in four Broadway musicals, and to a formal recital debut at Carnegie Hall, recently toured nationally as a leading tenor, recitalist, and symphonic soloist.

A music recital by the Louisburg College Music Department, directed by Miss Sarah Foster, was given at 4 p.m. January 12, in the Benjamin N. Duke Cafeteria and Student Union Building. This program featured college piano and voice students, and Beth McDonald, Joe Pearce, and Blake York, local students.

The public was invited to attend all programs and exhibits free of charge.



Above is pictured the new parsonage of the Cumberland St. Andrews Charge, Fayetteville. Rev. C. Dene Brown is pastor. The pastor and family are happily situated in this new structure which was begun and finished since the annual conference.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Boys and Mr. Hawk

By Esther M. Payler

"Let's knock off Mr. Hawk's hat!" said John.

"I'd like to see him scramble in the snow to get it," giggled Alfred, making a pile of snowballs, and stacking them in front of him.

"Old Hawk is always so mean to us," said John. "It would serve him right to catch a cold."

"I want to hide where we can see him," chuckled Alfred.

Old Mr. Hawk came slowly down the street, walking very carefully around patches of ice. John and Alfred hid in back of a big oak tree on the other side of the street. "Wait till he gets so close we can't miss," whispered John.

"No," breathed Alfred, "when he passes the next driveway throw your snowball and I'll throw mine."

Breathlessly the boys watched the old man. They were holding their snowballs ready to throw. But before they could do so, a snowball whizzed past them and knocked off Mr. Hawk's hat. It came so suddenly and hard that he slipped on some ice on the sidewalk and sat down. The bag of groceries he was carrying broke and packages were scattered in the snow.

For a minute the boys stood and looked, then they started across the street. "Let's help him," said John, and they dropped their snowballs as they ran.

Alfred and John each took an arm of the old man, as they said, "Mr. Hawk, let us help you."

The old man frowned and his face was as red as a rose. "I'll get up myself," he snapped. "First you throw the snowball, and then you act like you want to help, only to make matters worse."

He scrambled to get up, but could not do so. "Honest, Mr. Hawk," said Alfred, "we were going to throw a snowball, but somebody back of the wall did it ahead of us."

"We're sorry; please let us help," pleaded John.

"All right," growled Mr. Hawk. "Now, pull together."

When Mr. Hawk had gotten to his feet, John and Alfred brushed the snow from his overcoat, and got his hat. When he stooped to pick up the scattered groceries, the boys said, "We'll do it." John took Mr. Hawk's arm and Alfred carried the groceries.

Mr. Hawk cleared his throat and said, "Mighty nice of you boys to help me.

From the way you always bothered me, I thought you were pretty bad fellows, taking delight in causing me trouble."

Alfred said shyly, "We thought you were mean and didn't like boys, because every time we came near your place you yelled at us to get away."

"And that made us want to bother you," explained John. "But when we saw you in trouble today we wanted to help."

Unexpectedly Mr. Hawk grinned. That was the first time the boys had seen him do anything but frown. "Kind of a misunderstanding all around—both of us thinking each other mean, and when we know each other, finding out we aren't bad at all."

All three laughed. "Come in a minute," invited Mr. Hawk when they got to his house.

"Thank you," said the boys, their eyes wide as they stepped inside the house. Mr. Hawk pointed to a shelf of scrapbooks. "I used to be a ball player. Would you like to see my scrapbooks?"

"Sure, we would," said John heartily.

"Take off your coats and caps and come to the fire, then," smiled Mr. Hawk. Soon all three of them were busy looking at the books, and Mr. Hawk was telling them thrilling stories of his baseball days.

The clock on the fireplace mantel chimed five. "Five o'clock already!" said Alfred, "and we must be going home."

"Come again, friends," invited Mr. Hawk. "I have some more pictures, and I would like to give you each a bat."

"We'll be glad to come again," said the boys as Mr. Hawk shook hands with them.

As they walked home, Alfred said thoughtfully, "I'm sure glad we didn't get to throw that snowball."

"So am I," replied John soberly. "It's much nicer to be friends than to think of each other as mean and unfriendly."

—My Pleasure

FEED THE BIRDS

Since they have sung so much for me,
I would not now forgetful be

Of hungry birds in snow—
If I neglect them, they'll be dead.
I'll clear a place for grain and bread
With shovel or a hoe.

And then I'll feed them day by day
Till snow and ice have gone away,

And thus revive their song.
And soon, in sunny days of spring,
In gratitude to me they'll sing—

Each day, the whole day long.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Not a Christian Potato

Little Peggy, age seven, who in her short life had learned much about being a Christian, was watching Maggie, the maid, as she pared the potatoes for dinner. She was paring an extra large one which was very white and nice on the outside, but when she cut it in two it showed itself to be hollow and black inside with dry rot.

Instantly Peggy exclaimed, "Oh, Maggie, that potato isn't a Christian!"

"What in the world do you mean?" asked the maid.

"Don't you see, it isn't good clean through," was the little girl's reply.



A MOMENT WITH GOD

Please guard my lips throughout this day
That they no evil words may say.

Please guard my eyes, that they may be
Bright, shining, and no evil see.

Please guard my ears, that they may hear
No evil thing, O Father dear. Amen.



Bible Quiz

1. Isaiah foretold a time when the lion would eat straw like this animal. _____
2. Christ bids us not to give holy things to this animal. _____
3. The prophet Daniel was miraculously delivered from a den of these beasts. _____
4. The flesh of this animal was forbidden to the Jews. _____
5. The coat of John the Baptist was made of this animal's hair. _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Elijah
2. Judas
3. Miriam
4. Dorcas



Lillington Children Send 55 Pairs of Socks To Orphanage

A pair of socks was received by fifty-five children in the Methodist Home in Raleigh due to another special feature in the Christmas program this past year in the Lillington Methodist Church. As children and youth of Lillington Church came to Sunday school the morning before the program they brought a fine new pair of socks their size to be hung on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Perhaps this was a key to why the hall was filled with two hundred people for the largest, best and happiest Christmas program they ever had. The evening had begun with a candlelight choral-narration service of worship in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 22

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Greensboro College

Head, Department of Religious Education

WHO IS JESUS?

Background Scripture: John 4

Lesson Scripture: John 4:21-30, 39-42

During the first three centuries of Christian history the Church was trying to answer the question which forms our lesson title. It was the creed-making period during which numerous statements were formulated, resulting in the adoption of the Nicene Creed in the early part of the fourth century as the official belief of the Church. The most important phrases of this creed were attempts to answer the question: "Who is Jesus?"

But efforts to explain who Jesus was and what he means to the world did not end with the early centuries. Thousands of volumes have been written concerning the life and work of Christ. Many novelists and poets have sought to crown their life's work with some literary production which would set forth their appreciation to the Master. Likewise the figure of Jesus has remained a perpetual challenge to the artist—whether he be sculptor, painter, writer or musician. No wonder James A. Francis could write these oft-quoted words about Jesus: "I am not far from the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon earth as that one solitary life."

Our Scripture verses, selected from the fourth chapter of John's gospel, open with Jesus' reply to the question posed by the Samaritan woman regarding the proper place to worship. It will be remembered that there was a disagreement between the Jews and the Samaritans as to whether Mount Zion or Mount Gerizim was the more sacred shrine. Note that this question regarding the proper place to worship was asked by the woman immediately after Jesus had confronted her with the fact of her rather shabby moral life. All of which suggests that it is easier to discuss matters of ritual than it is to face realistically one's own moral shortcomings. It is said that one of America's greatest artists in the creation of stained-glass windows was a moral reprobate. The light that shone through the beautiful figures of Christ in the windows this man created never found its way into his own soul.

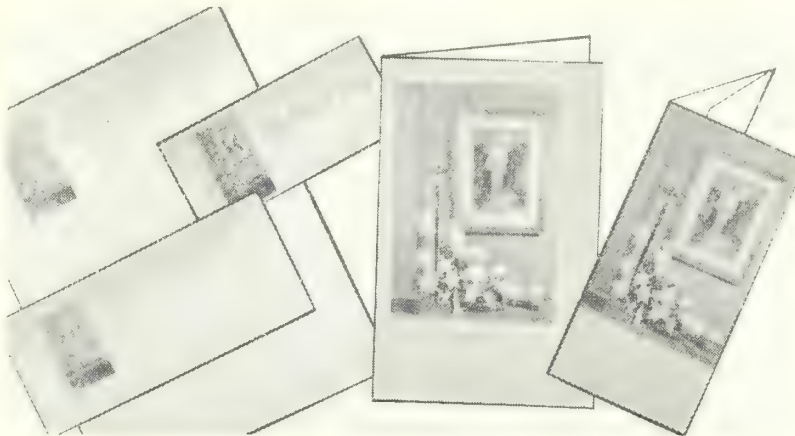
Getting back to the answer Jesus gave to the woman's question, notice that he was very careful to point out that God can be worshiped anywhere, so long as he is worshiped in spirit and in truth. That is why we preface our recitation of the creed with the significant words: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal." If men could remember Jesus' indifference to ritual they would be ashamed to allow their differences in theories of ordination to prevent them from taking the Lord's Supper together. It was the Church, not Jesus, that erected these barriers.

We note in this lesson the same pattern used in other places by the author of John's gospel, namely, the confusion of physical

with spiritual reality. The woman at the well is told that Jesus is not speaking of what the chemist calls H₂O, but of something which will quench the spiritual thirsts of mankind. However strange it may sound to us men who are enchanted by a thing-centered civilization, *the basic needs of men are spiritual.*

Who, then, is Jesus? Men in various cultures, over the long centuries, have found in Christ the answer to their needs. One could fill this entire issue of the *ADVOCATE* with the testimonies of the world's great regarding the person and work of Christ. Napoleon said: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires; but

upon what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ alone founded his empire on love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him." Mahatma Ghandi, certainly one of the world's religious leaders, said: "Jesus occupies in my heart the place of one of the great teachers who have made a considerable influence in my life." *But Jesus was more than a teacher.* As Francis Burkitt says: "It is not as a philosopher that we worship Christ . . . but as the Man who came down from heaven to give the Divine Fire. Jesus himself once described his mission as that of a man lighting a fire . . . That fire has burned for nineteen centuries and is still alight."



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J. Irwin Miller First Layman To Lead National Council

Inducted as the fifth president of the National Council of Churches on December 9, Mr. J. Irwin Miller became the first layman to hold this high post. Business executive, manufacturer, and a member of the boards of banks, Purity Stores and the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the new president is a dedicated churchman first. Long active in the National Council, he served for the past three years as vice-chairman of its Division of Christian Life and Work and has represented his church, the Disciples of Christ, on the Council's General Board since 1952.

Mr. Miller is a Hoosier, hailing from Columbus, Indiana, where he and his wife, the former Xenia Ruth Simons, and their five children make their home. Columbus is also the home of the Summins Engine Co., top producer of diesel engines, of which Mr. Miller is board chairman. An alumnus of Yale University, he also has a master's degree from Oxford University.

Whether it is modern architecture (he heads his home church's architectural committee for which Eera Saarinen made the plans for the new sanctuary) or teaching church school (he can read the New Testament in the original Greek) or playing the violin (he owns a rare Stradivarius) or sailing with his family in his 17-foot sloop, Mr. Miller's many interests always come back to the church. Of him, his pastor says, "He is the most Biblically literate layman I know."

Mr. Miller is a member of the Board of Sponsors of Religion in American Life, Inc., a trustee of the Taft School, which he attended, and chairman of the trustees of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

"I believe there is no area in life," he told the press in San Francisco, "which should not be governed by Christian principles."

Mr. Miller, who succeeds Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, was installed on the final day of the General Assembly meetings in San Francisco.

Christian Workers School At Hay Street, Fayetteville

The annual Christian Workers School will be held at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, beginning the week of January 22. Included on the staff are a number of prominent instructors in this field. The course on Old Testament will be taught by Dr. H. E. Myers; Protestantism by Dr. Charles Young; Christian Education in the Church by Dr. W. A. Kale; Helping Children Grow in the Christian Faith by Mrs. V. E. Queen; The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth by Rev. Troy Barrett; Adult Work in the Church School by Rev. J. L. Joyce. The school is open to all teachers and those interested in working in the church school.

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Dr. Sockman Pays Tribute to George G. Allen

Remarks by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, at the Funeral Service of George Garland Allen, Christ Church, October 12, 1960

"If one would write the biography of George Garland Allen the word which recurs most frequently is the term, trustee. He became a trustee of almost every area of activity in which he moved.

If state governments had trustees, North Carolina would most certainly have made Mr. Allen a member, perhaps chairman, of its Board. Though he had transplanted his home to New York City, he remained a custodian of the welfare of his native state. At his table I have met high officials of both states. On many occasions I have seen him in the cities of North Carolina surrounded by leaders of the industrial and educational life. Three noted colleges of North Carolina honored him with degrees.

"Of one great university in that state he was a trustee for more than thirty years. The magnificent campus of Duke University is a monument to him along with Mr. William Lee and Judge William R. Perkins for they formed the building committee which planned it. His name is now, and will be further, memorialized there. His presence on that campus was an inspiration to faculty and students, and many of his sayings there have become legend.

"His business career reveals further extension of his trusteeship. As a very young man he became associated with the Duke family. At the early age of thirty-one Mr. Allen became a director of the British American Tobacco Company founded by Duke interests, and remained a director for forty-five years, serving as vice-chairman of the Board for fourteen years. An original trustee of the Duke Endowment, he succeeded the late James B. Duke as chairman of the Board in 1925.

"At the time of his death he was a director of the Duke Power Company and had been president and chairman of the Board. In personality George Allen symbolized the power which he directed. Electric power is not noisy. Neither was he. His was the quietness of silent force. I never heard him raise his voice. He thought twice before he spoke, but when he spoke his words were freighted with meaning made cogent by analytic judgment, strengthened by sincerity, and enforced by firmness. Those who sat with him on boards of directors in banks and elsewhere recognized his stature and respected his judgment.

"With all his trusteeship in the business world, George Allen found time for devotion to spiritual interests. Churches beyond number in North Carolina have been aided by his benefactions. And churches like this in the north are deeply indebted to him for his interest and support. With all his mastery of material affairs, he was modest and humble in accepting the leadership of shepherding pastors. He was a devoted, generous and loyal layman.

"And when we turn to the family circle, Mr. Allen's guardianship shows its superb best. I weigh my words when I say that I do not think that I have seen elsewhere quite so ideal a relationship between husband and wife. Their marriage preserved

the flavor of romance for sixty-two years. He basked in the sunshine of his growing family.

"George Allen was an ideal trustee because he was completely and intensely loyal. He handled the interests of others with the same integrity and meticulous care that he gave to his own property. Others trusted his fidelity and entrusted their interests to him. But Christ said something more about trustees. He said: 'If you have not been faithful over that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?' Trusteeship works in two directions. When one has managed his own affairs well, the world in its wisdom makes him a guardian of others' interests. But God does more. When one has been a trustee of others' affairs, then God gives him that which is his own. Having been faithful to what belonged to others, George Allen now enters richly into the joy of all that belongs to him as one of God's true gentlemen."

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Members of Retirement Home Family Enjoy Christmas Shopping



The picture at left is of one of the "wheelchair shoppers," Miss Mary Lee, age 92, seated; Mr. George Dowdy and Mrs. Grady Ross, standing. Mr. Dowdy is general manager of Belk's Department Store in Charlotte, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Home. Mrs. Ross, a member of Myers Park Methodist Church, is the member of the Charlotte Dental Auxiliary who instigated the idea, then planned and directed the entire event. Mr. Dowdy and Mrs. Ross were with the shoppers the entire time and were most solicitous in their efforts to make this a perfect day for each person. On the right is a picture of the Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Cornette, Charlotte, made in the dining room at Belk's Store, while they were enjoying their lunch, which was given by the store. They were on a Christmas tour, and are happily showing their Christmas gifts, which were furnished by the store and presented by Mr. Dowdy's helpers.

The Charlotte Dental Auxiliary made it possible for 30 members of the Methodist Home in Charlotte to go "wheel-chair shopping" just before Christmas. These members were not able to do the necessary walking to do their Christmas shopping and enjoy the beauty of the stores piled high with Christmas merchandise. On November 29th, a caravan of cars, chauffeured by members of the Dental Auxiliary, left the Methodist Home at 9:30 a.m. They were driven to Belk's Department Store where they were met by a fleet of wheel chairs, propelled by other members of the Dental Auxiliary. For two and a half hours these 30 shoppers were wheeled through Belk's Store while they shopped, chatted, and laughed with their "drivers" and other newly-made friends, clerks, and other shoppers, who vied in endeavoring to find every item asked for by the shoppers. At noon all were guests of Belk's for a delightful lunch in a Christmas-decorated dining room. Individual and group pictures were made with a Polaroid Camera, so pictures were presented each member within 10 seconds after they were snapped. Then each person received a gift, with compliments from Belk's. Now, more than a month after this delightful day, the excitement lingers and happiness shines in the eyes of the "wheel chair shoppers" as they talk about "that wonderful day when we went shopping."

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ **FEATURED SPEAKERS** at Raleigh District Conference to be held at Garner January 27 will be Governor Terry Sanford and Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

☛ "RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE" week is being observed by many churches throughout the state in response to a request by Governor Terry Sanford.

☛ **THE SEMINARY SINGERS**, a group of Methodist ministerial students from Boston University, sang at Dilworth Church in Charlotte, Tuesday evening, January 17. It was a program of sacred and secular music.

☛ **DR. HAROLD HUTSON**, president of Greensboro College, will preach at Central Church, Shelby, Sunday morning, January 29, at 11:00 o'clock. A quartet from the college will also sing in the morning service.

☛ **DR. CLOVIS G. CHAPPEL**, distinguished preacher and former pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, will preach at First Church Sunday morning, January 20, at 11:00 o'clock.

☛ **DR. J. LEM STOKES**, president of Pfeiffer College, Mrs. Stokes, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson, Sr., are attending the meeting of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, in Buck Hills Falls, Pa.

☛ **REV. C. MARVIN BOGGS**, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Statesville, was installed as president of the Statesville Ministers Association on Monday, January 9, in a meeting held at First Presbyterian Church.

☛ **REV. J. EDWIN CARTER**, associate pastor at Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, and Mrs. Carter attended the Winter Christian Ashram at Silver Springs, Fla., January 2-7. Besides the Carters, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Harris, and Mrs. W. Kenneth Jones, also from Hawthorne Lane, attended.

☛ **MAIN STREET CHURCH**, Kernersville, the Rev. C. J. Caudill, pastor, has been conducting a Church-wide School of Missions during the four Sunday nights of January. Courses from the nursery, through junior, intermediate, youth, and adult groups have been offered. There were in the first session 120 persons.

☛ **MR. RICHARD VAN SCIVER** of Charlotte presented an organ recital at High Point College on Wednesday, January 4. The recital, heard at the weekly student-faculty assembly at 10:20 a.m., was the first such performance on the newly-acquired Allen Organ now in use at the college.

☛ **MR. J. B. W. OVERTON** of Rocky Mount, who will be 86 years old February 10, has been a strong Methodist for more than 70 years, and a reader of the *Advocate*. He recently sent us a check to be forwarded to a missionary couple in Africa, and ordered a copy of the *International Lesson Annual* by Laymon and Smith.

☛ **REV. S. J. STARNES**, editor of the *NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, is this week attending the meeting of the General Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

☛ **THE REV. DR. WILLIAM E. SHAW** and Mrs. Shaw, missionaries to Korea, attended services at Main Street Church, Kernersville, Sunday, January 8. Dr. Shaw preached at the 11:00 a.m. service.

☛ **DR. WILLIAM E. SHAW**, veteran Methodist missionary to Korea, spoke to the youths and adults at the Sunday evening Fellowship at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, January 15. He has served in various missionary capacities in Korea for more than 35 years.

☛ **THE METHODIST MEN'S Club** of Pleasant Grove, Route 3, Thomasville, was chartered January 8. The present membership is 39. The meetings will be held on the second Sunday in each month, for a breakfast meeting. Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., is the pastor.

☛ **SUNSET PARK CHURCH**, Wilmington, turned its entire church school program over to the young people on January 1. Young people served in all church school offices, from superintendent on, and also young people were in charge of and taught the various classes, from the nursery through the adult groups. Young people also served as musicians and conducted the devotions.

☛ **THE NEW BERN Subdistrict Christian Workers School** will be held at Centenary Church, New Bern, January 23-25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Courses will include "Teaching Children in the Small Church," by Mrs. J. A. Auman; "Guiding Seniors," Rev. Kermit Wheeler; "Helping Adults Learn," Rev. T. J. Whitehead; "Old Testament—Content and Value," Rev. R. F. McKee.

☛ **CARRBORO METHODIST CHURCH** reached a happy milestone last Sunday, January 15, when the cancelled mortgage on the beautiful and commodious parsonage was presented to the congregation by the trustees, paid in full. The debt has also been paid off the church. The plant is now debt-free, and they are planning to install a new organ in the sanctuary. Rev. A. S. Parker is doing a fine work at Carrboro. It was a delight to preach to the congregation.

☛ **MR. PAUL ERVIN**, prominent attorney of Charlotte, spoke at the morning service at First Baptist Church, Statesville, Sunday, January 8, in opposition to the establishment of ABC stores in that city. Mr. Ervin speaking from the Biblical viewpoint, stressed the fact that all personality is precious in the sight of the Lord, and that the profit received from the sale of legalized liquor could not make up for the ruin of human personality. The congregation voted unanimously against the establishment of such stores in Statesville. This was in keeping with the recommendation by the church's Board of Deacons.

☛ **REV. AND MRS. ROBERT LEE BUNCH** of Central Church, Clyde, announce the birth, on January 3, 1961, of a son, Lee Russell Bunch. Weight: 5 pounds and 7 ounces. Height: 19 inches. We understand the father is doing fine.

☛ **REV. RALPH TAYLOR**, superintendent of the High Point District, had a district-wide meeting of the ministers and laymen at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Richard C. Moore of Asheboro was in charge of the laymen's group as they dealt with the matter of lay witnessing and lay speaking. Mr. R. M. Smith, of Mt. Airy, conference lay leader, also took part on the program. The principal speaker was Mr. Paul Ervin, attorney, of Charlotte. Mr. A. R. Davis of Coleridge spoke on "Making Lay Speaking Effective." The district met with the ministers in a separate group, as they dealt with the total program of the church.

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EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." — Matt 6:1.

Why Celebrate The Unfortunate?

We are inclined to agree with the *Christian Century* in its editorial when it says "Let's Forget the Civil War." Sometime ago we received materials suggesting that we give publicity to the four-year observance in commemoration of the Civil War. We see no good to be accomplished by keeping alive the memory of an unfortunate and much-to-be-regretted conflict between the different sections of the United States. We would rather encourage unity instead of disunity. We are not unpatriotic, nor ungrateful for the sacrifices made by those who fought for what they believed in. Our own grandfather lost his arm in that conflict, and other relatives were just as devoted in giving themselves. But that is history, and the biggest reason we can see for calling it to memory is to thank God it was one hundred years ago this year, and to pray that no such tragedy will ever befall us again.

General Board of Education Held Meeting in Nashville

The meeting of the General Board of Education, held in Nashville, Tennessee, January 3-6, was a highlight in the educational program of Methodism. Remembering that this movement had its inception in a university, one is not surprised at the strong emphasis given to education in the Methodist church. It believes that spiritual experience should be undergirded with intellectual development. This is true all over the Methodist church. We recall that Dr. John O. Gross, speaking at the last session of the North Carolina Annual Conference in Rocky Mount last June, said, "North Carolina has the strongest block of educational institutions related to the Methodist church of any state in the Union." To attend and hear the reports and enter into the plans for the coming quadrennium, as we did in Nashville, is not only to become aware of this, but it is to be thrilled by it. Editors of church periodicals were invited as guests of the General Board, and they were there from several states. Some twenty bishops were present, and North Carolina was represented by both Bishop Garber and Bishop Harmon who, as president and vice-president of the General Board, respectively, played an important part in

its deliberations. Every session was full of interest, but especially delightful, and informative, was the banquet held on Thursday night at West End Methodist Church, when Bishop Fred Holloway of West Virginia delivered a masterful address on "Christian Education in Perspective." At the same time a painting of Dr. John O. Gross was presented to the Board in recognition of his twenty years of strong leadership in the field of Christian Higher Education of which he is the directing head. Dr. J. Earl Moreland, president of Randolph-Macon College, made the presentation, and Bishop Garber accepted the painting for the Board. Mr. Goode T. Davis, who painted the portrait, was present. It was a pleasant meeting and, we trust, a profitable one.

Last Three Governors Strong Methodist Laymen

Methodists of North Carolina have created an enviable record for assuming political responsibility. It is a matter of record that they have proven their interest in state affairs by running for and winning, many times, political office. And we believe they have usually given a good account of their stewardship in such matters. As Governor Terry Sanford assumes the office of chief executive, we recall that he is succeeding Luther H. Hodges, a Methodist, who likewise succeeded William B. Umstead, also a Methodist. So the last three governors have been strong Methodist laymen, taking an active part in the work of their church. Mr. Sanford has served as district lay leader and chairman of the official board of his church, Hay Street, Fayetteville; Mr. Umstead also served as chairman of the official board of Trinity Church, Durham. We are not sure about the positions held, but we know Mr. Hodges also has been active in his church. We have heard him speak to a group of Methodist laymen before he became governor. Mr. Umstead served as United States Congressman and as United States Senator, and now Mr. Hodges goes as a member of the President's cabinet, becoming Secretary of Commerce, while Terry Sanford becomes governor. It is important that Christians of all churches, and especially those of their own communion, remember these men and pray for divine guidance as they shoulder heavy responsibilities and face large opportunities. It will be a source of strength and encouragement for them to know they are in the minds and hearts of their fellow-Christians.

LETTERS

Editor S. J. Starnes,
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Brother Starnes:

It has been suggested that a brief history of the North Carolina Pastors' School ought to be written in order to preserve some valuable information which may be of value and interest in future years. As dean of that school for more than half of the forty years of existence, I have agreed to undertake the task of getting together the information needed.

I am especially anxious to list as many of the teachers as possible. I shall appreciate it if any person who reads this and who has taught in this school will kindly notify me. I would like to have the name of the course and the year given if this can be recalled. Also I would be glad if anyone would send me any item of interest connected with this school and which ought to be included in the little book.

—H. E. SPENCE

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Khanewal, West Pakistan
Christmas 1960

Warm Christmas Greetings!

"The people were amazed, and suddenly Zacharias' lips and tongue were freed, and he spoke and praised God. He was filled with the holy spirit and he broke into prophecy."

Prophecy is not only for one generation but often speaks for our needs in all times. Think with us on these things as we, taking the role of John the Baptist, go before Christ to prepare a way for Him, even now at this Christmas season:

Zacharias spoke, praising God for the Greatest Gift, and also for the gift of his own son, John, who would go before the Lord and prepare his way:

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited and brought redemption to his people,

Forging a weapon of salvation for us
In the house of his servant David,
As promised through his ever holy prophets,

Salvation from our foes and from the hands of all that hate us;

Extending his mercy to our forefathers,
And pointing to the holy covenant he made

When he swore to our father Abraham
That we, released from fear and from our enemies' hands,

Should serve him in holiness and righteousness

Abiding in his presence all our days
And you, little one, shall be Prophet of the Most High,

For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

To give his people knowledge of salvation

In the forgiveness of their sins,
Through the compassion of our God,
By which the Day will dawn on us from Heaven

To give light to those that sit in dark-

ness and the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of
peace."

This Christmas, our prayer is this:

1) That our God has truly visited each of us, and that we have received this redemption.

2) That we have been released from all of our fears, our greed and our selfishness.

3) That we are prepared to serve Him in holiness and righteousness.

4) That we will abide in His presence all of our days.

5) That we will go before Christ our Lord to prepare His way.

6) That we, having received from him, will give the peoples of the world the knowledge of salvation and of the forgiveness of their sins.

7) That this Light shall be given to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

8) And that He, who is Peace, might guide our feet into the way of Peace.

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours,

—MARY AND MAX LOWDERMILK
AND MARK AND MELANEE

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Bishop Arthur J. Moore To Speak In Raleigh

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., will speak at the United Methodist Evangelistic Rally to be held January 22 through 27 in Raleigh.

He will speak each morning at the 10:00 o'clock services at Hayes Barton Methodist and at 7:30 each evening at Edenton Street Methodist.

A graduate of Emory University, he was admitted into the South Georgia Conference in 1909, and was assigned to full-time evangelistic service.

His labors as an evangelist in Georgia brought him quickly to the attention of the entire state, and nation.

In 1930 the General Conference of the Methodist Church met in Dallas, Texas, and Moore was the first bishop elected by that General Conference.

His duties have carried him to Asia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, and the Congo. He has held assignments in 31 different nations and has helped to consecrate 36 other bishops.

In 1951 he was elected president of the Council of Bishops.

In addition to his evangelistic work, he has found time to write five books and organize the Protestant Radio and Television Center in Atlanta.

Nancy P. Engle Is Married

Miss Nancy Prentiss Engle, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Engle, of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Raymond Allen Mohl, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Mohl, also of Tarrytown, were united in marriage on December 24. The ceremony was performed in Tarrytown by the bride's father, who is general secretary of the Section of Education and Cultivation of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions. The young couple will reside in Clinton, N. Y., where the groom is a student in Hamilton College.

A Personal Tribute to Walter B. West

By EMBREE H. BLACKARD

Standing upon the windswept deck of a ship in the Atlantic Ocean on the first day of the new year, I received a wireless that my dear friend, Walter B. West, had died. That night as the wind blew in my face under the starry sky, I felt a presence and I knew that Walter West was not dead but that his spirit had only been released from its mortal body to enter the world where time and space are measureless.

I feel I must express the admiration and love in which he was held by all who really knew him. For nearly twenty-five years I have known him, and for nearly that long have claimed him as an intimate friend. I had the privilege of being a fellow pastor with him in the city of Charlotte. I served with him in the Bishops' Cabinet. For the past few years I have been closely associated with him on the staff of Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

Through all these experiences I found him a true Christian gentleman. Walter West, as did our Master, had the capacity to rise in white indignation in the face of insincerity, underhandedness, hypocrisy, and every form of evil. He had the courage to stand for right under all circumstances. His heart was filled with the milk of human kindness. I have seen him in the Cabinet fight not only for his own men but for others, in order that some minister or minister's family might not be hurt in a move. I have seen his pastor's heart go out in love and tenderness to the ill, the aged, and the bereft.

Probably the true, innermost nature of a minister is revealed when the professional pressures are released and he takes his place in the ranks of disciples. When Walter West retired and moved to his home in Asheville, he retired only in name. He sought to continue to love and serve people as he did during his long ministry. His presence at church, in the nursing homes and at the hospitals in Asheville was a source of comfort and inspiration to all he met. How calm and serene, how fraught with blessings were those last happy years! That he was greatly beloved is easy to understand.

Walter West was a conscientious and hard working minister throughout his career. He served on three of our important districts and was pastor of several of our most challenging churches. For several quadrenniums he was our representative on the General Board of Missions and Church Extension, and made a valuable contribution as a member of its executive committee.

He and Mrs. West maintained for nearly fifty years a beautiful Christian home. They were constant companions and sweethearts always. They truly lived before their children and the world the gospel they preached and taught.

I cannot say, and I will not say, that Walter West is dead. A life of such quality and dimensions can never die. During his days on earth he bound many to him with the ties of friendship. As I think of the eternal world to which he has gone, I visualize the glorious fellowship he is having again with C. C. Weaver, Burge Abernethy, C. N. Clark, Ben Kilgo and others to whom he gave himself in devoted friendship.



WALTER B. WEST

Rev. Harmon Smith Prepares Church School Lessons

The Rev. Harmon L. Smith, assistant to the dean in Duke Divinity School and former pastor of the Grace Methodist Church in Burlington, is the author of the nine-session unit, "What it Means to be a Church Member." The unit appears in the January-February-March issue of *Bible Lessons for Youth*, a publication of the Methodist Church, published in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bible Lessons for Youth is an illustrated study quarterly for pupils in Sunday morning classes, designed to involve the pupil's active use of his own Bible. Lessons include selected verses and interpretation of scripture, illustrations from life, and activity designed to relate the pupil's learning to his own life experience. Feature articles deal with subjects of current interest.

Need A Heating Plant?

Dear Dr. Starnes:

I have a good used coal furnace complete, which was converted to use oil; the oil burner is complete, and both are in good condition. It can be installed for either coal or oil. I will be glad to give this to any small Methodist church which will come and get it. It is in Asheboro. It was used in a seven-room house, and is cheaper to operate with coal. It is a steam boiler.

I will appreciate it if you will call the attention of your readers to this, and the first who calls may have it. If someone prefers to use coal, then the oil burner will be available for someone else.

Very truly yours,
—N. M. HARRISON

Phone 888-4301

N. C. Council of Churches Annual Meeting Jan. 30-Feb. 1

The North Carolina Council of Churches will hold its annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31-February 1, in Raleigh. Headquarters will be White Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1704 Oberlin Road. (Oberlin Road enters into Hillsboro Street two blocks east of the State College campus and runs to Highway 70 bypass at the Glenwood Shopping Center). Dr. C. W. Robbins is president and will preside.

All meetings except the business session Wednesday morning are open to the public.

Meal reservations must be made in advance to insure service for all. Send reservations (no money) to Mrs. Leslie B. Evans, 1600 Craig Street, Raleigh, or to the Council office, Durham, before January 26.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, January 30

(White Memorial Church)

6:00 p.m.—Department of United Church Women, Board of Managers' Dinner.

Tuesday, January 31

(White Memorial Church)

9:00 a.m.—Registration for Pastors' Conference and UCW Meeting (\$1.00). 10:00 a.m., Pastors' Conference opens: Dr. Bernard Boyd, speaker; 11:30 a.m., Dr. Theodore O. Wedel speaks to Pastors' Conference; 12:45 p.m., Lunch for Pastors' Conference, Dr. Benjamin Mays, speaker.

(St. Michael's Episcopal Church)

12:45 p.m., Lunch for UCW.

(Hayes-Barton Methodist Church)

2:00 p.m., Pastors' Conference, Dr. Boyd. 3:00 p.m., Pastors' Conference, Dr. Wedel. 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Dinner for all, Mrs. Murdoch McLeod, speaker.

(White Memorial Church)

7:45 p.m., Evening worship service, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, preaching.

(White Memorial Church)

Wednesday, February 1

(White Memorial Church)

9:30 a.m., Annual Assembly of Council; committee reports; election of officers. 12:30 p.m., Dedication of Migrant Station Wagon. 1:00 p.m., Closing Luncheon; awarding of citation; installation of new officers; Dr. Carlyle Marney, speaker.

Public Service Announcement

A study course of interest to teen-agers and adults of this community will be held at St. Mark Methodist Church in Greenmeade. The study, entitled *The Stumbling Block*, concerns alcohol and the Christian's responsibility. Classes will begin Sunday, January 22, and continue through Wednesday, January 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. A nursery will be open for your convenience. The schedule planned will be as follows:

Sunday: Films plus a question and answer period, led by Albert J. Schulman, consultant of the Lenoir County Health Department.

Monday: A member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tuesday: "The Bible and Alcohol." by Rev. R. Bruce Pate.

Wednesday: "Christian Responsibility," by Rev. R. Bruce Pate.

The public is cordially invited to attend all or any of these sessions.

Book Reviews

The Royal Road to Heaven, by Alan Redpath. Fleming H. Revell Company, Westwood, New Jersey. 248 pages. \$3.50.

This book of 34 short chapters is a series of studies in First Corinthians by the pastor of the Moody Church of Chicago, a great preacher who has followed in a succession of great preachers, at a very great and influential church. The outstanding feature of this very helpful book is the fact that he gets down to business with the kind of expository preaching that makes you feel that he is opening up this great epistle just to reveal your own individual needs. It is pointed, pungent, practical preaching, from beginning to end, that has no time to seek out well-rounded phrases, but plenty of time to reveal the love and solicitude of the heart of the great missionary who wrote the epistle.

The theme is introduced by Avis B. Christiansen's beautiful poem entitled **The Royal Route to Heaven**. Part I under ten arresting chapter headings sets forth Disciple for the Journey. Part II warns of the Dangers of the Journey in ten chapters. The remaining fourteen chapters in Part III instruct us as to the Dynamic for the Journey. Four of these chapters: Love Is the Way; The Love Life; The Permanence of Love; and The Victory of Love, are based upon the great love classic, chapter 13. These four alone are worth the price of the book. These messages are as modern as tomorrow, because they speak to the needs of the human heart for all time.—V. T. Crawford.

Better Music Program Held At High Point

Dr. Carl King, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference, has held three area meetings in which the emphasis has been on better music for worship and in the educational program of the church. One was held at Charlotte, one at Asheville, and the latest at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14. A banquet meeting was held Friday evening at which Mr. V. Earl Copes, to whom Dr. King referred in this introduction as the head man in music in the Methodist church, was the speaker. Group meetings were held Friday evening and Saturday, at which some 200 people were in attendance. Mr. Walter Ball, choirmaster of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, and others took part on the program along with Mr. Copes. The purpose of the program is to provide the best in music for the church. Mr. Copes stated that for 150 years the church had no one responsible for this part of its program; that in 1955 Dr. Walter Towner, of the Local Church Division, invited a group for a conference in Estes Park, Colo. Some 85 people attended, and from that small beginning the present program has developed. Those interested in better music have organized into what is known as NaFOMM (National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians). Mr. Howard Coble of the High Point Church, has ably represented the conference in national meetings and has presented it to the cabinet of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. The movement has the endorsement of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. The High Point meeting was well attended and it is believed will contribute much toward a better musical program.

WNC Ministers Will Meet In Evangelistic Mission

The Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference is planning to hold an Evangelistic Mission to Ministers at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, on Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31. It is emphasized that the mission is for ministers only. It is to be a time of spiritual inventory and enrichment for the preachers as they face the responsibilities of leading their churches in a great evangelistic program. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preside and the program will run from 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 30, to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, the 31st. Every minister in the conference is expected to attend. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on Monday with devotions at 1:30 conducted by Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, and the song service led by Rev. R. T. Montfort. Ministers are asked to include the mission in their prayers during the two weeks of January 15-29. The purpose of this mission is to give emphasis to the church-wide slogan for the quadrennium, "Jesus Christ Is Lord." A number of outstanding leaders will participate in the mission. We give the program for the two-day meeting:

Monday, January 30

11:00 a.m.—Registration.

1:30 p.m.—Devotions, Dr. Walter J. Miller, Rev. R. T. Montfort, song leader.

2:00 p.m.—"Our Urgent Need," Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

2:45 p.m.—"The Pastor's Concern," Dr. Ted Hightower.

3:30 p.m.—"The Motives for Evangelism," Dr. G. Ernest Thomas.

4:15 p.m.—"The Gospel We Preach," Dr. Mack B. Stokes.

5:30 p.m.—Free time.

6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Supper.

7:00 p.m.—Worship in Song, Rev. R. T. Montfort, song leader.

7:30 p.m.—"Dynamic Discipleship," Dr. G. Ernest Thomas.

8:15 p.m.—Evangelistic service, Bishop Roy Short.

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 a.m.—Devotions, Rev. Harlan Creech, Rev. R. T. Montfort, song leader.

9:00 a.m.—"The Evangelistic Pulpit," Bishop Roy Short.

9:45 a.m.—"Evangelism in the Local Church," Dr. Ted Hightower.

10:30 a.m.—"The Sacraments," Dr. Mack B. Stokes.

11:15 a.m.—"Gone Out To Do It"—Bishop Roy Short.

11:45 a.m.—Closing worship, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

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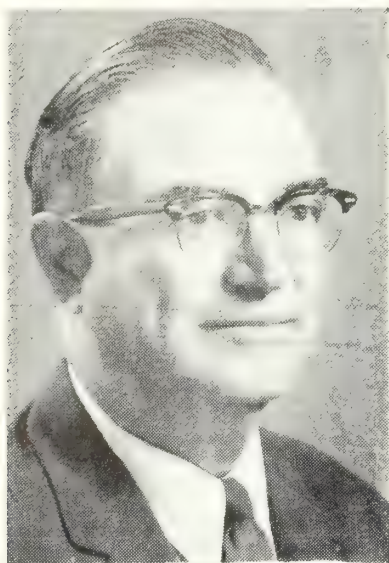
Change In Appointment

Bishop Paul Neff Garber has authorized the appointment of Harry Jordan to Murfreesboro effective January 17. He comes from Roseboro and succeeds Owen Fitzgerald who has been moved to Snow Hill.

—ROBERT L. JEROME

District Superintendent

N. C. Conference Plans 21 Subdistrict Christian Workers' Schools for 1961



REV. C. FREEMAN HEATH
Executive Secretary, N. C. Conference
Board of Evangelism, Clinton



DR. B. G. CHILDS
Prof. Duke University, Durham, Retired



MRS. T. M. MAXWELL
Laboratory Instructor, Rocky Mount

Twenty-one Subdistrict Christian Workers' Schools have been scheduled in the North Carolina Conference for the early months of 1961. Eighty-eight courses will be taught in these schools, including three Observation Laboratories. There will be courses for workers with children and youth, teachers and leaders of adult classes and groups, church school officers, commission members, and general courses in the areas of the Bible, Christian Beliefs, Evangelism, Stewardship, Protestantism, Worship, Music, Alcohol Education, etc. Some of these schools will offer courses for young people.

These schools are planned and financed cooperatively by the Conference Board of Education and the Subdistrict Boards of Managers. The Conference Board of Education secures certified instructors and pays one-half of the instructor honoraria for each accredited school. A large part of the Church School Rally Day Offering is used for this purpose. The local Board of Managers promotes and supervises the school, provides one-half of the instructor honoraria, and the room, board and travel expenses for all the instructors.

The Subdistrict Schools are vital for an adequately trained leadership for our churches. Our conference goal is an annual accredited school in each subdistrict. These subdistrict schools should be supplemented by local church training classes and one-teacher schools. Many local churches are adopting a continuous plan for recruiting and training workers. The Conference Board of Education can assist local church leaders in setting up such a plan.

As a special service to the smaller churches, the Conference Board of Education will provide the full honorarium for an accredited instructor in a one-teacher school for a rural circuit or small station church. In such a school the local church or churches provide the travel expenses, room and

board of the instructors. The following courses are available in such schools: *Christian Education in the Small Church*, *How to Improve the Church School*, *Goals and Materials for Methodist Church Schools* and *How to Teach in the Church School*. Application blanks for this special service may be secured from the Conference Board of Education office, P. O. Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Subdistrict schools scheduled for the first months of 1961 are as follows: Bladen Subdistrict School, Trinity Church, Elizabethtown, January 16-18:

Working With Kindergarten Children—Mrs. P. M. Camak, Wilmington

Teaching Primary and Junior Children—Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Wilmington

Guiding Youth—Rev. Herman Winberry, Louisburg.

Helping Adults Learn—Rev. Harold D. Minor, Durham.

Cumberland County School, Hay Street Church, January 22-26:

Helping Children Grow in Christian

Faith—Mrs. V. E. Queen, Elizabeth City.
The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth—Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton.

Adult Work in the Church School—Rev. E. R. Shuller, Grifton.

Christian Education in the Church—Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke Divinity School.

The Story of Protestantism—Dr. Charles R. Young, Duke University, Durham.

Old Testament: Content and Values—Dr. H. E. Myers, Durham.

Goldsboro Area School, St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, January 22-26:

Working With Nursery Children—Mrs. E. K. Kraybill, Durham.

Working With Children in the Small Church—Mrs. O. V. Elkins, Durham.

Guiding Junior Highs—Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh.

Christian Love and the Facts of Life—Rev. Marvin Vick, Kinston.

Young Adult Work in the Church—Rev. Harold Minor, Durham.

Developing Christian Workers—Rev. C. F. Grill, Burgaw.

Old Testament: Content and Values—Dr. W. F. Stinespring, Duke Divinity School, Durham.

Christian Beliefs—Dr. Thomas Langford, Duke University, Durham.

New Bern Subdistrict School, Centenary Church, New Bern, January 23-25:

Teaching Children—Mrs. J. A. Auman, Hertford.

Guiding Seniors—Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Raeford.

Helping Adults Learn—Rev. T. J. Whitehead, Graham.

Old Testament: Content and Values—Rev. R. F. McKee, New Bern.

Dare Subdistrict School, Bethany Church, Wanchese, January 23-15:

Understanding Youth—Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Snow Hill.

Developing Christian Workers—Rev. C. P. Morris, Durham.

What It Means to Be a Christian—Dr. B. G. Childs, Durham.

Crusading Subdistrict School, Scotland Neck, January 29-February 1

Working With Primary Children—Rev. Wesley Brogan, Durham.

Understanding Youth—Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Snow Hill.

How to Improve the Church School—Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke Divinity School, Durham.

Christian Beliefs—Rev. T. A. Collins, N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

Chowan-Perquimans Subdistrict School, Hertford, January 29-February 2

The Use of the Bible With Children—Mrs. V. E. Queen, Elizabeth City.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., Raleigh.

Music in the Small Church—Rev. Bruce Pate, Kinston.

Paul, the Man and His Work—Rev. Walter McDonald, Louisburg College, Louisburg.

Laurinburg Area School, First Church, Laurinburg, January 29-February 2:

Junior Observation Laboratory—Mrs. T. M. Maxwell, Rocky Mount.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. Conrad Glass, Durham.

How to Teach in the Church School—Rev. J. L. Joyce, Garner.

How to Read and Study the Bible—Dr.

R. M. White, Richmond, Va.
Facing the Alcohol Problem—Rev. Fred Still, Red Springs.
 Wilmington Area School, Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, February 5-9:
Teaching Nursery and Kindergarten Children—Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Wilmington.
Junior Observation Laboratory—Mrs. T. M. Maxwell, Rocky Mount.
The Use of the Bible in Teaching—Rev. R. L. Bame, Wilmington.
Christian Evangelism—Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Clinton.
 Snow Hill Subdistrict School, Snow Hill, February 7-9:
Teaching Nursery and Kindergarten Children—Mrs. P. M. Camak, Wilmington.
Understanding Primary and Junior Children—Mrs. E. H. Smotherman, Hookerton.
The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth—Rev. Walter McDonald, Louisburg College, Louisburg.
Christian Beliefs—Dr. Gunter Sommer, Louisburg College, Louisburg.
 Oxford-Henderson Area School, Oxford, February 7-9:
Primary Observation Laboratory—Rev. Wesley Brogan, Durham.
Teaching Nursery and Kindergarten Children—Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf, Durham.
Christian Beliefs—Dr. Thomas Langford, Duke University, Durham.
 Rougemont-Bahama Area School, Mt. Sylvan Church, February 19-21
Working With Primary Children—Mrs. P. F. Newton, Burlington.
Guiding Junior Highs—Rev. Frank Berry, Rougemont.
Understanding Ourselves—Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh.
Old Testament: Contents and Values—Dr. Boyd Daniels, Duke University, Durham.
 Washington-Tyrell Subdistrict School, Plymouth, February 19-21:
Understanding Children—Mrs. V. E. Queen, Elizabeth City.
The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. James Auman, Hertford.
Helping Adults Learn—Rev. Harold Minor, Durham.
Christian Worship—Rev. Vergil Queen, Elizabeth City.
 Pembroke Area School, February 20-22:
Training Children—Rev. Wesley Brogan, Durham.
The Methodist Youth Fellowship—Rev. Conrad Glass, Durham.
Helping Adults Learn—Rev. Fred Still, Red Springs.
 Person County School, Long Memorial Church, Roxboro, February 26-28:
Working With Nursery Children—Mrs. E. K. Kraybill, Durham.
Teaching Children—Rev. Wesley Brogan, Durham.
Understanding Youth—Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., Raleigh.
The Use of the Bible in Adult Groups—Rev. Harold Minor, Durham.
How to Read and Study the Bible—Dr. E. L. Hillman, Durham.
 Jacksonville Subdistrict School, Trinity Church, Jacksonville, February 26-28:
Teaching Children—Mrs. W. R. Stevens, Wilmington.
Finding Your Life Work—Dr. B. G. Childs, Durham.
Helping Adults Learn—Rev. E. R. Shull-

er, Grifton.
How to Teach in the Church School—Mrs. E. I. Terry, Raleigh.
 Williamston Subdistrict School, Williamston, March 5-9:
Teaching Children—Mrs. T. M. Maxwell, Rocky Mount.
Helping Adults Learn—Rev. Fred Still, Red Springs.
Christian Education in the Small Church—Rev. R. E. Walston, Ahoskie.
 Swansboro Area School, Swansboro, March 5-9:
Teaching Children in the Small Church—Rev. Wesley Brogan, Durham.
Guiding Youth—Rev. Kermit Wheeler, Raeford.
New Testament: Content and Value—Dr. H. E. Myers, Durham.
 Warren County School, Wesley Memorial Church, Warrenton, March 5-7:
Understanding Children—Mrs. V. E. Queen, Elizabeth City.
The Use of the Bible in Adult Groups—Rev. Harold Minor, Durham.
The Meaning of Methodism (taught Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 1960 by Rev. Jack Crum, Hope Mills).
 Northampton Subdistrict School, Conway, March 12-14:
Teaching Children—Mrs. T. A. Collins, Rocky Mount.
Guiding Youth—Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton.
Understanding Ourselves—Rev. E. C. Shoaf, Durham.
Christian Beliefs—Rev. T. A. Collins, N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.
 Pittsboro Area School, Pittsboro, April 9-10, 16-17:
Working With Nursery Children—Mrs. E. K. Kraybill, Durham.
Working With Junior Children—Mrs. T. M. Maxwell, Rocky Mount.
Understanding Youth—Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., Raleigh.
Christian Love and the Facts of Life—Rev. E. C. Shoaf, Durham.
Christian Stewardship—Dr. Morris Husted, Stedman.

High Point College Students Hear Lecture

Mr. Richard Thomas, world traveler and lecturer, spoke before the weekly student-faculty at High Point College on Wednesday, January 11. Mr. Thomas took as his topic "What it is like to live and go to college in the Soviet Union."

Mr. Thomas goes behind the Iron Curtain every year, visiting the USSR and the Central European satellites. He has a working knowledge of seven languages, including Russian, and has conversed with natives not only in the Ukraine, the Caucasus, and Khazakstan, but also in Siberia, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia.

Mr. Thomas is one of the very few American reporters to get into Communist China and to get out again. This was an adventure that nearly cost him his life, and which invariably keeps audiences on the edge of their seats.

He has just recently returned from his sixth trip behind the Iron Curtain, and has a fantastic story about the Russians and what they are up to. He also has solid proposals as to what the United States must do to offset the Kremlin's plans.

\$17,000 In Educational Grants At Scarritt College

As a part of its plan to implement the 1960-64 Quadrennial Emphasis, Scarritt College has assigned a total of \$17,000 of its scholarship funds to be used for training young people in Christian education. With the theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," the Quadrennial Emphasis has directed Methodists to "Let us serve him by recruiting youth and adults."

To meet the severe shortage of trained directors of Christian education, and to encourage more young people to become certified directors, Scarritt is offering 25 full-tuition scholarships amounting to \$600 each for the 1961-62 academic year. No service is required to hold one of these scholarships for they are awarded on the basis of vocational choice. Additional grants are available for those who need more financial assistance in getting this training.

In addition to these grants for educational assistance, Scarritt has just announced six graduate assistantships amounting to \$1,700 each. These awards pay all the expenses of a student at Scarritt for the academic year 1961-62, and require service in the department of study chosen by the student. These assistantships are available in Christian education, missions, church and community, Christian life and thought, and the fine arts (religious drama and church music).

Application for these awards must be sent to Scarritt by March 15. Those awarded the full-tuition grants must have at least two years training in a liberal arts college before entering Scarritt, while the graduate assistantships are awarded only to those who already have a bachelor's degree. Further information, including application blanks, may be obtained by writing the Director of Public Relations of Scarritt College, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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Fayetteville District Youth Rally Held At Haymount Church

The Cumberland, Richmond, Moore-Montgomery, and the Walter Peele Subdistricts of the Fayetteville District were represented at a Junior High Youth Rally, held at the Haymount Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 2:30, where one hundred thirty-four junior high Methodist Youth Fellowship members, counselors, pastors, advisors, and interested adults were present. The Rev. T. R. Jenkins is the pastor of Haymount Church.

The Rev. W. P. Lowdermilk, Fayetteville District youth director, led the rally with an opening devotional message as he followed the theme for the meeting, "Where Are You Going?"

A number of MYF'ers took part in "An Imaginary Skit," that took place on Mars, where the characters gave reports of findings they received after visiting the different assignments of Methodist Youth Fellowships throughout the Fayetteville District of Planet Earth. The spacemen's reports to their Mars teacher consisted of their impressions of MYF groups they had visited which included programs, activities, recreation, fellowship, and worship experiences in the given area. The skit was concluded as the last space man described a perfect MYF that he had visited and his report had been televised and this was given. The guest speaker was then introduced as Mr. Raymond Luper, Hay Street Methodist Church lay speaker, Fayetteville, who brought to the group an inspiring and unforgettable message on the topic, "Where Are You Going?" Following his message the final Mars reporter described a dedication service, which concluded the Junior High Youth Rally as several MYF'ers led the group in a closing service of dedication.

Refreshments were served by the Haymount MYF'ers and their counselors in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Following the rally, Miss Martha Jeanne Henson, the Fayetteville District junior high leader, met with the counselors, pastors, and advisors present to discuss and evaluate the youth program of the afternoon. This committee decided on a date for the spring junior high rally, which will be held Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 2:30, at the Raeford Methodist Church, Raeford. The program for the spring rally will consist mainly of the promotion of the camping program for the summer months. Various pamphlets, brochures, booklets, and promotional materials were distributed to the committee members. The local church groups were encouraged to plan a Christian Adventure Week in their churches during the summer months and to use the study that is to be offered for the vacation church school course, *Making Our Group Christian*, by Melle Morton. Mention was also made of the two mission studies for junior highs, *Into All the World Together*, and *Heritage and Horizon*, and a list of the textbooks for these courses was handed out.

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A member of the Virginia Conference, Chaplain A. R. Cook, recently led in the planting of a Japanese cherry tree at the Protestant chapel of the naval air station in Memphis, Tenn. The tree had been sent in return for chapel contributions to International Christian University in Japan.

Spencer Memorial Breaks Ground For New Church



Spencer Memorial Methodist Church, Charlotte, Rev. V. A. Morton, pastor, broke ground for the new sanctuary December 18. Also included with the sanctuary building program is a chapel to seat 60 people, pastor's study, church office, and a conference room. The sanctuary will seat 350, and the total cost will be \$130,000. Construction is already underway. The church is located at 1025 E. 36th Street in Charlotte. The church will continue to use the present building as an educational unit. A new parsonage is planned for the near future. Shown in the picture, from left to right, are Mrs. O. G. Nelson, Frank Sudreth, Rev. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent, Rev. Gilbert Miller, a former pastor, Rev. Vernon A. Morton, the present pastor, and J. B. Johnson, chairman of the Building Committee.

Vocations Conference To Be Held At Pfeiffer

Misenheimer—The annual Christian Vocations Conference for the Albemarle District of the Methodist Church will be held at Pfeiffer College on Sunday, January 22, from 2:30 to 5:45 p.m., with an attendance of 300 expected. Keynote speaker for the conference will be Pfeiffer president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II.

Purpose of the conference which will attract Methodist youth from Anson, Union and Stanly Counties representing more than 100 churches will be to offer information and guidance in a wide range of careers and professions. The Reverend A. James Clemmer, director of Religious Life at Pfeiffer College, is director of the conference.

Career areas and group leaders are as follows:

Legal profession, Paul Ervin, Charlotte attorney; the business administration and secretarial science, Mrs. George Stovall, Pfeiffer faculty member, and Picket Sanback, Wadesboro; general business, Bryan Moore, Wadesboro; agriculture, George Hobson, Mecklenburg County farm agent; science, Drs. Charles Foreman, Sherman Burson, and Harold Stephenson, Pfeiffer faculty members; medical and nursing profession, Dr. Joseph Ross, Albemarle, and Mrs. Fred T. Hollis, Misenheimer; social work, Rev. Glenn Bush, Pfeiffer faculty; and teaching profession, Dr. Cameron West and Dr. Lloyd Lowder, Pfeiffer faculty members.

Wesleyan College Trustees Establish Costs For 1961-62

Luther W. Hill, chairman of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College, convened the Fall meeting of the Board on the campus in Rocky Mount just before Christmas. This marked the first formal meeting of the Board on the campus of the newly-opened college.

All of the trustees present expressed great satisfaction at the beauty and utility of the three buildings. Authority was voted to formally accept them from the contractor as soon as a few minor touches are completed.

The official dedication and the laying of the cornerstone for the three main academic buildings of North Carolina Wesleyan College will be held on Thursday afternoon, February 16, 1961, at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees, issues an open invitation to all friends of the college to be present on the campus at this time. The activities are planned to take place on the visitors' parking lot at the back entrance of the Administration Building. In the event of unpleasant weather the exercises will be conducted in the chapel, with the cornerstone-laying outside.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop and benefactor of the college, will share in the program along with church and lay officials of the Rocky Mount District.

A feature of the work of the Board was the establishment of costs for the second academic year in the life of the college. Tuition and fees were established as \$495 for the academic year (\$247.50 per semester). This includes academic charges, laboratory fees, student activity program and other similar charges. A small additional charge will be added for health services, approximately \$10.00.

For the privilege of enjoying beautiful new dormitories, room rent was established at the rate of \$180.00 per year (\$90.00 per semester). Rooms in both men's and women's dormitories are planned for two persons. Each room will have new furniture, wardrobes and a lavatory-dressing table.

The cafeteria, now under construction, will be ready for food service next Fall. The charge for board to resident students next year will be \$450.00 for the academic year (\$250.00 per semester).

The total program and facilities of the college will be greatly expanded next school year. Six to eight new faculty members will be added, maintaining the high calibre of the present staff. A broad expansion of course offerings is planned by the curriculum committee and the administration for freshman and sophomore classes.

Plans for the gymnasium have been approved and this should be completed, thus available for use sometime during the next academic year. Professor Bauer is busy laying out baseball diamonds, tennis courts and other outside facilities for the growing athletic program of the college.

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Stacy M. Reed, prominent Washington, D. C., attorney, has succeeded Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam as chairman of the board of trustees of Sibley Memorial Hospital there.

Thomasville District Conference At Welcome

The Thomasville District Conference met Sunday afternoon, January 8, at Center Methodist Church, Welcome. The conference was opened at 2:00 p.m., by Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, resident bishop of the Charlotte Area, spoke during the worship service which followed. The Rev. Dwight Pyatt was elected secretary, with Rev. Rodney Brown and Rev. W. C. Clark elected associates. Committees representing every phase of the church program were elected by the conference, and each made its report concerning the work in its field. A highlight of the conference was the licensing of four young men from the district to preach. Their names and the church from which they come are: William Henry Dingus, South Davidson; Ralph Hill Eanes, Jr., Thomasville Memorial; Cletus Alfred Pope, Jr., Thomasville First; Thomas Bruce Smith, Mt. Carmel, Ebenezer. Five men were recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial: David Stanley Bullins, Hopewell; William Henry Dingus, South Davidson; Cameron Morrison Dodson, Mocksville Circuit; George Roland Mullinix, Macedonia; Cletus Alfred Pope, Jr., Thomasville, First. Renewals of license to preach were granted to Dennie Benjamin Bearden, Archie Lee Spurgeon Disher, Ernest Randall Lanier, Calvin Clay Manning, Fred Gilbert Morrison, Sr., John Sidney Pascal. For recommendation to the Annual Conference for Approved Supply Status were: Bennie Benjamin Bearden, Archie Lee Spurgeon Disher, John Sidney Pascal. Continued as approved supplies were: William Robert Frost, Lee Roy Hunt, Carl Anderson Lain, Michael Alvin Latham, Jesse Gray Scott, Isaac Jones Terrell, Artis Theodore Tuttle. The district committee on ministerial qualifications was granted authority to take action on matters of ministerial qualifications within its jurisdiction. A district-wide program of Stewardship, presented by the Board of Lay Activities, was voted by the conference. Every church in the district will be engaged in this effort to be called "The Every Member Canvass," January 8-April 30. The Rev. Roland P. Gibbs, director, Field Service and Finance, was secured to promote and direct the program. The financial, as well as numerical reports showed the district is making fine progress in the work of the church.

—DWIGHT PYATT, Secretary

Two Methodists In Cabinet Of New President

Two Methodists will serve in President-elect Kennedy's cabinet. They are North Carolina's ex-governor, Luther Hodges, who will be Secretary of Commerce, and J. Edward Day of Los Angeles, who on December 17 was named Postmaster General.

Day is vice-president of Prudential Life Insurance Company and heads its Western Division office. He has been a member of the official board of Wilshire Church in Los Angeles. A year ago Governor Hodges addressed more than 12,000 fellow Methodists at an evangelistic rally in Raleigh.

Dr. and Mrs. Madison Given Stereophonic Hi-Fi Set

A representative committee of ministers and wives of the Greensboro District surprised their district superintendent, Dr. J. Clay Madison, and Mrs. Madison with a stereophonic hi-fi set on Thursday, December 15, a gift from the entire district.

Appearing at the district parsonage at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, the group loudly demanded lunch. While Mrs. Madison, a bit pale from this avalanche of hungry humanity, investigated the possibilities of her refrigerator, the hi-fi set was smuggled into the living room and set up.

According to the recipients, it was just what they wanted. Therefore, everyone was very, very happy and in high spirits. This happiness was further enhanced when the group was invited to the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Mel Harbin for an enjoyable luncheon and fellowship.

The committee present included Rev. Charles Shannon, president of the district ministers, and Mrs. Shannon, Rev. and Mrs. Mark Tuttle, president of the wives' group, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Wilkinson, Rev. and Mrs. Austin Hamilton, and the hosts, Rev. and Mrs. Mel Harbin. Mrs. Harbin headed this committee.

Stamp Honors Methodist Educator

One of the more important issues of postage stamps in 1960 in Korea was that issued by the Ministry of Communications commemorating the 75th anniversary of the beginning of modern education there. On August 3, 1885, the Rev. Dr. Henry Appenzeller, the first Methodist missionary in Korea, began to teach two students in a class which later developed into Pai Chai Methodist School for Boys in the city of Seoul. At 8:30 a.m. on August 3, 1960, the head postmaster officiated at a ceremony in the name of the Republic of Korea, commemorating this auspicious beginning of the modern educational system of Korea 75 years ago. Representing the Appenzeller family, Mrs. Ruth Appenzeller was present at the ceremony, as were also Dr. Helen Kim and Miss Marion L. Conrow of Ewha Woman's University.

"Thus the present government of the Republic of Korea publicly recognizes the significant contribution of Christianity and missionary endeavor in the training of Korean youth for citizenship in the nation that has now taken a proud place of independence among the peoples and governments of the world," notes Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions.

Culbreth Memorial Church Breaks Ground



Reading from left to right, Mr. Marcus G. McKnight, chairman of the Official Board and church lay leader; Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District; Rev. Wm. P. Lowdermilk, pastor; and Mr. James H. Horne, chairman of the Building Committee.

Culbreth Memorial Methodist Church, Fayetteville, held groundbreaking ceremonies for its new church on Thanksgiving day at 10:00 a.m. Shown in the above picture is the Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, as he lifts the first shovel of dirt. Following Mr. Dunn were Mr. Marcus G. McKnight, chairman of the official board and church lay leader; Rev. Wm. P. Lowdermilk, pastor;

and Mr. James H. Horne, chairman of the building committee. After these four had performed, each one present in the picture was invited to come and turn a spade of earth. The church was organized in 1940 with the Rev. Walter E. Smith as its first pastor. At the 1958 Annual Conference it became a station church. It is now being relocated. The structure, now under construction, is the first unit of the educational building, and will cost around \$56,000.

Goldsboro District Conference

By DALLAS MALLISON

A new and imaginative format for a district conference was unveiled at Roseboro on Friday, January 13, when the Rev. M. W. Lawrence conducted the 1961 Goldsboro District Conference, the first he has directed as the new superintendent of the Goldsboro District.

The new format or plan has many good points and commends itself for possible use with other district conferences, though this is probably not the first time the basic structure has been employed. Its advantages are that it avoids the dull repetition of dozens of short talks which clutter up a day's program. Besides being refreshing and attention-holding, it is also informative and educational.

Instead of allotting a few minutes to every cause and program which run into the scores in Methodism, the Rev. Mr. Lawrence selected about six which for various reasons need emphasis or attention at this particular time perhaps more than the others though all are important or else they would not be promoted by Methodists. These particular causes are explored in depth with authorities to present them.

The Goldsboro district superintendent devoted large segments of the day's program, which ran from 9:45 to 3:15, to Stewardship and the Every Member Canvas, Evangelism, Missions, the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Methodist Retirement Home, and Christian Higher Education.

In addition to the main speech on each of these subjects or causes, there were one or more additional talks on each accompanied with illustrations, examples or demonstrations. Each cause or subject had its "anchor man" or leader who presided. The district superintendent added his own remarks or reports in each instance.

Featured speakers included, for Evangelism and the Every Member Canvas, Dr. F. Olen Hunt; for Evangelism, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath and Dr. C. P. Morris; for Missions, Mrs. Cecil M. Pate for the District W.S.C.S., and the Conference Sermon, "My Call to the Mission Field," by the Rev. C. G. Megill; for the ADVOCATE, its editor, the Rev. S. J. Starnes; for the Retirement Home, its superintendent, the Rev. J. F. Coble; and for Christian Higher Education, its director, Dr. A. P. Brantley.

Obviously, individual committee or board reports were held to the barest minimum. This is seen from the fact that those given individual spots on the program—other than the ones featured—were the Quarterly Conference Records Committee, Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, Resolutions and Respects, and District Trustees.

Of course, there was the traditional brief opening period, including a business segment, and one for devotions. Then, too, there were such traditional facets as the introduction of guests and the selection of a place to meet next year.

The Goldsboro District is made up of 104 churches representing 57 charges and including in whole or in part Wayne, Sampson, Duplin, Greene, Johnston, Wilson, and Lenoir Counties. There are about 20,000 Methodists in the district, created in 1954 and one of the two newest in the North

Carolina Annual Conference. About 300 attended the meeting at Roseboro.

Highlighting the first half of his first year as a district superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Lawrence reported the groundbreaking of the first \$65,000 unit at the New Hope Church at Goldsboro, the dedication of the new Newton Grove church building, excellent collections and a promising and active district evangelism program.

Host Church

The host pastor was the Rev. R. H. Jordan, in his fourth year at the Roseboro Church. The church observed its 100th anniversary in 1956. It has completed an extensive renovation program, highlighted by the remodeling of the sanctuary two years ago. It now has 324 members.

Its official board chairman, Leroy Spell, welcomed delegates and visitors. Luncheon was served by the church's Woman's Society, led by its president, Mrs. Tommy Wrench.

High Point District Meeting Draws Over 400

By H. GLEN LANIER

The High Point District of the Methodist Church, which was created as a new district last June at the sessions of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, held its first district conference on Sunday, January 8, at First Methodist Church in Asheboro. The district is composed of forty-seven pastoral charges with seventy-four churches in part of Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, and Forsyth Counties.

District superintendent, Dr. Ralph Taylor, presided over the district conference, and the opening devotional was conducted by Rev. Robert Ralls, pastor of West Bend Church in Asheboro.

After the devotional, the conference was organized with the election of Rev. H. Glen Lanier, pastor of Montlieu Avenue Church in High Point, as district secretary. A Committee on Records, Rev. R. L. Oakley, Rev. C. W. Russell, and Rev. G. W. Dalton, and a Committee on Resolutions and Courtesy, Rev. R. H. Stamey, Rev. T. G. Madison, and Rev. N. L. Oliver, were elected. Elected as trustees of district property were D. S. Hedgecock and Vance Kester of High Point, Thomas C. Ragsdale of Jamestown, W. R. Stedman and J. D. Ross, Jr., of Asheboro, and W. B. Stamey of Liberty.

Bishop Richard C. Raines, of Indianapolis, president of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, conversed by long-distance telephone over a loud speaker system, with the Rev. Cecil Hefner, pastor of the host church. Dr. Carl D. Stewart, missionary to Cuba, now heading the Mission to Cuban refugees in Miami, spoke with Bishop Raines and to the conference about conditions in Cuba.

Various institutions and causes of the church were presented briefly by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education; Rev. Mrs. G. G. Adams, Sr., with the Methodist Home for the Aging, and Mr. Jack Hoyle with the Children's Home. Mrs. Adams reported that the Methodist Home in Charlotte now has 217 residents, and that construction is about to

begin on a modern health service center at the Home to care for 160 chronically ill persons. For this project almost one million dollars is now in hand.

Rev. C. W. Buckley, district statistician, reported that according to the totals of the pastors' reports, the churches have all reached the halfway mark in monies raised and in world service paid.

Three men were granted licenses to preach, and renewal of license was granted to sixteen persons. Seven persons were given the Approval Supply Status, which qualifies them for pastoral appointment under the Annual Conference, and four men having the Approved Supply status were granted renewal of the status. Two men were recommended to the Annual Conference for Admission on Trial.

The High Point College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Joe L. Fryhover, sang three selections during the closing worship service, at which time Dr. Charles D. White, secretary of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and pastor of Trinity Church in Kannapolis, delivered the Conference Sermon on "Recruitment for the Christian Ministry."

Elected as trustees for the High Point District were D. S. Hedgecock, High Point; Vance Kester, High Point; Thomas C. Ragsdale, Jamestown; J. D. Ross, Jr., Asheboro; David Stedman, Asheboro; and W. B. Stamey, Liberty.

Following the close of the conference at 5:30, the host pastor invited all in attendance to have sandwiches and refreshments in the church fellowship hall.

Western N. C. Conference Methodist Credit Union

The Methodist Credit Union of the Western North Carolina Conference will hold its annual meeting at the Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, Monday, January 23, at 2:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present to hear the reports and to take part in the election of officers. The president's report will show a membership of 361. A share balance of \$135,955. A loan balance of \$126,105.20, and a profit of \$5,232.35. Last year the Union put aside \$1,808.10 in the reserve fund. This year we will add \$1,048.48. A state law requires us to put a certain per cent into this fund each year. This Credit Union belongs to the members. As officers, we want to serve you. You can help us to improve it by attending the annual meeting.

—WORTH SWEET, President

Changes In Appointments

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the following appointments in the Burlington District:

Randall Baker to Pittsboro.

C. C. Capps to Haw River.

E. R. Clegg, retired, pastor, and W. L. Maness, retired, associate pastor, of the Pittsboro Circuit.

E. R. Clegg in charge of the Chatham and Pleasant Hill Churches, and W. L. Maness in charge of the Hickory Mountain and Brown's Chapel Churches.

Charles Hutchinson has been appointed pastor of the proposed St. Luke's Church at Green Acres, Burlington.

—W. L. CLEGG, District Supt.

Students To Hold Conference
At Duke University

The annual state-wide Methodist Student Conference will be held at Duke University January 27-29. The conference is under the sponsorship of the Interconference Commission on College and University Religious Work of the Methodist Church, working through the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina.

The purpose of the conference is expressed in the theme, "The Mission of the Church in Higher Education."

Dr. James Thomas of Nashville, associate director of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, will be the main speaker. Dr. Thomas, a native of South Carolina, received degrees from Claflin College (A.B.), Gammon Theological Seminary (B.D.), Drew University (M.A.), and Cornell University (Ph.D.). His experience includes service as public school principal, pastor, college chaplain, professor, and dean of students.

Dr. Thomas has lectured and preached at more than 60 colleges, was visiting professor at Southern Methodist University during the summer of 1958, and for two years was a consultant to the Danforth Foundation. He is a member of the boards of trustees of ten colleges.

Dr. Thomas will speak each day during the conference at the Duke Methodist Student Center. Pastors and others interested are invited to hear him and to attend the other sessions of the conference.

Presiding over the conference will be Jerry Barrier of Statesville, a Duke junior, who is president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina. Other student officers are: Charles Stanley of Hillsboro and Appalachian State, vice-president; Annie Carol Boyd of Candor and High Point College, secretary; Joan Hayes of Jamesville and Pfeiffer, treasurer; and Jane Folger of High Point and U. N. C., publicity chairman.

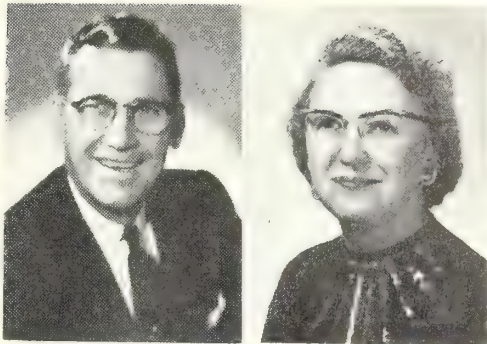
Miss Nancy Brooks of Atlanta, a senior at Duke, is student chairman of the conference. As such, she, with the help of other students from Duke and nearby schools, has been in charge of the program, registration, and housing.

The conference will include addresses, a business session, informal social periods, discussion groups led by students with the assistance of adult resource persons, a movie, recreation, and worship.

The schedule is as follows:
Friday, January 27: 3:00-5:00, register; 5:30, supper; 6:30, business meeting, including election of officers; 8:15, address by Dr. Thomas; 9:15, informal social period.

Saturday, January 28: 8:00, breakfast; 9:30, address by Dr. Thomas; 10:30, discussion groups; 11:45, international emphasis; 12:30, lunch; 2:00, address by Dr. Thomas and question period; 3:30, seminar panel; 4:30, discussion groups; 6:00, supper; 7:30, movie, "Lucky Jim," at Page Auditorium; 9:30, recreation.

Sunday, January 29: 8:30, breakfast; 9:30, business session; 11:00, worship at Duke Chapel; 12:30, lunch.



L. O. LEET MRS. I. D. MCCULLAR

Leet Stewardship Crusade
Opens at Angier Jan. 25th

The L. O. Leet Stewardship Evangelism team from Dallas, Texas, will open a 12-day crusade in the Angier Memorial Methodist Church on January 25.

Rev. M. S. Amspacher, pastor of the church, said that members are working out details of the crusade prior to the arrival of Rev. L. O. Leet.

The services will be held nightly except Saturday, at 7:30 starting on Wednesday night, January 25th, continuing through February 5th.

The team is composed of L. O. Leet and Mrs. Idalee McCullar. Both are ordained ministers of the Christian Church. For 20 years Mr. Leet has given himself to this type of ministry, and for 13 years Mrs. McCullar has assisted him in her ministry of music. This will be their 334th crusade.

Mr. Leet's education includes twelve years in three universities, acquiring degrees from Butler University, Texas Christian University, and three years of graduate work in the University of Chicago. He began his ministry in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1922. For the past twenty years he has conducted stewardship evangelism crusades across the nation.

Mrs. McCullar is an accomplished musician, director and business administrator. She has had twenty years' experience in the field of church music, with ten of those years in the evangelistic field. Her ministry of music adds greatly to the high inspiration of the services.

The Rev. M. S. Amspacher, pastor of Angier Church, extends a cordial invitation to the public to share in the blessings and benefits of this revival that is different.



Bishops Issue Call

Chicago—The Council of Bishops has issued a call for the Third National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 14-16, 1961.

In the statement, the bishops commend the General Board of Lay Activities for planning the conference and urge laymen to attend. Such conferences in the past, the bishops say, "have helped lead many Methodist laymen to a new appreciation of Christian stewardship and a commitment to the principle that all of life is a trust from God."



New director of Lake Bluff (Ill.) Children's Home is Robert V. Petracek, a staff member of the home for the past five years.

Dr. Morris L. Husted Records
"How Great Thou Art"

Many people who have attended the sessions of the North Carolina Annual Conference will be delighted to know that Dr. Morris L. Husted has made a recording of the song he sang so beautifully at the closing sessions of the conference. "How Great Thou Art" inspired the entire conference as few, if any, songs have ever done. Mr. Husted sang this great religious hymn at the request of Bishop Paul N. Garber, and the congregation stood and joined in singing the chorus as he concluded the last verse. The first rendition was given at the 1959 conference in Wilmington, then repeated at Rocky Mount in 1960, and again at the special session of Greenville in September 1960. The song was enthusiastically received by every member of the conference, and Mr. Husted has frequently been called upon to sing it for special groups throughout the conference.

Bishop Paul N. Garber makes the following statement with reference to this recording:

"I am so happy that you are making a record of 'How Great Thou Art.' This will mean very much to all of us and I look forward to having a copy of the recording as soon as it is available. I wish to endorse most heartily this action on your part. You have blessed us in our North Carolina Annual Conference by the singing of this beautiful anthem as we close the annual sessions.

"With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

(Signed:) PAUL N. GARBER."

In response to a great many individual comments and to numerous letters received the past two years Dr. Husted has made this recording along with five other numbers. The album will appear on or about February 1st on a 100% non-breakable, high fidelity, vinylite record 12" and 33 1/3 RPM.

On the first side will be "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "In the Garden." The second side will contain "The Lord's Prayer," by Mallotte; "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

He is accompanied in the same by Mrs. B. T. Williams, organist of the Cokesbury Methodist Church of Stedman, the church of which Dr. Husted is pastor.

The record is listed under the title, "Songs of Comfort," formerly used by Dr. Husted on an all-request radio program he has previously conducted over radio stations in New York and North Carolina.

Information as to how to obtain a copy of the record can be obtained by writing to Dr. Morris L. Husted, P. O. Box 31, Stedman, N. C.

Changes In Goldsboro District

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the following appointments in the Goldsboro District:

James H. Miller, Jr., to St. Luke, Goldsboro.

F. Owen Fitzgerald to Snow Hill.

Horace S. Garris to Roseboro.

—M. W. LAWRENCE
District Superintendent



Woman's Activities



Seminary in Argentina Dedicates Building

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Miss Josephine Abrams, missionary librarian at Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina, tells us that "dreams do come true" when she describes the new Carnahan building at Union Seminary in a recent issue of *Pampas Breezes*.

The building was financed entirely by churches of South America, and Miss Abrams writes, "it has provided the physical facilities so urgently needed by the seminary as it responds to the challenge of providing a theological education adequate to the expanding needs of the churches it serves."

She speaks for the entire faculty of the school when she says, "We are all grateful for the sacrifice and generosity of the many friends who have made this dream come true."

The first Carnahan memorial building erected in 1943 was a gift from friends in North America, when only twenty-four students were enrolled at the seminary. The goal for a building fund for the new building was set at a half-million Argentine pesos and was oversubscribed. This represents the largest gift ever made for a project of this size within the Argentine Methodist Conference.

Miss Abrams describes the building: "The new structure is Tudor, dignified and attractive like the Carnahan building, and with an enclosed passage from one to the other the effect of a single construction is given. The ground floor houses a large lecture hall with a seating capacity of 400. The beautiful library and three classrooms and an office occupy the first floor."

"Apartments for the dean of women and the president are on the second floor. The two top floors provide 19 dormitory rooms, one of which is being used as a prayer room, two lounges, a laundry room and a terrace for girls, as well as two apartments for single women on the seminary staff."

Miss Abrams also says that "all of the denominations that cooperate in the seminary—Disciples of Christ, Waldensians, Methodists and Presbyterians—took part in the dedication ceremony with joy and pride."

Miss Abrams is one of the missionaries supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. She is a native of Whitmire, S. C. She was commissioned in 1947 and has been stationed at Union Seminary since that time. She was a guest of the Woman's Society at its Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska in 1958. She is on the staff of *Pampas Breezes*, published quarterly.

Her address is: Miss Josephine Abrams
Camacua 282
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Methodist in Uruguay Move Ahead

The Methodist Church in Paysandu, Uruguay, is completing its second big church in this city of 60,000. The Woman's Society of Christian Service for the church started functioning in the area months before the church was built—and a third Woman's Society is in operation in the area where they hope to start building the third Methodist church. It is fitting that a Woman's Society should lead the way.

The Rev. Lawson Lee, Methodist pastor in Paysandu, writes, "Steady quiet work and a constant endeavor to serve bring results everywhere." He says his church "in twelve years has grown from a tiny group of people meeting in a small, rented room to the second largest congregation in the Conference."

In discussing the factors which have helped the church achieve this growth, he says, "Twelve years ago Uruguay was one of the most prosperous nations in South America. During the war years the Uruguayan meat, wool and hides had been eagerly bought and had brought a measure of wealth to this small country. Few people were interested in religion of any kind. There was religious liberty and tolerance of the sophisticated and wise toward those who were a little 'backward.'"

"Nevertheless, there must have been a deep-seated need for faith in Jesus Christ in the lives of many people and from the very start our small congregation grew, very slowly, to be sure, but steadily."

He was asked if the construction of the new church made any difference in attendance at the established church—but he says, "Strangely enough, it did not. The patterns of growth in the tiny hall and the new church have been the same. But on the other hand the new church made it possible for us to keep growing long after we would have been forced to stop for want of space. It also gave us an opportunity to improve our program and offer many new services to the community."

These services include study groups, week-day classes in English, carpentry, sewing, recreation programs of many kinds, social service projects of various kinds, open air preaching. In short, when they have felt that there was a need for a particular activity, they have tried to meet that need.

Back of the entire program in the established church, the new church and the church-to-be stands the faithful work of a well-organized Woman's Society in each area—dedicated women serving quietly and constantly.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Ladies' Aids to Woman's Society of Christian Service

A history of Methodist women's organizations published in the new Woman's Society of Christian Service *Guide* covering the current quadrennium, 1960-1964, is a pertinent reminder of the rich heritage which has come down through the ages to Methodist women today.

Beginning in Old John Street Church in New York City, the first organization was in the category of Ladies' Aids. Across the country similar groups were organized for the chief purpose of meeting the needs of the local church: furnishing parsonages, meeting maintenance bills for light and heat, and even paying the preacher. Members visited in the homes, made sick calls, and gave generously to the relief of needy families.

Since there was no national organization each group planned its own program subject to the Quarterly Conference. In some sections, however, district and conference associations were formed. *Every woman member of the church was considered a member of the Ladies' Aid.* This gave the women a sense of belonging, brought many women, and through them, their families into the wider activities of the church. Many churches would have been forced to close their doors had not the Ladies' Aid contributed so generously.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

In all three branches of the united branches of Methodism, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized before the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Because of an appeal from India the hope of a church-wide organization to help the people of that country was born and nurtured in the heart of a former missionary and a missionary at home on furlough. They were Mrs. William Butler and Mrs. Edwin Parker. Women from 28 Methodist churches around Boston were invited to attend a meeting on March 23, 1869, at Tremont Methodist Church. A raging storm on the appointed day, only eight women attended the meeting. The organization was completed on the following week and two missionaries were sent to India that year: Miss Isabella Thoburn, who founded the first Christian college for women, and Dr. Clara Swain, who established the first hospital for women in India. In May, 1870, the first issue of the magazine, *The Heathen Women's Friend*, was published.

In the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the work of Dr. J. W. Lambuth in China was the inspiration for the organization of two societies, one in Baltimore, Md., and the other in Nashville, Tenn. Responding to a call from Dr. Lambuth, Julianna Hayes, president of the Trinity Bible Mission, called a meeting on January 29, 1872, to consider the organization of a Woman's Bible Mission. The idea was officially endorsed by the pastors of Baltimore and the first Annual Meeting of the Woman's Bible Mission at Home and Abroad was held on May 28, 1873. Societies re-

ported contributions for home projects and for the support of a Bible woman in China.

In 1870 Mrs. M. L. Kelly, mother of a former missionary to China and then pastor of McKendree Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, with six charter members. In 1878, woman's work in foreign fields was authorized by General Conference.

The needs of two homeless little girls in Yokohama, Japan, were directly responsible for organized foreign missionaries of women of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Thus the women of Methodism, with small beginnings in India, China, and Japan, have grown until at the time of unification work had been established in 25 countries.

(Concluded next week)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

February 17 this year will mark the 75th anniversary of the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer. To celebrate this diamond jubilee year of the international World Day of Prayer church women in the United States purpose to double the number of observances to be held; double the amount of offerings, and make use of the power of prayer and fellowship in the matter of world problems.

Thirty Prayer Fellowships have been formed in the United States and Canada, as well as in five other points around the world. The five Prayer Fellowships abroad will be held in Zurich, Switzerland; Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Africa; Madras, India; Hong Kong, China; and Lima, Peru. The Prayer Fellowships will be interdenominational, interracial, and, in some cases, an international team. In the United States and Canada the teams will visit three or four points before the World Day of Prayer, holding full day meetings at each place, and featuring study, prayer, and discussion.

Chosen by local committees in designated cities, the Prayer Fellowships participants will come from a radius of 50 miles. Each participant has received an invitation directly from the New York headquarters of United Church Women.

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Rev. Harold Minor Writes On Lent And Easter

The Rev. Harold D. Minor of Durham, director of Adult Work in the North Carolina Conference, has written an article which appears in the January-February-March issue of *Bible Teacher for Adults*, a publication of the Methodist Church, published in Nashville, Tennessee. The article is entitled "Observe Lent and Prepare for Easter."

Bible Teacher for Adults contains extensive helps and enrichment material for the teacher of adult classes using *Bible Lessons for Adults*. This teacher's quarterly offers a simplified teaching plan with specific suggestions on the purpose of the lessons, beginning the session, guiding discussion, and preparing for next Sunday. The twelve pages that precede the lessons often contain articles of inspirational value and others that deal with teaching and the church's program. Pictures are used to illustrate articles and lessons.

New Film Interprets Life in Home for Retired



Life At Home is a new motion picture designed to interpret the vital role of a special home for retired persons. It has just been released by the Pacific Homes Corporation, in cooperation with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church. Produced by the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission, *Right At Home* is the story of the retired couple, Alex and Dorothy (shown above in a scene from the film) who are skeptical of such an

institution until friends induce them to pay a visit to "Kingsley Manor." Later, they choose the home instead of accepting an invitation from their only daughter, Nancy, to "come live with us." The new 16mm sound, color film may be purchased for \$195 from TRAFICO, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, Tenn., or may be rented for \$10 per showing from Cokesbury Stores. The film runs 28½ minutes, and it is cleared for television use.

A Look at Christian Higher Education Campaign in Western North Carolina Conference

By FLETCHER NELSON

The \$3,000,000 campaign for our colleges and Wesley Foundations in the Western North Carolina Conference is in its second year from the standpoint of payment on pledges. Pledges amount to \$3,323,579, although there has been some reduction in them since they were made in December 1958. Most of the pledges from the churches have been placed in church budgets and the time requested by the churches for the payment of the pledges averages about four years from June 1, 1959.

Collections as of January 1, amounted to \$1,322,656 and something over \$1,100,000 has already been distributed to the colleges and Wesley Foundations.

A look at the campaign from each of the districts follows:

	Pledge	Due 1-1-61	Paid 1-1-61	Balance
Albemarle	\$149,404	\$ 57,462	\$ 42,883	\$14,579
Asheville	248,751	91,000	84,494	6,506
Charlotte	434,124	151,434	115,694	35,740
Gastonia	272,695	131,949	132,737	.....
Greensboro	318,194	122,382	86,321	36,061
High Point	269,109	98,454	80,456	17,998
Marion	154,958	64,564	65,047	.....
N. Wilkesboro	109,300	48,216	39,722	8,494
Salisbury	203,019	80,139	62,853	17,286
Statesville	238,269	105,120	98,047	7,073
Thomasville	142,548	61,092	61,669	.....
Waynesville	122,575	55,716	43,317	12,399
Winston-Salem	338,908	115,537	119,579	.....

The above figures do not include Advance Gifts, only pledges and payments from the churches.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Picture on the Wall

The picture was not a fine work of art, and a keen critic would have called it a daub. It did not cost much money, and the frame was of plain, uncarved wood. But the picture told a story, and told it well.

The background was a rough stone wall. Above it spread a dreary sky. In the foreground a pale, sad-eyed, weary-looking girl had fallen on a stone bench, and in her arms she held a sick boy, white around his forehead just above the sunken, faded eyes. And just in front of them stood Christ, the patient, ever-loving Christ. His hand rested upon the head of the sick boy, and his eyes, so tender, so loving, so true, caught the upturned eyes of the lad, into which the light was beginning to come back.

The picture hung in a hospital on the bare whitewashed wall. And on a bed opposite the picture, tossing in a fever, lay a pathetic boy of the slums. Born of rum-cursed parents, and held in the nervous arms of a drunken mother, the boy was born with a heritage of sorrow. He knew nothing of what the word "father" meant, but knew "the old man" well enough to keep out of his way. He carried marks of beatings on his face, and when the fever came, the blue-coated policeman had found him alone in the straw of the damp floor in the cellar of his house.

He was brought to the hospital, and hands soft and delicate ministered to him. The fine Christian nurse trembled with fear at his rough language.

Slowly he grew better, and the doctor said he would pull through.

One morning the nurse came in, and raising the blind to let the light fall upon his face, said, "Shall I read to you?"

"No," said the boy, and his eyes turned toward the picture on the opposite wall. "Tell me about that picture. Who is he?"

"He is Jesus Christ," she said, and then with a prayer in her heart she told the story of His life to the boy. As she finished, she said, "Do you believe in Him?"

"I believe in you," said the boy, with almost a smile on his face.

The next morning the lad said to the nurse, "Tell me more about Him."

It was a real joy for her to tell him more of the story of Jesus. Her life had been one of hardship, but now she was trusting in Him, and His voice brought calm to the troubled waters of her life.

As she told the old, old story, the boy said, "You know Him, don't you?"

"Yes," she replied, "thank God I do."

"And He loves boys?"

"He loves everybody."

"Rough boys like me?"

"Yes, He loves you dearly."

And so, day by day, the nurse talked to him, and at last there came a time when she said again, "Do you believe in Him?"

With a new light in his eyes, the boy replied, "Yes, I believe in Him, and - - - I love Him." — Author Unknown.

AN ARGUMENT

A big silver dollar and a little brown cent Rolling along together went— Rolling along on the smooth sidewalk, When the dollar said (for dollars do talk), "You poor little cent, you cheap little mite, I am much bigger, and twice as bright. I am worth more, a hundred fold, And written on me in letters bold Is a motto drawn from a pious creed, 'In God We Trust,' which all may read."

"Yes, I know," said the cent, "I'm a cheap little mite, And I know I'm not big, nor good, nor bright. And yet," said the cent with a sweet little sigh, "You don't go to church near as often as I."

—CLIPPED

Thought For Today

Folks are proud of the fellow who can laugh when he is hurt.

It Works — Try It!

On a particularly trying day, a student at a girls' school arose and said to Alice Freeman Palmer, who was conducting a discussion, "Mrs. Palmer, you are always so cheerful. Will you tell us the secret?"

"Indeed I will," said the delightful Mrs. Palmer. "I will give you three very simple rules.

"The first is this: Commit something to memory every day—something good. It need not be much. Just a few words will do—a bit of a poem, or a motto.

"The second rule is: Look for something beautiful every day. You mustn't miss a day, or it will not work.

"My third rule is this: Do something

for somebody every day — and you mustn't miss a day.

"This is all there is to my secret. Suppose you try it," concluded Mrs. Palmer with one of her heartwarming smiles.

It is believed that these rules will work always and everywhere. They are so plain that anyone can keep them. No matter how gray the sky, these rules will make the sun shine through.—Selected.

Chuckles

Junior was being chided for his low grades. Young Robert, who lived a few doors away, was held up as an example. "I don't hear of Robert getting C's and D's," said Junior's father.

"No," Junior admitted, "but he's different. He has very bright parents."

A large woman entered a London train, and two men got up and gave her their seats. She was so big that a small boy sat gazing at her in wonder.

Presently she said impatiently, "Little boy, what are you looking at me for?"

The youngster, embarrassed, stammered, "L-l-lady, there isn't anywhere else to look."

Bible Quiz

Mothers of the Bible

1. Adam called his wife's name _____ because she was the mother of all living.
2. _____ laughed when the Lord told her she would have a son.
3. Before her son was born, _____ promised him to the Lord.
4. And _____ said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Ox, Isaiah 11:6-9
2. Dog, Matthew 7:6
3. Lions, Daniel 6:16-23
4. Hog, Leviticus 11:7-8
5. Camel, Mark 1:1-6

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Pfeiffer Names Laboratory To Commemorate Gift

Misenheimer—Pfeiffer College's modern language laboratory will be named the "Smith Reynolds Language Laboratory" in appreciation for the foundation's gift of \$15,000 toward the cost of installation.

Located in Jane Freeman Hall, the elaborate laboratory facilities will accommodate up to 30 students per laboratory session. Freshman and advance language and also speech students use the facility.

The gift was a part of more than one million dollars in awards made by the Winston-Salem foundation in late December.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JANUARY 29

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Greensboro College

Head, Department of Religious Education

WHY IS CHRIST OUR AUTHORITY?

Background Scripture: John 5

Lesson Scripture: John 5:9c-24

The idea of *witness* is paramount in John, chapters 1 through 4. Beginning with chapter 5, and running through chapter 11, we see the idea of *controversy* emerge into prominence. As a matter of fact, one of the chief devices used by the author of the fourth gospel is to set Jesus' teachings in a framework of controversy where the bickering and questioning of certain of Jesus' opponents results in throwing into high relief the discourses of the Master himself.

In the instance related in the scripture selected for today's lesson the controversy revolves about the question of Sabbath observance. When the crippled man whom Jesus had healed started carrying his pallet the sticklers for precise adherence to Sabbath rules were disturbed. One might carry such a pallet *with a sick person on it*, but not just the pallet itself!

When Jesus saw the man later in the temple he said to him: "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." Our first response to such a statement is "How could *anything worse* befall him? He had been ill thirty-eight years!"

There is, however, something worse than physical evil; that is moral evil. There are many of us who are well in body, but sadly lacking in spiritual and moral health. In III John 1:2 the author, writing to a certain Gaius says: "I pray that you may in all respects prosper and keep well, *as your soul prospers*." We might ask ourselves whether or not, in our case, this would be a good wish!

Jesus justified the healing on the Sabbath by the words: "My Father works unceasingly, and so do I" (Weymouth Translation). This is another way of saying that were God to withhold his power from the universe everything would cease to be; it is upheld by a power that never ceases to work. John's treatment of these matters suggests that he rests his acceptance of the authority of Jesus on the fact that it is derived from God. We perhaps need to emphasize again that John's gospel is, even more than others, interpretation. And throughout this gospel there is reflected the developing belief of the early church in the divinity of Jesus. His word is authoritative because, to the author of John's gospel, and to an increasing number of the faithful, it was becoming the word of God.

Francis E. Kearns, writing in the International Lesson Annual, uses an illustration from Shakespeare's "King Lear" to point up the meaning of authority. Says he: "In Shakespeare's play the conversation of the Earl of Kent with King Lear . . . the King asks the Earl 'whom wouldst thou serve?' Kent answers, 'You.' 'Dost thou know me 'ellow?' asks Lear. 'No sir, but you have that in your countenance which I fain would call master.' 'What's that?' queries the King. 'Authority!'"

Jesus was able to establish his authority among men because they saw in him the evidences of ultimate truth. Says Amiel: "Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority; it is the

highest summit of art and of life." We find in John, chapter 5, a number of suggestions as to the basis of Jesus' authority. The witness of John the Baptist is mentioned. Also the various works or "signs" wrought by Jesus are cited (see John 5:36). The scriptures are also called upon to bear their witness. In John 5:39 we read: "You search the scriptures because you suppose that in them you will find eternal life; it is those scriptures that yield evidence about me." (Weymouth).

Men seek to base their beliefs on authority because they crave security. Some see in the tendency to place more and more faith in centralized government an evidence of this desire for security. Time was when many men saw in science the ultimate authority. But now they are beginning to see that there is a higher authority than science. That authority must be one that can answer the questions science can never answer. As the problems of life seem ever to become more complex and evidently insoluble, perhaps there will be a return to the one who "taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes." At any rate, this is the Church's hope.

Service Pins Awarded At Retirement Home

The Methodist Home for the Aging in Charlotte has been in operation for twelve and one-half years. It is most appropriate that, starting this year, recognition pins for years of service be awarded to employees at their annual parties. These service awards will be presented each year hereafter for five, ten, fifteen, etc., years of service.

Our administrator, Mr. Willard S. Farrow, presented the awards at the Helpers party on December 21st.

On December 30th, Mr. Tom Little, first vice-president of the Board of Managers, in the absence of Mr. W. W. Hagood, Jr., president, presented the service pins to staff members at their annual Christmas party.

Those receiving 10-year pins this year by departments, were: Administrative: Carolyn Eargle, Gertrude Adams; Household: Ruth Mack, Floreatha O'Leary; Maintenance: John Mack, Dewitt Dunlap; Dietary: Lottie Cunningham.

Those receiving 5-year pins this year by departments, were: Administrative: Willard S. Farrow, Frances Kelley; Medical and Health: Sue Sadler, Julia Schronce, Inez Gardner, Lula H. Johnston, Viola King, Helen Wilde, Nelle M. Jewett, Christobel Jackson, Bennie Pate, Betty Pate, and Clara Davis; Dietary: Olivia C. Brockmann, Vernie Goodman, Annie Lee Hall; Maintenance: J. P. Roberts, Bob Reed; Household: Matilda Dryman, Virginia Brown, Lizzie Mae Hunter, Sarah Nichols, and Mary Ann Thompson.

Baby Sweaters From U. S. Warm Hong Kong Orphans

Baby sweaters from America are pouring into the refugee-clogged city of Hong Kong in response to an appeal from two American women who saw a need and did something about it.

The sweaters are pink, blue, yellow, white, and green. They are machine knit, hand knit, wool, nylon, embroidered, plain.

They are taken from parcels bearing the clasped hands and cross insignia of Church World Service, overseas relief agency of Protestant and Orthodox communions in the United States, which means that they are gifts of American Christians.

But the Chinese babies who are buttoned into them on chilly days at St. Christopher's Orphanage know only that the sweaters are warm and comfortable, like the arms of the staff workers who care for them.

The little garments—so vital to a baby's well-being, can be traced to a conversation about the weather.

Last summer Mrs. Walton Tonge, superintendent of the Babies' Section at St. Christopher's, mentioned to Mrs. Elbert Gates, wife of the director of Hong Kong Church World Service, that with cold weather not far away, sweaters would be urgently needed.

Mrs. Gates wrote to friends in the United States. Friend told friend, women dug into chests and closets for baby sweaters their children had outgrown, took them to their churches. Six hundred was the original goal—but it has been more than doubled. Packed and shipped by Church World Service volunteers, the sweaters began to arrive in Hong Kong with the first cold wind—a literally warm expression of love from Christians overseas.

(The babies at St. Christopher's have sweaters this winter—but in Hong Kong, and in many other parts of the world, thousands of other children and their parents are hungry cold, without adequate clothing or shelter. You can help restore their physical well-being and their hope for the future through your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing and similar appeals of American churches).

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Workshop For Officers Of Methodist Men

A national workshop for officers of Methodist Men will be held at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago February 3-5.

Announcement of plans for the training conference was made by Dr. Don Calame of Chicago, director of the Department of Methodist Men of the Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities.

Plans call for the workshop to be attended by at least one representative from each of the 44 episcopal areas in the United States.

Each person attending the workshop will come with the understanding that he, in turn, is to return to the annual conferences in his episcopal area and arrange for conference-wide workshops. Leaders trained in the follow-up workshops in annual conferences will, in turn, lead district workshops until the church generally has been covered with training sessions patterned in part after the Chicago sessions.

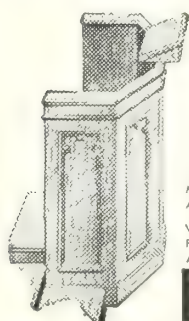
Leadership at the Chicago workshop will be provided by staff members of the General Board of Lay Activities.

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Report of The Gastonia District Conference

The 1960 session of the Gastonia District Conference was held on Sunday, December 4, in the beautiful sanctuary of First Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C. Dr. Eugene C. Few, our beloved district superintendent, called the conference to order at 2:30 p.m.

The reports from across the district indicated that progress was made on the total program of the church. Finances were up with the conference, and the number received into the churches showed an increase over last year.

The various causes of the district were presented and interpreted by those dedicated people who are responsible for the work within the district: Harvey A. Jonas, Jr., district lay leader; Mrs. B. E. Callis, district president of the W.S.C.S.; Rev. H. D. Garmon, district director of evangelism; and J. W. Hoyle, Jr., for the cause of missions. Education in the local church was presented by Miss Attie Bell Liles, Children's Work; Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., Youth Work. Dr. James G. Huggins represented the cause of Higher Education. Greetings were brought to the conference from three of our colleges: Dr. H. H. Peterson from High Point College; Dr. B. C. Russell from Pfeiffer; and Dr. Allen Wallace from Brevard.

Hospitals and Homes had representation with challenge and appeal: Rev. W. C. Sides from our hospital at Elkin; Mrs. G. G. Adams for the Methodist Home; and Mr. Henry Simpson for the Children's Home.

A report of our publishing interests was given by Rev. Kelly Brendle, giving particular emphasis to our North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and Together Magazine.

The Reverend Ross Francisco, reporting for the Commission on Social Concerns, indicated only a few churches have actually organized the commission. But he emphasized the need for careful planning work in this field, and every church organize the commission as soon as possible. He offered sufficient materials for needed information.

The vote on recommendations of the district committee on Ministerial Qualifications showed nine received Approved Supply status, five Local Preacher's license, twelve had Local License renewed, and one received Elder's Orders.

One of the highlights of the conference was the presentation of Licenses Certificates by Dr. Few, followed by the Service of Dedication. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. John Sills.

After singing Hymn No. 282, "Soldiers of Christ Arise," the benediction was offered by Rev. Clyde E. Murry, associate pastor of the host church.

—EDGAR C. PRICE, Secretary

Lease Given For Methodist Camp

A paper was filed recently with the register of deeds in Henderson covering a 20 year lease on a recreational site at Kerr Lake for the Methodist Board of Education. The grant was made by the State of North Carolina, dated June 27, 1960, and running to February 4, 1979.

The tract involved is located off the Flemington Road, adjacent to the W. B. Daniel farm, and contains 140 acres.

It is understood the church authorities plan to operate the center on a limited scale during the 1961 season.

This is one of a number of summer campsites leased to various agencies for operation at Kerr Lake.

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The Rev. Dr. Frank L. Hicks, superintendent of the Olean (N. Y.) District, has been appointed to serve on the staff of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions in its department of finance and field service. His successor will be the Rev. Cecil F. Wilson of Canisteo, N. Y.

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Methodist Editors Meet in Nashville, Tennessee



The above picture was made of the Methodist editors attending the meeting of the General Board of Education in Nashville recently. Not all editors attended, but the group above represented a wide area from New York, Michigan, Illinois, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Iowa, and Texas. Others present were not in the picture.

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

☛ RALEIGH DISTRICT Conference will meet Friday, January 27, at Garner Methodist Church, at 9:30 a.m.

☛ REV. CHARLES W. CLAY, missionary to Sao Paulo, Brazil, spoke at First Methodist Church, Hickory, last Sunday.

☛ DR. RAYMOND SMITH, professor of Religion at Greensboro College, preached at both services at Leaksville Methodist Church last Sunday.

☛ CENTRAL CHURCH, Monroe, will have as the revival preacher for March 12-16, Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, pastor of Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, D. C.

☛ DR. KENNETH GOODSON of First Church, Charlotte, will be engaged in revival services at Granite Falls Church, April 9-14, assisting Rev. M. C. Reese.

☛ SEDGE GARDEN CHURCH held its annual missions emphasis program Sunday, January 22, through Tuesday, January 24. The text was "Stumbling Block," written by Dr. Douglas Jackson.

☛ CALVARY CHURCH, Greensboro, has made improvements in the parsonage, such as installing a new furnace and giving the parsonage a new paint job. Rev. J. J. Powell is pastor.

☛ DR. A. E. ACEY, pastor of Ghent Methodist Church, Norfolk, Va., preached the sermon at the Elizabeth City District Conference at Edenton last Sunday on the topic "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

☛ THE OFFICIAL BOARD of the Lucama Methodist Church, at its meeting January 16 voted to build a new parsonage. A building committee was appointed and requested to proceed at once with the plans. Rev. J. F. Minnis is pastor.

☛ THE METHODIST MEN of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, had as the guest speaker Monday, January 23, Herschel Johnson, retired career diplomat. His subject was "Reflections on Our Foreign Diplomatic Service."

☛ THE RALEIGH AREA revival is in progress this week with Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, preaching each day. Morning services are held at Hayes Barton Church, and evening services at Edenton Street Church.

☛ HAYES BARTON METHODIST Church, Raleigh, will have a school of missions on three different Fridays. It began last Friday, and will run through the next two. The theme is "One World—One Mission." Mission fields throughout the world will be studied.

☛ DR. HASKELL M. MILLER, professor of Social Ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be the visiting minister for a preaching mission in the First Methodist Church of Graham, from January 29th through February 2nd. Dr. Miller will use as his theme for the week in this series of services "The Challenge of the Gospel in Our Age of Change."

☛ UNION COUNTY Methodists will hold an evangelistic service at Central Church, Monroe, Sunday evening, February 5. All groups are asked to make the announcement and urge attendance.

☛ DR. G. RAY JORDAN, professor of preaching and chapel preacher, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., will preach each evening in revival services at First Methodist Church, Hertford, February 12 through 17.

☛ ST. PAUL CHURCH, Goldsboro, is this week conducting a Christian Workers' School with eight courses being offered. These run from workers in the nursery through children, youth, and adults. The school runs from Sunday through Thursday evenings.

☛ MR. GEORGE HALES, lay evangelist, of Oklahoma City, Okla., spoke at the Princeton Methodist Church Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights, January 25, 26, and 27. Rev. John R. Blue, the pastor, said Mr. Hales is an evangelist of recognized ability, and a thrilling story. The public was invited to attend.

☛ OPEN HOUSE was observed at the new parsonage of Cramer Memorial Methodist Church, Cramerton, January 8. The building is a two-story brick structure. There are eight rooms which include four bedrooms upstairs, and 2½ baths. The garage is in one section of the full basement. The parsonage is in a wooded area on Lakewood Road and is occupied by Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Houck.

☛ DR. AND MRS. LOY D. THOMPSON were honored at an "Open House" meeting following the evening service at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, January 15. The get-together was sponsored by the ministers, the staff, the official board, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, including the Wesleyan Service Guild. These fine people were recently united in matrimony. Dr. Thompson is associate minister at First Church.

☛ DR. CARADINE HOOTEN, General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, spoke at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, at both morning worship services and at the Youth and Adults Sunday evening Fellowship Sunday, January 22. In the afternoon he conducted a training conference for the pastors and the chairmen of the local church commissions on Christian Social Concerns for the High Point District.

☛ REV. AND MRS. GEORGE C. MEGILL, of St. Luke Church, Goldsboro, left immediately following the Goldsboro District Conference at Roseboro January 13, for New York to begin their training for missionary work in Brazil. Mr. Megill preached the conference sermon at Roseboro. A love offering was made during the luncheon hour in which \$100 was presented to them as an expression of esteem and continued interest.

Chairmen Appointed For Hospital Association

Chicago—Eight group chairmen who will be responsible for section meetings at the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes have been announced by Dr. Bolton Boon of Dallas, Texas, association president.

The convention will be held January 31-February 2 in Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo.

Chairmen of the sections will be:

Hospitals: Supt. Jack A. L. Hahn of the Methodist Hospital of Indiana, Indianapolis.

Homes for Older Persons: Mrs. Campbell Keith, administrator of Walker Methodist Home, Minneapolis, Minn.

Homes for Children: M. T. Lambeth, superintendent of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem.

Homes for Business Women: Miss Mary Belle Stewart, superintendent of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Deaconess' Home.

Chaplains: Prof. Donald C. Houts of National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and former chaplain of Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas.

Field Representatives: Rev. B. Harry Barnes, field secretary of the Methodist Home for the Aged, Philadelphia.

Auxiliaries: Mrs. Margaret Langer, Methodist Children's Home, Berea, Ohio.

Conference Chairmen: Rev. Robert H. Ortmeyer of the Pacific Northwest Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, Spokane, Wash.

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The Rev. Francis Westbrook of London, since 1945 director of the Methodist Church Music Society and a composer of note, flew to Tampa, Fla., December 18 to conduct a festival of Christmas music. Delegates to the World Methodist Conference in 1951 will remember the hymn singing festival he led in the Sheldonian Theater of Oxford University.

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Methodists Gave \$30,000,000 To Missions

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 16—More than \$30,000,000 was spent by the Methodist Church, through its Board of Missions, for mission work at home and overseas during fiscal 1960, a record expenditure for a single year. The denomination, through the mission board, also had record income of \$29,663,000.

The Board's financial picture for the twelve months ending May 31, 1960, was interpreted to about 600 persons attending the annual meeting by George L. Hergesheimer of Philadelphia, an assistant treasurer of the Board and treasurer of the Division of National Missions. Mr. Hergesheimer gave a composite financial report for the Board and its four divisions—Division of National Missions, Division of World Missions, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Mr. Hergesheimer said that \$15,444,000 was disbursed for mission work in 44 countries overseas, representing 51 per cent of all expenditures. The disbursements for home mission work (in the United States and Puerto Rico) totaled \$11,123,000, or 37 per cent of all expenditures, he added.

The total expenditures for all purposes during fiscal 1960 were \$30,118,000, which was \$1,314,000 more than the total expenditures during the previous fiscal year, Mr. Hergesheimer said. The total income for the Board and its divisions was \$29,663,000, or about \$574,000 more than in fiscal 1959, he added. The excess of expenditures over income, about \$455,000, was provided through the use of reserve funds and unexpended balances, he said.

By far the largest part of the 1960 income, \$26,153,000, was from general funds representing the missionary giving of 9,910,000 Methodists, he said. Other 1960 receipts, \$3,392,000, were from income on investments and from bequests.

"Though the income from missionary giving during fiscal 1960 may seem impressive—and it does represent a gain over 1959—it actually figures out to about \$2.64 a year for each member of the Methodist church," Mr. Hergesheimer said.

With 88 per cent of all expenditures going for either home or overseas missionary work, much smaller amounts went for other necessary purposes, Mr. Hergesheimer said. Administration accounted for 5½ per cent, education and cultivation for 5 per cent and contingencies, reserves and miscellaneous expenditures for 1½ per cent, he added.

Money for overseas work is disbursed by the Division of World Missions and the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Home missions money is spent by the Division of National Missions and the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division.

As in past years, the largest single source of missionary revenue in 1960 was the giving of 1,800,000 Methodist women through local Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds, Mr. Hergesheimer said. In 1960, giving from that source was \$9,516,000, or 32 per cent of total Board income. It repre-

sented an increase of \$384,000 over the amount from the same source in 1959.

In 1960, for the second consecutive year, the largest source of Board and Missions income was from the Advance, a special financial program whereby individual Methodist churches, church groups and individuals support missionaries or mission projects of their own choosing. Mr. Hergesheimer said that income from the Advance was \$7,057,000, an increase of \$449,000 over 1959. The Advance represented 24 per cent of all Board income for 1960.

The Board's share of one traditionally large source of income was down in 1960 for the second consecutive year, Mr. Hergesheimer said. That source was World Service, a national benevolence fund to which Methodist churches give on a quota basis and which is considered the "lifeline" of sixteen national Methodist agencies. With 61 cents of each World Service dollar distributed on ratio earmarked for missions, the Board received \$6,472,000 from that source in 1960, about \$40,000 less than in 1959.

Smaller amounts were received for mission work from other sources, Mr. Hergesheimer said. Among those were: \$1,040,000 from "supply gifts" (money given by Methodist women to buy supplies for mission institutions and projects); \$571,000 from the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Offering taken in Woman's Societies in October, and \$291,000 from the Week of Dedication offering taken in Methodist churches in February.

In another section of the report, Mr. Hergesheimer said that total funds and reserves of the Board and its divisions had increased from \$87,637,000 in 1959 to \$89,667,000 in 1960, a gain of \$2,030,000. Most of this increase, he added, was in the permanent and pension funds, which only the income can be used.

In interpreting the financial report, Mr. Hergesheimer said:

"Missionary outreach is the primary reason for the church's existence. It is truly the work of the whole church, every member, every child of God. It can be done by most persons only in terms of dollars dispatched in lieu of the individual, but they accomplish the purpose and truly represent the person whose toil and sweat produced them. They are dedicated dollars; without them missionary work would wither."

WSCS Gives Eight Baby Honorary Memberships

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bethel Methodist Church, Cobb Church, in Caswell County, has given eight baby memberships during the year. They are: Armstead Hodges—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Hodges; Johnny Dameron—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bracken Dameron; Lisa Carroll—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Carroll; Hazel Sonya Hooks—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hooks; Wesley Lee Daniel—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Daniel; Martin Lacy Daniel—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Daniel; Vickie Denise Daniel—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Daniel; and Joe Harvey Lawrence—parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lawrence.

Pfeiffer Students Exhibit Paintings

Misenheimer—A two-part exhibition of student work is scheduled for display in the Pfeiffer College Student Center during the month of January. Currently a display of fifty paintings by students from grade one to six is featured. These paintings were winners in the twenty-third annual North Carolina State School Art Exhibition.

On January 18, oil paintings by four Pfeiffer students were added to the display. This work was done in an advanced art class at the college in the fall semester.

Students displaying work include Jim Blakney, Route 1, Matthews; Marilyn Huffstetler, 1001 Central Drive, Kannapolis; Betty Tesh, Misenheimer; and Gertrude Venters, Badin. With the exception of Miss Venters, all of the students exhibiting work are seniors this year.

Professor Rex Stambaugh, head of the Pfeiffer Art Department, remarked that the exhibitors in this show had remarkable sensitivity to color. "Instead of being faced with the usual problem of having to encourage a bold approach to the material, these Pfeiffer students seem to begin with this awareness and go on from there," he said.

The Children's Art Show, one of three exhibitions selected annually under the auspices of the Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro, is on display at Pfeiffer as a part of the program sponsored by the Committee on Cultural and Educational Activities. The paintings were chosen as outstanding examples of children's art from over 800 entries submitted by elementary schools throughout the state.

Judge for the exhibition was Dr. Crystal Theodore, head of the Art Department at Madison College, Harrisburg, Va.

The paintings will remain on display throughout January.

Read Us The Bible, Mother

Compiled by Abigail Graves Randolph, this inspiring collection of scripture and scripture stories is designed for parents, and particularly for mothers, to read to young children.

In *A Word to Parents*, Mrs. Randolph, who is director of the Family Worship Department of *The Upper Room*, lifts up the true intent of the book when she says, "It is good for children to hear portions of the Bible read. It is good for children to feel that the Bible is important to their parents. As children hear scripture read, they ask questions about its meaning; so parents have an opportunity to share their faith with them."

In preparation for this book, nearly one hundred people, including those on the Family Life Committee of the National Council of Churches, were asked to make suggestions of the scripture they felt best suited for reading to young children. The passages chosen for this book are those most often suggested.

The book has been beautifully illustrated by Fessler Ormsby, and may be ordered from *The Upper Room*, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn., at 75c each; \$7.50 per dozen.

EDITORIALS

Christian Missions At Work Around The World

If one would come to a larger appreciation of the program of Missions in the Methodist Church a good place to begin would be to attend the annual meeting of the Board held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. There the church is represented from all areas of the nation and from the foreign fields. In the meeting just concluded on Friday, January 20, and attended by between 500 and 600 people representing all sections of the country and all phases of the mission program, the information given and the inspiration received will no doubt further the mission cause around the world. Bishop Richard Raines, president of the Board, brought devotional messages each day which lifted the thinking of the delegates to a high spiritual level, and sent them away with a desire to be of larger service in extending the kingdom to the ends of the earth. The several departmental heads presented their reports, assisted by their staff members and others working in their field. Pictures were shown setting forth the conditions in various countries, and also giving encouragement as people are seen embracing the Christian faith and committing their lives to the Christian cause. One very interesting sidelight was a large chart set up in one of the halls operated electrically, and showing the population of the United States as 182,509,025, with one birth every 7½ seconds; one death every 20 seconds; and a net gain in population of one in every 11 seconds. For one to stand and watch this chart as it registers the rapid increase in population in this country is for one to become amazed. The question naturally arises as to what staggering proportions these figures will reach within just a few decades, and what a tremendous responsibility is resting upon the Christian church to meet this challenge. To hear representatives from foreign lands indicate how the Christian gospel is beginning to grip their people should certainly stir up a new interest and a stronger support for the cause of missions. If the church could only bring these facts to the attention of its people we believe the challenge would be sufficient to elicit a stronger and more enthusiastic support of the cause of Christ in extending the kingdom to the ends of the earth. While our opportunities at home are great and pressing, we must not forget the Great Commission to "Go ye into all the earth and preach the gospel to every creature." The joy and satisfaction of knowing one is a part of

a great cause should increase our missionary offerings in the regular budget and also bring forth a larger number of "mission specials." Many churches are supporting some special and others could experience a thrill in doing so. An informed church is a responsive church. If there has been a lack of support for this great cause it is no doubt due to a lack of knowledge. This is one of the major concerns of the Christian program. Let us strive to do a better job in the days ahead than we have ever done in this field.

As We Approach Our Common Task

A new administration has taken over in Washington. It is a changeover in political parties and philosophies. It is pleasing to some and will be displeasing to others. But it is the American way. Whether one is a firm supporter of either the Democratic or Republican Party, one's first duty is to be a good American. The welfare of our own country and of all mankind should be uppermost in our thinking. We need to curb the tendency to be critical of everything a president or governor does just because he happens not to belong to our political group. And already we have read of some who praised the inaugural speech of President Kennedy and then proceeded to vilify and ridicule and seek to undermine the confidence people have placed in him. That kind of thing is deplorable. This is no time for division but a time for unity. As for us, we believe President Eisenhower has honestly tried to be a good president and we have a high regard for him. We also believe President Kennedy will endeavor to do a good job and we shall endeavor to uphold and support him. Of course none of us know what course things may eventually take, but if America is to be a strong, courageous, virile influence in the family of nations, it needs and must have our undivided loyalty. In our daily devotions let us remember those in places of leadership whose responsibilities are heavy. Both in state and nation our Governor and President need our prayers. In these crucial days let us not give ourselves to those things that divide and create friction and bring strife, but to those things that unite all in our common cause as we seek to build a stronger America on the solid foundations of those who have gone before us. To change the well-known phrase a bit: "Divided we fall; united we stand." May there be unity of spirit and purpose as we approach our common task under this new administration.

Race Relations Sunday Offers An Opportunity

Again we are approaching the traditional observance of Race Relations Day throughout the Methodist Church. But this should be more than a traditional observance. On this day Methodists are given an opportunity to emphasize good race relations through the nation, and also an opportunity to spell it out by making a liberal offering to be used for educational purposes in Negro educational institutions. The offering from the North Carolina Conference will go to Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, and the one from Western North Carolina Conference for Bennett College, Greensboro. These two institutions are right here in our southland, and we get the full benefit of whatever investment we make in them. They are dedicated to the development of moral character and Christian citizenship in the members of the Negro race. Since the white race is blessed with a larger portion of material goods, it carries an added responsibility. "To whom much hath been given from him shall much be required." And we believe it is the duty and the privilege of the strong to aid the weak. We all agree that better relations between the races has become a reality. This has been made possible because there were people in both groups who desired it, and who helped to make it so. Now once again the opportunity is here. Let's make the most of it. About 70 per cent of America's Negro population lives in southern states. In training these leaders for the America of the 1960s, the Negro colleges keep in mind the church's distinctive mission in higher education: to develop Christian character of the highest order, and to produce leaders for the church and society. Few investments pay off so handsomely as does the right kind of education.

LETTERS

January 12, 1961

Dear Brother Starnes:

A few weeks ago you ran a notice in the *Advocate* calling attention to *Foothills*, a volume of poems by Millard Dunn, Jr. I purchased a copy of this little book and have enjoyed reading it very much. Millard Jr. shows real ability as a writer of poems and I am looking for him to make a real contribution in his field of endeavor.

The subject matter of his poems is well presented and his style of expression reveals a literary excellence that belies his youth. I am not his agent, nor am I trying to sell his book. I just happen to like it myself and am glad to recommend it to anyone who may wish to get it.

Sincerely,

—I. J. STRAWBRIDGE

Sidelights of Meeting at Buck Hill Falls

To begin with Buck Hill Falls is located in a beautiful section of the Pocono Mountains of central Pennsylvania. It is surrounded by scenic views that are exquisite. To look upon this scene is to be inspired as one thinks of the marvelous handiwork of God. During the meeting of the Board the countryside was covered with snow which made a white blanket both on the ground and in the treetops. It was beautiful to behold.

With some five or six hundred people in attendance, it was not possible to house all of them in the Inn, so some were farmed out in the other housing facilities nearby. It was our privilege, however, to be located in the Inn, which made it most convenient. All meetings were held in the various meeting places at the Inn.

There were twenty persons attending the North Carolina luncheon held on Wednesday in the main dining room, along with the regular noon-day meal. A special table was set up for the group meeting. We expect to carry a picture of the group in the *ADVOCATE* soon. It will be interesting to know there were four members of the Gen-

eral Board from North Carolina. These were Mr. Gordon L. Wilson of Statesville, Jerry Barrier, of Statesville, who is a youth representative and a student at Duke University; Mr. W. Jasper Smith, Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Hubert Davis of Raleigh, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference.

It was a thrilling sight to see some fifty-odd young men and women introduced to the Board and those in attendance. Mr. M. O. Williams, in charge of missionary personnel, made the introductions of the young people who are going to the various mission fields. He gave their names, educational training, and place of destination.

To mingle with such a select group of Christians from all over America, all of whom are deeply concerned with the cause of missions, to sit at the table with them, to join in worship, to know of the planning and the progress of the work, to have present many people from the ends of the earth, and have a common interest, is an inspiration to anyone who is interested in spreading the gospel.

Fountains of Truth . . .

He who walks the trail to the place of prayer is not found as a criminal pacing a prison cell.

A man's soul will starve on education without God as much as it will on ignorance without God.

It is better to be contented in poverty, by the grace of God, than to be miserable in riches outside of God's grace.

If you are in touch with God in the chamber of quietness you won't be swept away when the storms of tests and trials sweep about you.

Hold on a while longer. Sometimes defeat is very near success. Hold on, *hold on!*

He who pleads the blood of Christ for cleansing can have a pure heart, and he who pleads the blood of Christ for protection has a safe refuge.

The saint in the pew might have been a criminal in prison but for the wonderful grace of God.

If the devil turns loose his hosts against you, flee to the foot of the cross and pray. He can't capture and defeat anyone that kneels at the cross of Christ in sincere prayer.

He who gambles with the devil will be eternally defeated at the end of the game. He is the champion gambler of the earth.

It is better to sit in righteousness on the footstool than reign with the devil on the throne.

The day of battle to the godly may seem long, but the hour of victory will be pleasant and the reward will be glorious.

Don't look with contempt upon the wretch that is down. Pity him; pray for him. He may be in the place where you would have been if you had not given yourself to God.

It is blessed to be tender in heart and spirit. Such a state of grace brings sweetness and peace, whereas, hardness of heart and stubbornness of spirit brings irritableness and unpleasantness.

Don't look over the fence and wish yourself in the other man's place, if he is out of the will of God. He may be making lots of money, but remember there are "no pockets in a shroud."

The Canaan of sweet peace and happy living is never found outside the will of God and apart from heart purity.

He who makes the Bible the guide book of his life always knows where to stop for prayer, communion with God, and refreshment for his soul.

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

Methodist Work Among the Cuban Refugees

By CARL D. STEWART

An average of 1,000 Cubans a week have been entering the U. S. in recent months. Seven thousand a month are granted visas by the American Embassy in Havana, and thousands more enter by other methods. Approximately 40,000 are in Florida now, and the flow continues. The established Cuban colonies in Miami and Key West are heroically trying to feed and house the refugees. Large numbers live in private homes. In Key West, 68 lived in one house, 22 of whom were employed, largely providing the support of the group. More than 2,000 refugee children are in the public schools of Dade County, costing the school board in excess of \$100,000 a year. More serious, other thousands are not in school, creating a serious potential for juvenile delinquency.

Eleven years ago, the Methodist Church, concerned for the Latin population of Miami, built a church and social center at a cost of \$140,000. The pastor, the Rev. Angel Fernandez, and the social worker, Miss Lillian Kelly, have long worked in caring for the needs of the stable Latin community, and now find themselves overwhelmed with refugees. Food and housing have been provided, and jobs secured where possible. The task is too big for the Latin center, or even for local and state governments; and federal government and church agencies were asked to help.

Upon invitation of the bishops of Cuba and Florida, and with the approval of the Division of National Missions, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief created a program for Cuban refugees, making an initial grant of \$4,000. The Division of World Missions provided the director, Dr.

Carl D. Stewart, and the Woman's Division sent Miss Frances Gaby, both former missionaries to Cuba. They have been at work since November 21st. Miss Norka Feijoo, the director of Methodist Youth work in Cuba for the past eight years, is the third person on the staff. Methodist Refugee Committees have been organized in Miami with Mr. N. N. Songer as chairman, and in Key West with the Rev. Joseph Jones, chairman. The committees and the staff coordinate the work of Methodists with that of government agencies and the interdenominational Church World Service program.

Three offices have been established in Methodist churches where refugees are interviewed to discover their skills, and free instruction in English is provided so that resettlement and employment are more easily found. Religious services, personal counseling, social and recreational facilities are all offered under the auspices of the church. In addition, Miami Methodists have contributed large amounts of food which is distributed without distinction as to race or religion. Churches are encouraged to sponsor refugee families. Those outside Florida should address inquiries to MCOR, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

The refugee may have been rich, but now he is poor; he is allowed to bring only five dollars with him from Cuba. He may have had status; now he is homeless. He may be splendidly trained; now he has no job. This is an old story for MCOR. It is accustomed to operating in a stricken world. But for the refugee, this is a bewildering, frightening experience. His one hope is the generosity of others. The church must always be generous, but at the same time fusing generosity with love.

Like Lazarus, Churches 'Died and Rose Again!'

By DALLAS MALLISON

Church reclamation, or reclaiming closed or abandoned churches, has a definite and vital relation to the general church extension pattern. Since a reopened or resurrected church is in many ways a new church, it is so considered in the North Carolina Conference. Church reclamation can be aptly described as the good right hand or the partner of church extension.

The seven revived or reclaimed churches in the North Carolina Conference dramatically points up a new and significant movement now taking shape in this conference. These restored churches are outstanding examples of a new and important trend getting underway throughout Methodism.

Many Methodist churches, once considered not worth saving or incapable of it, are being returned to the living. Literally, these 'new' churches constitute a thrilling and inspiring resurrection story of our times since, like Lazarus, they 'died but rose again!'

Bishop Paul N. Garber, who is quite familiar with the church reclamation story in the North Carolina Conference, is authority for the statement that in the past few years more closed or abandoned churches have been reactivated than have been officially declared dead in the North Carolina Conference. He pointed out that this is a significant reversal of a long-time distressing trend in the North Carolina Conference.

All the facts available, including Bishop Garber's statement, indicate that in this field, as in many other areas, the North Carolina Conference is out in the forefront among its 100 sister conferences in American Methodism.

Piney Grove Lives Again!

Piney Grove is a little country church which, like Lazarus, 'died but rose again!' After three years of closed doors, its people decided that Piney Grove was still needed! Reactivated nearly four years ago, Piney Grove has gone on to new heights of service. Located near Louisburg, with Ebenezer Church, it comprises the Franklin Circuit.

During World War II the church's members moved away to work in defense industries. It slowly declined and in 1945 even its Sunday school closed up. In 1954 it had 21 members (inactive) when it was officially closed.

Responding to an urgent call from the Raleigh district superintendent, that consecrated saviour of lost churches, Roy. L. Turnage, Jr., of Ayden, spent two months in the community in the spring of 1957. He found scores of unchurched adults and youth in a two-mile radius of the closed church. Not a single church of any denomination was discovered operating in this primary area. The old building was standing and intact.

Turnage made about 160 house calls and sent out over 300 pieces of mail. On Sunday, March 17, over 40 persons attended the reopening service. At a week-long revival 12 persons joined the church, its first new members in nearly 10 years. With their own hands the members built an educational annex. The old building was renovated, a new piano was purchased, and

two new gas heaters bought and installed.

At the June, 1960, annual session of the North Carolina Conference Piney Grove Church reported 61 members and a Sunday school enrollment of 85. Two morning and two evening worship services are held each month. The Sunday school is strong and vital. There is an active and alert Woman's Society of Christian Service. The young people have been organized into a Methodist Youth Fellowship which is coming along fine.

Other Closed Churches Reclaimed

At least six abandoned churches in the North Carolina Conference have been restored to life in recent years. The movement had its start in late 1957 when Turnage began working with his first closed church. This first church brings to seven the number of closed churches revived since 1947.

The five churches reopened by Turnage are Piney Grove, Mt. Carmel, and Wesley, in the Raleigh District; Speight's Chapel, in the Rocky Mount District; and Macedonia in the New Bern District. Revived by others are the Council Church in the Wilmington District, and Ware's Chapel Church in the Rocky Mount District.

Piney Grove, Mt. Carmel, Speight's Chapel and Ware's Chapel are in farming areas where the chief crops are cigarette tobacco and peanuts. Council is in a small village in another section where tobacco is the main crop. An open country church, Macedonia is in a rather similar tobacco area. Wesley is the only urban church in the group, and it is located in a small industrial town.

Turnage views his experience at Macedonia as an answer to the "Macedonian call." Macedonia was on a three-point circuit headed by the Ayden Church. During the five years he worked with Macedonia as Charge lay leader, the building was re-located near a paved highway and renovated. Sunday school rooms were added. Now on the three-point Grimesland Circuit, it has 91 members and 55 enrolled in the Sunday school.

Speight's Chapel was the first church he reopened after he became connected with the Conference Commission on Town and Country Work. He found only a one-room deserted building with 21 inactive mem-

bers. It was formally reopened May 5, 1956. Today it has 99 members and 74 in the Sunday school. On the two-point Tarboro Circuit with a new church, Hart, the church has remodeled its sanctuary and added a Sunday school annex.

An Urban Church Reclaimed

Vance County in the north central part of the state has two reclaimed churches, one of which, Wesley, is in Henderson, the county seat — an industrial town. Wesley is the only urban church reclaimed. Mt. Carmel is the other church in this section.

Mt. Carmel began to decline soon after 1950 and by 1955 it was wholly inactive. Turnage felt the church had sufficient potential to be revived when he found over 100 Methodists and about 75 unchurched persons in a two-mile radius of the old church.

On May 12, 1957, the 100th anniversary of its founding, the church was formally reopened. Now a part of the two-point Gilburg Circuit, Mt. Carmel has 72 members and 12 enrolled in Sunday school.

Despite the presence of three larger Methodist churches in Henderson, Turnage found a real need for Wesley Church. He did not find another church in about a mile radius of Wesley. He discovered 109 persons who were members of or preferred the old church. Inactive for a brief period, Wesley was reopened May 25, 1908. Wesley now has 66 members and 56 in Sunday school. It forms a two-point circuit with White Memorial Church, also in Henderson.

Wesley Chapel: The Rev. W. S. Davenport reactivated this church in November, 1954. He had come the previous year to the Jamesville Circuit of which the old church had been a part and found it closed with its roof fallen in. It is still a part of the four-point Jamesville Circuit in Martin County. It has 26 members and 50 in its Sunday school.

Council: This church was reopened on March 17, 1957, during a revival held by the Rev. T. A. Collins who was then secretary of the Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension. The church had been closed for two years or more. Having recently come to the Wilmington District, Dr. J. E. Garlington had asked Collins to take the lead in trying to get the old church going again. Now a station church, Council has 32 members and 27 in the Sunday school.



Homecoming at Mount Carmel—101st anniversary of founding, May 11, 1958. Reopened on May 11, 1957—its one hundredth anniversary.

Jail and Prison Evangelism

North Carolina Conference

° S. A. CHALK, JR.

The Methodist Church has been growing in many directions in the area of the North Carolina Conference. New churches, new colleges, new Methodist Men's Clubs, and with them new laymen willing and able to serve their Lord.

The Fishermen's Clubs have more than tripled in number in five years. Visitation evangelism has made preachers out of Christian laymen, Christian laymen out of non-believers, and awakened an interest of all in Jesus Christ.

The Methodist Church for a long time moved slowly. It is now picking up speed. These new laymen and revived old laymen are actively seeking new ways to be of service.

One of the neglected areas noted by the Conference Board of Evangelism is that of jails and prisons. We have lost touch with the prisoner except in a few instances. This is easy to understand because the prisoner often has a difficult personality makeup, requiring great skill, education, tact, and Christian insight to reach him.

The opportunity to be of help is strangely enough greater for the layman than for the preacher. It is much easier for a layman to "get through" to the prisoner, who quite often is on the defensive when approached by the preacher. The layman can make a greater impression, because the prisoner does not expect to see someone who has no apparent duty to visit him and bring the message of Jesus.

Prison can be a terrible place, and many in jail have the feeling, "All ye who enter here abandon hope." Denial of normal relationships with others twists the mind into abnormal channels. Some are able to profit by imprisonment, but the majority suffer.

All in prison are not criminals. Some are young persons who, through imprisonment, become embittered and change into criminals. One of the most touching scenes in the current motion picture, "Ben Hur," is that of Ben Hur in chains walking past the little shop where Jesus was working as a carpenter. The prisoners were almost in a state of collapse, footsore, dying of thirst, scourged, and with nothing to see in the future except the life of a galley slave. The Roman guards could not let Ben Hur get a drink of water, but Jesus saw his plight, and brought him a cup of water. This simple act of love and kindness gave Ben Hur new hope and an assurance he could stand up under all abuse and servitude.

Today in our jails and prisons it is almost unheard of for a guard to abuse a prisoner. No doubt in many jails some abuse exists. The presence of a Christian layman in a jail could change all men in the jail. It would show concern for those now receiving none.

We have in most churches active visitation groups for those in hospitals. We rarely have active groups to visit those in prison. Your Conference Board of Evangelism wants to lift up this area of concern for the consideration of each local church near a jail or prison. It does not want to create any new organization to deal with it. The local Commission on Evangelism in each

church should consider this opportunity. Fishermen's Clubs can select those best qualified to serve as visitors to jails and prisons.

Methodist Men's Clubs working under the local Commission on Membership and Evangelism can be of real service in helping the imprisoned. Jesus was most concerned with those classed as social outcasts. They needed love and care more than anyone else. The need is still here today, and Jesus calls for followers who love him to give the cup of water, the encouraging word, and the helping hand to men and women cut off from loved ones.

Do we in the Methodist Church have a right to pass by those sought by Jesus? John Wesley built the Methodist Church in England on conversion of thousands who filled prisons. The alcoholics who lived in the gutters of Bristol and London would have filled all of our jails in the Conference. It was commonplace in Wesley's time to see them by the thousands. Just as we do not see thousands jailed for debt as in England in that day, the time will come when thousands in jails today would be free, because of a change in our attitude toward social problems.

It is very clear in the cases of many juvenile and adult delinquents that a lack of love has caused them to build a backfire in protest against the fire that appeared to be coming to destroy them.

It is not necessary that Methodist men be psychiatrists, social workers, preachers or physicians to reach those cut off from acceptance by society. All that is necessary is a warm heart filled with Christian love. God opens doors for anyone going forth in His name. We have men in this conference who can do this work well.

Please see your pastor, if you would like to visit those in prison with the view of making the spirit of Jesus real to them. Your pastor will know how to guide you and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in making your work satisfying and worthwhile.

Please notify the Conference Director of the Board of Evangelism, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, P. O. Box 866, Clinton, N. C., if your church is willing to do something now in this field of service. It will be a good start for the new year to visit the imprisoned, and witness as laymen in the coming Decade of Dynamic Discipleship.

It is important for the Board of Evangelism to know when you start this work, the name or location of the jail or prison. The information sent on a postal card will be sufficient. Please make sure that the name and address of your church is given.

You may win a soul for Jesus on your first visit, or find a Paul or Silas who will strengthen you in your faith. Please try now. Time is running out for some sick-of-heart, discouraged child of God who needs to know that in this busy, complicated, and rushing world Jesus has sent a friend—one who cares and is not too busy to pass by without giving help and encouragement. The person will be blessed, and so will you.

°Chairman of the Conference Committee on Jail and Prison Evangelism.

Annual Meeting of WSCS To Be Held In Durham

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church will be held February 21-23 at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

Attendance is expected to be about 350, including delegates, missionaries and others.

Among the principal speakers will be the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations; the Rev. Dr. Edmund F. Perry, a professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Methodist bishops James K. Mathews, Boston, and Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; and Miss Ruth Harris, a secretary of Student Work for the Methodist Board of Missions.

Theme of the 21st annual meeting will be "Our Mission Today."

The presiding officer will be Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.

Mrs. Dow Hamrick, Ellijay, Ga., is chairman of the Program Committee, and other members are Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Hubert Davis, Raleigh, N. C.; and Miss Nancy M. Cawood, Winchester, Ky.

Hostess conference president will be Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, N. C., president of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Ralph Cushman is president of the Woman's Society of the host church.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, and close after the night session Thursday, February 23.

All sessions will be at Trinity Church except a Wednesday evening dinner and session at Duke University.

Headquarters hotel will be at the Washington Duke. Business will include election of officers and secretaries of lines of work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Bowling Green, Ky., is chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Delegates will represent 16 Methodist annual conferences in nine southeastern states.

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FEBRUARY

February enters now all robed in ice and snow.
Everywhere we see displayed our God's eternal power
Binding earth in chill and lifeless garb we know;
Ruthless death of leaf, and lovely bud, and flower.
Upward look, dear one, for spring is just ahead.
All of God's creation soon shall come to life again!
Resurrection's real! God raised Jesus from the dead!
You, dear one, shall ever live! And Jesus Christ shall reign!

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

Charles D. White Addresses High Point District on Saying 'Yes' To God's Call

In the Methodist Church the minister has been, and still is, vitally important to its structure and polity. We often speak of him as the key man implementing the program of the General Conference and interpreting it to the local churches, but aside from this is the fact that forever in the Christian movement, the minister has been at its very heart.

Today we are concerned because of the shortage of ministerial leadership. We have heard of the need of church extension. It is estimated that Methodism must build a new church every twenty-two hours during the next quadrennium. In the Southeastern Jurisdiction we must have 432 new congregations in the next four years or 108 new congregations per year. A recent study around Atlanta revealed that sixty-four new Methodist churches will be needed in the Atlanta Area by 1970, and Glenn Lackey, director of church extension in this Conference, recently stated that fifty-four new churches will be needed in this Conference.

This is thrilling, but it raises a question—who is going to man them? Who is going to occupy these pulpits? We must bear in mind that new churches, increased budgets, new buildings will avail little unless we man them with capable ministers. The whole matter rests here; either we increase annually the candidates for the ministry or we shall suffer a diminishing Christian offensive in a tragically needy world. When we view the number of men who retire each year, those who die and those who drop out of the ministry for various reasons, we get some idea of what faces us. Then, when we tie up to these facts the increased population growths and the need for new congregations, we see that the personnel needs in the ministry are staggering; we are faced with a problem.

It is our problem, too; it is the problem of the Western North Carolina Conference as well as the problem of the whole church. I was interested in a statement put out by our Conference Study Commission on the Ministry and printed in the 1960 *Journal*. This Commission stated that we cannot set a figure as to how many new ministers we may need each year in this Conference, but they stated that we need all we can get. Then the Commission suggested that we need at least thirty-three to thirty-six on trial each year. Let's see what we have done. In 1959 we received thirty-one; in 1960 we received twenty-four. I do not know what the number will be this year; I have heard from seven of the thirteen districts and these report only four to be received in June, including the two your Conference recommended this afternoon. Enough of the problem save to say that major problems, and to quote the 1960 ministerial recruitment is clearly one of our Episcopal Address to the General Conference, "A sufficient number of pastors must be found to keep pace with the expansion that the church requires to meet her need and opportunity." This causes me to ask several questions.

First of all, where do the ministers come from? Our own study report came up with

the interesting fact that one-third of them come from communities which we call urban while two-thirds of them come from communities having less than 10,000 population. It was also revealed that fifty per cent of our ministers come from communities with less than 2,500 population.

Secondly, who influenced our ministers the most in their decision to answer the call of God to be ministers? The same survey showed that the minister, the parent, and the church school teacher exerted the most influence in the order named. It doesn't take marvelous deduction to say that the answers to the two questions I have asked strike home to most of us here today. Many of us live in communities with less than 10,000 population, and nearly all of us are either ministers, parents or church school teachers.

Yet, our survey showed that one-fourth of our ministers reported that they were not sure that they had ever influenced any person for the ministry, but, lest you laymen be too critical of the minister, may I pose another question? How many young men have gone out of your church into the ministry? So far as I know, no survey has been made of this area, but one made of the Ohio Area showed that two-thirds of the churches had never furnished a minister. How old is your church? Forty years old, perhaps? By good Methodist arithmetic you have probably had at least ten ministers during that time. From where did they come if you have not furnished any? Have you been getting them from other churches or have you been helping to supply your own need as well as the need of the Conference? The church I now serve is approximately fifty years old; sixteen young men have gone into the ranks of the ministry out

of that congregation. A fruitful church is a church which is sending its sons into the ministry.

Our problem would be solved if each church would furnish at least one son for the ministry this quadrennium. Each local church and each Methodist home must become so conscious of the need that our members will not only pray that the Master call young people into the Christian ministry but will help create the atmosphere conducive to the call. As parents, teachers and ministers we must feel keenly the responsibility to furnish the kind of spiritual climate in our homes, in our classrooms and in our pulpit which will cause our youth to consider the ministry.

Here I have touched on two words, "atmosphere" and "climate." What do I mean? It's here that I think we find the crux of the matter. Once again the ministry has got to be held up, glorified, exalted, if you please, and I am using these words advisedly. I do not mean that the ministry is to be unduly honored. I rebel against anyone doing anything for me or giving me anything just because I happen to be a minister, but what I am saying is that the ministry must be returned to its rightful place in the thinking of Christian laymen and Christian ministers.

I want to say a word or two especially to my ministerial friends. This must be done by the minister first of all. There was a day when the minister glamorized his calling. There was something thrilling about those early Methodist circuit riders, men trudging through all kinds of weather to carry the good news of the gospel. Their motto must have been, "Have Book—Will Travel." They had read an old, old story of Jesus and His redeeming love in a Book, and they had to ride and tell that story. As they stopped to spend the night in a humble home after a hard day in the saddle, wet and weary, or as they strode down the aisle of a little frontier church to enter its



Rev. Charles D. White and Young Ministers—(left to right): Frank Melvin Jarvis, Dr. Charles White, Ronald Alva Koontz, James Moore Booker

crude pulpit, there is no wonder why other men wanted to go into the ministry.

I am not too young to remember when in old Main Street Church in High Point men like W. B. Davis, A. L. Aycock, J. F. Moser, J. P. Hipps and N. C. Williams, Sr., visited in our homes or got into that pulpit to preach, they, by their lives and what they did, struck a chord in my soul which made me know that I had to preach. Brethren, we have lost something of that. O, I know, we are to preach once a year on the call to preach; General Conference orders that, but the role of the preacher is doubly important because we must not only present by word the challenge of the ministry, but we must so live it that the ministry will become appealing.

Yet, sometime we have left quite a different impression. Rather than it being thrilling, we talk about the hardships. Makes you smile, doesn't it? Many of us ride in new cars, live in new parsonages—shades of John Wesley! I heard a preacher say not long ago that he never wanted his sons to enter the ministry. I have two sons; one is already enrolled to enter Duke in September to prepare himself and I know of nothing I had rather have the other one do than follow his father into the Methodist pulpit.

I heard another brother say recently that he wished he were out of the ministry. I could not help replying, "I wish you were, too." Such attitudes will never attract others, and, as a minister, if no young men have ever entered the ministry during my pastorates, I would examine my attitudes toward the ministry and see what type of impressions I have left. Have I made a job out of what should be a calling? Make it appealing, my preacher brethren, and others will follow you.

To make it attractive to others, I feel we need a rebirth of the spirit of our fathers of whom Bernard Weisberger said, "No settlement was too run down or too remote for them. They roughed it along the trails in snow and rain, taking their chances on bears, wolves, cut-throats and Indians. They put up where they could find local hospitality, which usually meant corn bread and pork and a spot for sleeping on the dirt floor by the fire. They spent a good part of their lives hungry, wet, cold, verminous and saddle-sore, and if they did not die young of consumption, they could expect an old age of rheumatism and dyspepsia, but they went literally almost everywhere. When blizzards howled or cloudburst pelted down, people said that 'nobody was out but crows and Methodist preachers.' We who preach need a rekindling of that spirit until by the spirit we show, we say to all men, 'There's nothing like being a Methodist preacher.' The minister is still the symbol of the church and its message, significant or insignificant, good or bad; he is still the open door to Protestant church vocations. It is up to him whether or not it be an open door.

You laymen can also do something. Your children or the young people whom you teach will be discussing with you their life's work, but the laymen have gotten in a rut concerning this matter also. We have gotten so all-fired concerned with making money that we feel sorry for a young man who even thinks about the ministry; some of us have said so.

You recall that I used the words atmos-

phere or climate; that can be created by your attitude toward the ministry. Again, do not misunderstand me; ministers are human; we make mistakes; some of us make more than seem to be necessary, but if you want to sustain the ministry, it isn't a good idea to do your criticizing of the ministry before your youth. I know my parents did not like all of the ministers this Conference sent to Main Street Church, but I do not recall ever hearing either of them openly criticize one before me. I had the feeling that they admired and respected the man of God whom the Conference had sent, and their attitude toward them helped me make my decision to follow in their train.

When a young man in your church or your home begins to consider the ministry and when the going gets hard for the minister, this youth hears you yelling, "Take him out, give us another preacher!" it does something to him. One youth said to me recently that when he saw the attitude of the laymen in his home church toward the minister, he began to wonder whether he should enter the ministry or not. Sunday after Sunday, this young man had seen his discouraged pastor go into the pulpit without the support of his congregation, and he hesitated to enter the ministry when he knew that some of the ones who were yelling loudest for a change of pitchers was doing the least to knock in the runs. Brethren of the laity, create an atmosphere, a climate which will make others want to enter the ministry rather than steering clear of it because of the attitudes they have seen in laymen toward the ministry.

Having said this, let me say one more thing. What is the key word of our day, or at least one key word of the day? Freedom. Ask Dr. Carl Stewart, who spoke here this afternoon, what that word means in Cuba. Think of Russia, Iron Curtains, Bamboo Curtains, Africa, South America. Freedom! If you want qualified young men to enter the pulpit, you have got to allow that pulpit to be free, and few men are going to be satisfied to occupy the pulpit of the church whose laymen want to bind them. The Methodist pulpit should be the freest pulpit in the world, and, as laymen, if we expect to attract the finest minds, the choicest spirits to our pulpits, we must be willing for men to speak from our pulpits who challenge our assumptions.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, speaking to one of the Jurisdictional Conferences, said, "We must grant liberty of utterance to folk who don't keep step with us because they hear a different drummer. We must indulge people in our fellowship who make us mad." Hear your minister through even though you may violently disagree with him. He was not called into the ministry to confirm your ideas; he was called to deliver his soul in the light of the teachings of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. He was called to preach the gospel even if it means touching the point of your sin, standing in your face with the courage of Nathan, saying, "Thou art the man!" Make your pulpit free if in this day when men search for freedom, you want men in your pulpits.

The need is tremendous; we have got to have men. The ministry and the laity can help create an atmosphere which will make

it easy for young men to hear that call, for, to quote the 1960 Episcopal Address, "One of the heartening proofs of the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit in the church is the remarkable balance between urgency of need and adequacy of response in each generation. When the church gives evidence of unqualified seriousness in responding to Christ's commission to give His gospel to all peoples, young men are not lacking who will say, 'Yes' to His call."

Universal Day of Prayer For Students February 19

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Council of Bishops has asked that Methodists around the world observe the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, Sunday, February 19.

Methodist churches are expected to offer on that day special prayers for college students and other members of academic communities.

The annual observance originated with the World Student Christian Federation and is shared by students and churches in every area of the world, said the Rev. B. J. Stiles, Nashville. He is a staff member of the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education.

Methodist observance of the Universal Day of Prayer for Students will be a part of the denomination's 1960-64 quadrennial program, which has as one of its nine thrusts, "Church and Campus."

The request for Methodists to observe the special day came from the Council of Bishops' quadrennial emphases committee, headed by Bishop Richard C. Raines, Indianapolis.

A suggested order of service for the observance and other preparatory material are included in a "Day of Prayer Packet," available at 25 cents each from the National Student Christian Federation, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.

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EVER DROODLE?

Person to Person—Did you ever droodle? I must confess to it. It's a habit, for good or ill. I do it this way: I sit with a pencil and paper and make peculiar marks. Sometimes, I solve arithmetic problems that are in my grasp. Simple things like: What would my church give to the Advance Mission Special program if each member would give 10c each Sunday? So, I took my pencil and multiplied 10c by 250 (to keep it in round figures). Answer: \$25 per Sunday. Then came the higher mathematics. I had to multiply 52 Sundays by \$25 per Sunday. After much checking and rechecking, the answer came: \$1,300 per year. If each member of my church gave 10c each Sunday of the year to the Advance Mission program of the church, we could help evangelize the world with over \$1,300 a year!

Right there I quit my droodles. Things kept popping into mind like: "Go ye into all the world . . ." "As ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me . . ." "I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ . . ."

Anyway, happy droodles to you, *the parson!*—CLIPPED.

3rd Annual Music Workshop N. C. Conference

The Third Annual Music Workshop of the North Carolina Conference will be held at Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, February 6 and 7, 1961. This workshop is sponsored by the Committee on Music, North Carolina Conference Board of Education.

Dr. J. Edward Moyer, professor of church music at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be the principal speaker for the workshop. On Monday he will lead sessions dealing with music in worship. The theme of the sessions on Tuesday will be "Music in Christian Education."

Mr. Walter H. Ball, choir master, Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, will conduct sessions for the church accompanist.

Other leaders for the workshop will be Mr. Julian Aldridge, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. S. J. Angier of Durham, Mr. Robert Bedle of Raleigh, Mr. E. Franklin Bentel of Durham, W. G. Brogan of Durham, Mrs. R. D. Massey of Zebulon, Mrs. W. D. Miller of Raleigh, Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, the Rev. Mr. Bruce Pate of Kinston, Dr. J. J. Rudin, II, of Durham, Mrs. C. S. Sullivan of Durham, and Mrs. J. H. Waldrop, Jr., of Fremont.

Local church musicians of all degrees of skill and musical background are invited to attend. Church school workers, ministers, members of the local church committee on worship, and members of the local church committee on music will also find the program planned to aid them in carrying out their responsibilities.

Following is the two-day program:

Monday, February 6, 1961

Music in Worship

9:00-9:45—Registration.

General session, Mr. Julian Aldridge, presiding.

10:00—Worship, Dr. John J. Rudin, II.

10:45—Music in Worship, Dr. J. Edward Moyer.

Interest Groups, 11:30

Adult Choir Organization and Rehearsal Techniques, Dr. J. Edward Moyer.

Children and Youth Choirs, Mrs. C. S. Sullivan.

The Church Accompanist, Mr. Walter H. Ball.

1:00-2:30—Lunch at nearby restaurants. General session, Mrs. William D. Miller, presiding.

2:30—Repertoire Reading, Dr. Moyer.

3:30—Coffee Hour and browsing time for Cokesbury display.

4:00—The Church Year in Music, Dr. Moyer (including revivals, weddings, funerals, communion, etc.)

5:00—The Revised Communion Service. Explanation: Dr. John J. Rudin, II.

Preparation of Music: Dr. J. Edward Moyer.

6:15—Workshop banquet at the church, Mrs. R. D. Massey, presiding, Dr. J. Edward Moyer, speaker.

Holy Communion 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Rudin, Celebrant

Dr. Moyer, Minister of Music

Tuesday, February 7, 1961



DR. J. EDWARD MOYER



WALTER H. BALL

Music in Christian Education

8:30-9:00—Registration

General session, Dr. C. P. Morris, presiding.

9:00—Hymn Sing, Mr. Robert Bedle.

9:15—Worship, Dr. John J. Rudin, II.

9:30—Music in Christian Education—Dr. Moyer.

10:30—Coffee, and browsing time for Cokesbury display.

Interest Groups: 11:00-12:15

Adult Choir Organization and Rehearsal Technique, Dr. J. Edward Moyer.

Church School Music for Youth, Mr. Walter H. Ball.

Church School Music for Nursery and Kindergarten, Mr. W. G. Brogan.

Church School Music for Primary and Junior Classes, Mrs. J. H. Waldrop, Jr.

Workshop Luncheon at S&W Restaurant 12:30—

Mr. Julian Aldridge, presiding.

Business meeting and evaluation.

Interest Groups—2:15-3:15

Use of the Hymnal, The Rev. Mr. Bruce Pate.

The Church Accompanist, Mr. Walter H. Ball.

Church School Music for Nursery and Kindergarten, Mr. W. G. Brogan.

Church School Music for Primary and Junior Classes, Mrs. J. H. Waldrop, Jr.

General Session, Mrs. S. J. Angier, presiding.

3:30—Demonstration by Hand Bell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Durham, Mr. E. Franklin Bentel, director.

Expenses

Registration fee, \$2.00; overnight lodging in homes of Duke Memorial members, \$2.00; workshop banquet at church, February 6, \$1.25; other meals at nearby restaurants.

All fees should be sent directly to Mrs. S. J. Angier, Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.



Third National Conference To Be Held At Purdue

Chicago—The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church has issued a call for the Third National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 14-16, 1961.

In the statement, the bishops commend the church's General Board of Lay Activities for planning the conference and urge Methodist laymen to attend the Purdue meeting.

The statement follows:

"The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church commends the General Board of Lay Activities on its plans for the Third National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, July 14-16, 1961.

"Previous conferences of Methodist Men have contributed greatly toward the development of a deeper understanding of the place of the layman in the Methodist Church. More specifically, these conferences have helped lead many Methodist laymen to a new appreciation of Christian stewardship, and a commitment to the principle that all of life is a trust from God. A larger loyalty to the church and a more complete participation in the whole life of the church has been engendered by these conferences.

"With genuine appreciation for the contribution of these conferences, the Council urges Methodist laymen to attend the Purdue meeting. The Council of Bishops pledges the prayers of its members for the highest success of the meeting."



Heard At Recent Meeting

It is only realistic to be pessimistic about the present Congo situation, although I am optimistic in the long run. The mass of Congo citizens are friendly to the whites and to Christianity. The revolt of the soldiers immediately after independence was stirred up and planned by Lumumba and his forces.—BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH, of the Congo, in a recent address in Indianapolis, Ind.

Methodists Plan New Church Every 22 Hours

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 18—Along with being aware of the over-all needs for new churches, Methodists should be conscious of the urgent church extension needs in special areas of the United States, a Methodist authority on church extension said here today.

Methodists increasingly must begin to think church extension "if the needs for new churches are to be met, the Rev. Dr. P. Murphy, Philadelphia, Pa., told 600 persons at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions. He is the executive secretary for church extension of the board's Division of National Missions.

"We must educate all of our congregations toward enthusiastic support of our church building program, especially in light of the 1960 General Conference call for a new Methodist church every twenty-two hours during the next four years," Dr. Murphy said. "Each new church strengthens the entire denomination. We must develop a strategy of church extension modeled on the Great Commission, which would make evangelists of all our people. We should form a prayer chain of concern across the church that our endeavors be undegraded with divine power."

In the concern for the total need, however, the church should bear in mind certain areas of special need, Dr. Murphy said, he described them:

"The suburban areas of our cities are experiencing rapid population growth. Methodism must be represented in these areas, if we are to serve people. We must follow the people or we lose them.

"We have many rural churches that have been enveloped by urban expansion. Here the problem is to provide adequate leadership and facilities so the church may be able to serve the new residents.

"Unchurched rural areas are found in vast areas. In some instances we have activated a rural church that once was abandoned. Some rural churches have related to become the nucleus of a new congregation in a new center.

"There are many churches in transitional areas in our cities that should be relocated to serve new areas. By this means, we carry our assets of leadership and property to a more productive center.

"We must find a means and a method to serve the downtown sections of our cities. A new strategy to meet this critical need must be devised.

"Many small cities are in need of a second Methodist church. It is important for us to develop a ministerial leadership that will be effective in organizing new congregations. A central feature of this work is that of visitation evangelism. We must be in each home in the new area to let people know that Methodism is eager to bring the gospel and the services of the church to every person. It is obvious that we must provide adequate financial support for the ministerial leadership of our new congregations."

In reporting on the ongoing work of the Division of National Missions in the field of church extension, Dr. Murphy said the Division had made loans and grants to 571 churches totaling \$5,101,000 during fiscal 1960 (the months ending May 31, 1960). Of that

amount, \$3,892,000 was in loans to 203 churches and \$1,209,000 was in donations to 368 churches, he added. All of the loans and donations were made to churches for building purposes.

During the year, Dr. Murphy reported, the staff of the Department of Architecture made 215 visits to local churches for counseling, inspected 879 building plans, answered 8,259 requests about church architecture and sent out 25,000 pieces of literature on architecture. The purpose of the department, he added, is to be of the utmost service to Methodist churches in improving their architecture.

The Department of Finance and Field Service staff, which directs campaigns for building funds in Methodist churches, helped 269 churches in 40 states raise \$26,600,000 in 1960, Dr. Murphy said.

Form Mission Board

New York—An idea born in a corner of Georgia last spring has borne fruit in a pioneering venture in missions, which links the Methodists of 10 Latin American countries in their first joint undertaking.

The venture is the formation of a Latin American Board of Missions, with a full slate of officers, an executive secretary and plans to open a new country to Methodist work using Latin American personnel and resources.

The seed for the Latin American board was planted in April during an interfield consultation at St. Simons Island, Ga., which brought together 136 Methodist leaders from 34 countries.

Pfeiffer Students Will Help Plan Menus

Misenheimer—Students at Pfeiffer College will have a larger voice in planning the menus in the college dining hall in the future. This is a part of the food improvement program which went into effect January 2 under the leadership of L. A. Ehrcke, newly-named manager of the Prophet Company, dining hall food caterers at Pfeiffer.

Ehrcke in a conference with college officials, said that his company in the coming months would put into effect recommendations developed by the Pfeiffer Student Government Association and approved by the college administration and board of trustees. These call for a greater variety of foods and improved serving facilities. Over the Christmas holidays, additional equipment was added to the kitchen facilities of the dining room.

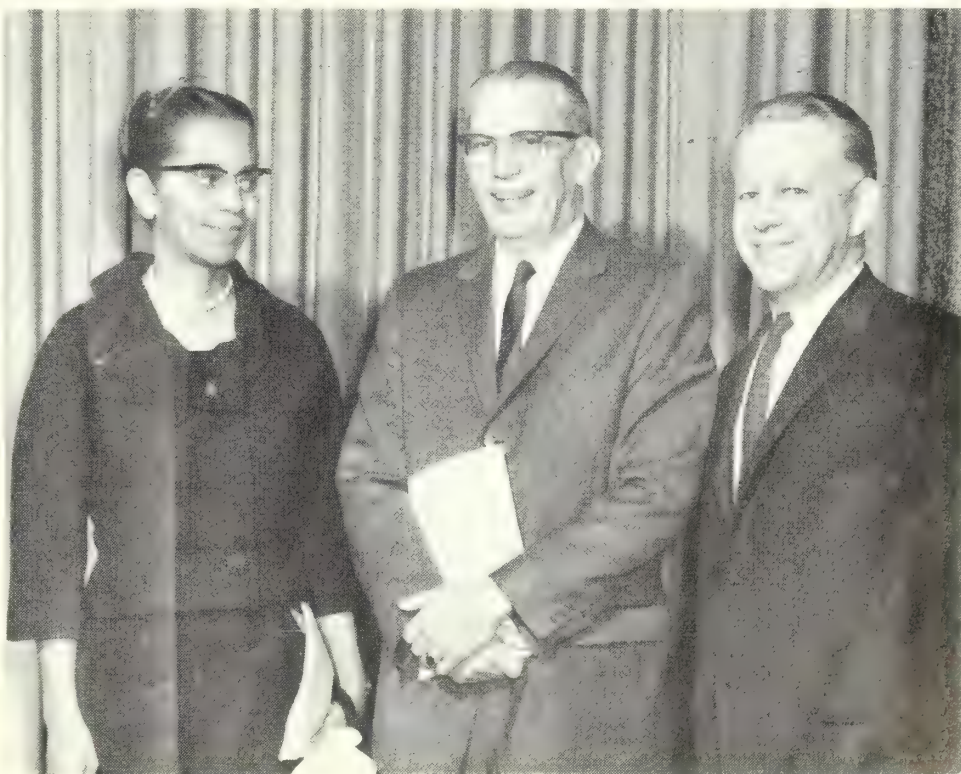
The new manager comes to Pfeiffer from Olivet College in Michigan. A native of Detroit, he is married, has a small baby, is Lutheran, and served for three years as a U. S. Army bandmaster.

Planning For '62

The fourth National Methodist Family Life Conference will be held October 19-21, 1962, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, in Chicago.

This was announced by Bishop Hazen C. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the church's General Committee on Family Life, which sponsors the quadrennial conference.

About 3,000 parents and church workers especially concerned with serving the needs of families are expected to attend the meeting.



Three of the four new officers of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, which had its annual meeting January 9-10 in Denver: (left to right) Dr. Willa B. Player, Greensboro, N. C., vice-president; Dr. Carl C. Bracy, Alliance, Ohio, president; and Dr. Ralph W. Decker, Nashville, Tenn., secretary (re-elected). The new treasurer, Dean V. Y. C. Eady of Emory-at-Oxford, Oxford, Ga., was unable to be present for the photo.



Woman's Activities



WHMS - Another Rich Heritage

By MARY GARDNER

Eleven years after the organization of Methodism's first Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in 1869, the first Woman's Home Missionary Society was formed in 1880. In her book, *The Balance Wheel*, Ellen Coughlin Keeler describes the vision of the women of early Methodism: "Answering the call of womanhood from cabins of the South, Mormon harems, Indian wigwams, adobe houses, tepees, and Chinese quarters, the Woman's Home Missionary Society came into being."

This first Woman's Home Missionary Society stemmed from a burning desire of a pastor's wife in New Orleans, La., to help the emancipated Negro women and children. She was Mrs. Joseph C. Hartzell, whose husband later became a bishop of the church. Mrs. Hartzell first organized cooking and sewing classes to train these women to help themselves. Her project outgrowing her resources, Mrs. Hartzell attempted to appear before General Conference, meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1880, to ask for aid. She was unable to get a hearing. Her story, however, reached the ears of Dr. A. B. Leonard, district superintendent, who, in cooperation with Dr. J. T. Erwin, pastor of Trinity Church, arranged a woman's meeting in Trinity Church.

The initial meeting was held on June 8 with 50 women in attendance. Following a stirring presentation of the matter of a woman's organization by Mrs. Hartzell, the motion "to form a Woman's Home Missionary Society with recommendations for special attention to the southern field" was carried. The country's First Lady, Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, became the organization's first president.

The launching of a church-wide connec-tional home missions work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, may be attributed almost entirely to the efforts of Miss Lucinda B. Helm. Beginning with such tasks as collecting funds for parsonages in weaker charges, the work gradually expanded into the establishment of schools and in evangelism.

The year 1910 marked the merging of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions with the Woman's Home Missionary Society to form a Woman's Missionary Council, the governing body of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This organization was in existence until unification of the three branches of Methodism in 1939.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was authorized by the General Conference in 1892 and in May 1928 all missionary and educational projects of that branch of Methodism were united in one Board of Missions.

This then is Methodism's heritage in

local, home, and foreign work. Culmination of these early efforts came with the unification of the Northern, Southern, and Methodist Protestant branches with a program broad enough and vital enough to enlist every Methodist woman. It is a heritage undergirded by the investment of faith, love, and service by far-sighted and sympathetic women of long ago.

Today the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service extends to "the uttermost part of the earth," with projects and personnel in 33 countries. Tomorrow's outreach will depend in a large measure on how members of this largest woman's organization in the world accept their responsibilities of stewardship as stated in its purpose: unite *all* the women of the church in Christian living and service; help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; develop the spiritual life; study the needs of the world; take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church, improve civic, community, and world conditions."

N. C. Conference WSCS To Host Meeting

The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be second time hostess to the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS scheduled to be held February 21-23. The hostess church will be Trinity Methodist Church, Durham. The N. C. Conference WSCS and the Edenton Street Methodist Church were hostess to the jurisdiction society's fourth annual meeting in 1944. The twenty-first annual meeting will have for its theme, "Our Mission Today," with Mrs. David J. Cathcart, of Lakeland, Fla., as the presiding officer.

Principal speakers will include the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations; the Rev. Dr. Edmund F. Perry, a professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Methodist bishops James K. Mathews, of Boston, Mass., and Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., and Miss Ruth Harris, a secretary of student work for the Methodist Board of Missions.

Mrs. Dow Hamrick, Ellijay, Ga., is chairman of the program committee. Serving with Mrs. Hamrick are Mrs. Cathcart; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, Raleigh; and Miss Nancy Cawood, Winchester, Ky. Mrs. J. J. Gergen, Durham, is chairman of the local committee.

Hostess conference president is Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn. Mrs. Ralph Cushman is president of the Woman's Society of the host church.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Message From Conference Secretary of Promotion

To promote means "to advance, to go forward." We all know that the office of secretary of promotion is a very important one and that we must exercise tact, persistence and have fellowship with Him who will enable us to find joy in our work.

Have you ordered a copy of *A Guide and Promotion Handbook?* (35 cents). This handbook, as the name implies, gives the duties of the secretary of promotion, who helps to advance the organization and program of the Woman's Society.

These pages are important for Methodist women: *Promotion Handbook*—pages 1-16—"In the District," *Methodist Woman*—January issue—pages 29-32; New membership cards.

I hope that you are stressing the observance of the 20th birthday of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Here is a suggestion you might like to follow:

1. Plan ahead.
2. Ask one circle to decorate the table using some idea related to the Woman's Society.
3. Ask another circle to bake the cake (the more involved, the more interest and personal attendance).
4. Extend special invitations to past presidents and charter members, and give the special recognition.
5. Suggestions for your program: Present the purpose (have a narrator); break the purpose down into its major phrases which have been assigned to circles, each circle presenting a spot drama to illustrate and interpret the meaning of that phrase. There are five of these dramas: (a) To unite the women of the church in Christian living and service; (b) to help develop and support Christian work among women and children around the world; (c) to develop the spiritual world; (d) to study the needs of the world; (e) to take part in such service activities as will strengthen the local church and improve civic, community and world conditions.

This program can be very effective if the women will give their ideas and are willing to participate. The younger, as well as the older women, will enjoy hearing the history of the society. Cooperation and participation is the answer for a successful meeting.

—MRS. S. RAY LOWDER
Secretary of Promotion
WNC Conference

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT HAS NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. J. W. Braxton of Canton has been elected as secretary of promotion for the Woman's Society of the Waynesville District, filling the unexpired term of Mrs. B. McLean of Whittier.

Mrs. McLean has served for many years in the Waynesville District and has done such fine work with such a loyal, faithful spirit. This is her sixth year as district secretary of promotion.

20TH ANNIVERSARY HYMN

The following words were composed by Mrs. J. H. Bancroft of Asheville, an official

the Asheville District for ten years. It is sung to the tune, *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*. Its title is, *Come, Ye Faithful Women*.

Oh come, ye faithful women
To celebrate this day.
We had our first beginning
Just twenty years ago.
Each year has brought its blessings
Of progress far and wide.
We thank Thee, heavenly Father,
That Thou hast been our guide.

Come, join our happy women
In fellowship sublime,
We join with other Christians
To pray and serve and give.
God gave us vision glorious
Till all the world is won,
And Christ shall be the Saviour
Of peoples everywhere.

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Dr. R. P. Marshall To Conduct European Tour

Readers of the *ADVOCATE* will be interested to know that Dr. R. P. Marshall, former editor, will conduct a tour to Europe next summer. It will be a 30-day tour of Europe, featuring the Methodist World Conference in Oslo, Norway. The tour will begin by leaving New York via BOAC Economy Jet at 9:00 p.m., August 9, and returning by air on September 7. In Europe the transportation will be by deluxe motor-coach, by air, and by train. Good hotels and meals will be provided, and sightseeing tours and excursions arranged. Cities visited will include London, Paris, Bristol, Stratford-on-Avon, Lincoln, Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Heidelberg, Lüneburg, Milan, Venice, Florence, Naples. Those interested should contact Pleasant Travel Services, Inc., Box 1637, Burlington, N. C.

Work Begun On Building New Glendale Heights Church

Ground was broken Sunday afternoon, January 1, for a permanent home for the congregation of Glendale Heights Methodist Church in ceremonies held on the church site at the corner of Leon and Gregson Streets.

Contract for the erection of the educational building, which will cost \$60,000, has been awarded to the Hutchins Construction Co., and construction will get under way immediately with the approval of an application for a church loan.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, turned the first spadeful of dirt in the rites January 1st, and a number of the church's leaders also participated.

Glendale Heights Methodist Church was organized September 13, 1959, with the Rev. Alison Simonton, Jr., being assigned by the Methodist Conference as its pastor. Organized with 112 members, the church now has a membership of 184 persons.

Services are being held in the Barfield Community Center until the church's building is completed.

The future plans call for the erection of a sanctuary.

Conference On Aging Held In Washington

Washington, D. C.—Several score Methodists participated in the first White House Conference on the Aging here January 9-12, both learning about and sharing their concern in the growing problem. It was indicated that some of the things learned will be the subject of consultations and programming soon by three agencies of the Methodist Church.

Although one of 20 study sections at the conference was entitled "Religion and Aging," Methodists appeared to be lending their experience in all or most fields. There were official representatives from the Boards of Education, Hospitals and Homes, Christian Social Concerns and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, but other Methodists came as delegates from states and from volunteer organizations.

Those in the section on religion reported their gratitude at the lack of "fireworks between faiths" and the sense of brotherhood. The section's adopted report stressed that "the meaning of life is to be found solely in man's relationship to God," thus giving value and potential to every individual, regardless of age. It called for treatment of the aged person as an individual, "entitled to responsible membership within the religious fellowship."

The religion sections' report was quoted as one of the first elements of the conference's closing addresses by the Hon. Arthur

S. Flemming, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and also church school superintendent of Foundry Methodist Church here. In welcoming delegates, Flemming, whose department was responsible for planning and conducting the conference, said one objective was to express intelligent concern for senior citizens.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes and the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes were expected to consider, at their annual conventions in February, possible recommendations for church action on problems of the aging. A representative of the Board of Education's Division of Local Church said a "new look" is needed at its older adult work begun in 1944.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area, long chairman of the Methodist Committee on Family Life, gave the invocation at the first gathering for all delegates. He also was chairman for a work group on "The Role of Religion."

Methodists from North Carolina involved in planning this conference included Rev. Harold Minor of Durham, and Mr. Willard S. Farrow of Charlotte.

Discussion leaders included the Rev. Dr. William F. Case, dean of religious education, National Methodist Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. John W. Cook, editor of *Mature Years*, of the Board of Education, Nashville.



GROUND BROKEN FOR CHURCH—Dr. C. D. Barclift, fourth from left, superintendent of the Durham District, is shown above as he turned the first spadeful of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for a permanent church home of the Glendale Heights Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, January 1. Also participating in the rites were other church officials. The church will be erected at the corner of Leon and Gregson Streets. In the picture, left to right, are: Harry Lewis, church lay leader; William K. Harris III, building committee chairman; T. J. Woodall, chairman of the official board of the church; Dr. Barclift; Dr. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference; Samuel C. Hodges, chairman of the church board of trustees; and the Rev. Alison Simonton, Jr., pastor.

—Sun Staff Photo



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Missionary Birds

By Jennie S. Charles

Jack Miner, of Kingsville, Ontario, was once an ardent duck hunter. In his book, "Jack Miner and the Birds," he tells of an occasion when he and his older brother brought home 37 wild ducks from an overnight hunting trip.

A few years later he secured some wild duck eggs from which he raised three ducklings. A friend gave him three others, also from eggs found in the wild. He made a pond for his ducks and clipped their wings lest they fly away. At first, he sold their offspring to hunters for decoys. Later, he decided it would be more enjoyable to him to see them flying about, so he discontinued the wing-clipping and the selling.

When autumn came the unclipped ducks disappeared. At first he thought they had fallen prey to hunters, but when spring came they returned. They seemed to know him as a friend. They knew where to find the gate that opened into the pond area. They responded to his tapping on the food tins to announce feeding time. He needed no other proof that they were the same ducks, but his friends only laughed at the idea.

Jack Miner had two questions in his mind: Where did the ducks go? How could he prove to his friends that the same ones returned?

One day he scratched his name and address with a sharp point of a pair of scissors on a piece of sheet aluminum about three-quarters of an inch wide and one inch long, and wrapped it around the leg of a black duck. She disappeared in December, and the band was returned January 17th by a duck hunter in Anderson, S. C.

This was the beginning of Jack Miner's bird banding, which has gone on through the years. He became so interested in studying the habits of his ducks that he put away his gun and increased the size of his pond, thus bringing in more ducks of more different species.

One day Mr. Miner bought a calendar from a Salvation Army lassie, and slipped the roll into his overcoat pocket. A few days later he found it hanging on the wall of the dining room at his home where Mrs. Miner had placed it.

Jack Miner was a Christian man, and upon finding that the calendar contained 365 Bible verses, one for each day of the year, he wished he had some way to pass them on to his friends. He thought

of having them put in booklet form for Christmas greetings.

One night, as he was sitting in his lean-back chair looking up at the stars, he heard a flock of ducks coming into the pond. Suddenly God's radio said to him, "Stamp the Bible verses on what is now the blank side of your duck tags." And he says that in less than a week he had the fowls of the air carrying the Word of God; and that in less than six months "they were delivering it from the sunny side of the Atlantic to the far-off Indians and Eskimos."

Many tags were returned, and many interesting letters came to Mr. Miner from far places. And many ducks returned, carrying the tags they had taken on their long journey. Six years was the longest period of time for any one bird to bring back its tag year after year.

And so the wild birds helped to carry the message of the gospel to people in near and distant places.



THE TRAVELER

One day when a man was traveling on foot
Up came a storm as black as soot.

The man was in a very bad fix,
For storms and people just don't mix.
Then through the inky, stormy night,
Lo and behold! A glowing light
Made by a candle, straight and tall,
Set to be seen by one and all
Who were passing on their weary way,
Beckoning them to rest a day.
So the grateful man had shelter that night,
All because of one little light.

So light your candle—strong let it be—
And hold it up for the world to see.

—By MARCIA WHICKER, Age 12
Winston-Salem, N. C.



Great Boy Makes Great Man

"I wish I were a great man. I'd do so many things to make people happy," said Ralph.

"What would you do if you were a great man?" asked mother.

"I'd help the good people, give money to the poor, give food to the hungry ones, and send doctors to cure the sick ones. Then I'd be great, and get my name in the papers."

"Well," said mother with a smile, "that's a lot, even for a great man to do.

But tell me, did you ever stop to wonder how great men come to be great men?

"No, I really haven't."

"Do you think our little new lemon tree will ever grow into an orange tree?"

"Of course not," said Ralph. "It will grow into a big lemon tree."

"Well, then," continued his mother, "what kind of a boy will grow into a great man?"

"A great boy, I suppose," replied Ralph thoughtfully.

"Then," suggested mother, "suppose you try and be a great boy by making people happy."

"All right, I'll try," he said, "but how?"

"Well, suppose you gather the weeds so father won't have to do it."

Ralph eagerly brought in the weeds and then pulled up some weeds as another surprise for father.

Next day it was hard to be great, for his little brother was cross, and Ralph wondered if he would give up trying to be great. Suddenly he ran away, but instead of being happy, he felt mean and like a coward who had run away from a battle.

So, hurrying back, he got the wheeled barrow and put his little brother in it, wheeled him round and round, until they were both laughing and happy.

—The Australian Baptist



Bible Quiz

Some Sleep Experiences in Bible Times

1. Who slept in a small boat during a great storm? _____
2. Who once had a stone pillow to sleep on? _____
3. Who slept while they should have been watching, while danger threatened on their loved? _____
4. Who slept under a juniper tree? _____
5. What is the meaning of the phrase "Asleep in Jesus?" _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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| 1. Eve | Genesis 3:20 |
| 2. Sara | Genesis 18:12 |
| 3. Hannah | I Samuel 1:28 |
| 4. Mary | Luke 1:38 |



It is a critical world but not hopeless. Our ultimate task is to discover the pattern of God's activity and to become His fellow workers.—PROF. PAUL DEATS, JR., Boston University School of Theology.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 5

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH

Greensboro College

Head, Department of Religious Education

CHRIST SATISFIES LIFE'S HUNGER

Background Scripture: John 6

Lesson Scripture: John 6:25-40

This lesson follows the pattern already mentioned, namely, that John's gospel is interested in making clear the distinction between the material and the spiritual aspects of life.

When the crowds who had witnessed the miracle of the loaves encountered Jesus at Capernaum they asked him when he had come there. Jesus did not answer their question (perhaps because he thought it irrelevant), but countered immediately with a statement that implied that he thought they were following him only because he might repeat the miracle and provide them with more bread. Said he, "Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life; which the Son of man will give you; for on him has God the father set his seal." The next question they asked was a practical one, and one that has been asked throughout the ages: "What must we be doing to be doing the work of God?" This reminds us of the question asked by the rich young ruler: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' answer, in our scripture for today, must have been surprising to them. Jesus didn't suggest a list of actual deeds that his hearers might engage in, but rather he begins with the need for *personal belief and dedication* to him. But the crowd wanted a further sign so that they might be absolutely sure Jesus was from God.

Notice that these inquirers mentioned the fact that Moses had provided bread for the children of Israel in the wilderness. The suggestion here is that, after all, Jesus wasn't any greater than Moses. But Jesus immediately points out that it was not Moses who gave the manna in the wilderness, but it was *God*. And furthermore, God's greatest gift was not the physical bread, but spiritual bread.

Then follows the first of what has been called the seven "I am" passages, "I am the bread of life." If the reader wishes, at this point, to examine the other "I am" references, they may be found as follows: 8-12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6; and 15:1.

It would be difficult to find a message that is more needed in our life today than the message of this lesson. There are so many of us who feel that all our needs can be met by the abundance of material things. Indeed, one of our modern theologians has said: "The real God of the average American is the American standard of living." We may deny this, but there is a great deal of evidence for it. Most of us desire not only the necessities, or even the comforts, but also the luxuries of life. Living in such luxury it is difficult for us to proclaim spiritual truths to those who have to live on twenty-five dollars a year or less, as many do in various parts of the world.

Jesus referred to the really important hungers as spiritual: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." A good friend of the writer is fond

of saying: "I am rich in the fewness of my wants." And many readers will recall Sannah Wesley's remark when the house lacked fuel and the pantry was almost bare: "At least Jackie (John) is a fellow of Oxford." Years ago Dr. Cabot, of Harvard, wrote a book entitled *What Men Live By*. In this book no mention is made of physical bread as being the answer to our needs. Instead, Dr. Cabot finds the basic needs of men to be these: Work, Play, Love and Worship.

National Convocation On Christian Social Concerns

One of the most significant meetings ever called by Methodists will be the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns, to be held at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., April 24-28, 1961.

Authorized by the last General Conference, the program of the newly-organized Board of Christian Social Concerns will at that time be formally launched. The Council of Bishops will lead in presenting the second of our nine great quadrennial emphases, i. e., the thrust of the church in vital social issues now inviting Christian solutions.

More than 1200 delegates will be expected to attend. Each annual conference is urged to send ten representatives. All boards and agencies of the Methodist Church are invited to participate.

The program will feature a number of outstanding leaders with skills for handling contemporary social issues. It will introduce many helpful facilities now available for use in creative conference, local church and community programs.

Christian Social Concerns Elects Lee A. Ranck

Lee A. Ranck, Washington Area director of Methodist Information for the past year, on February 1 will become managing editor of publications for the national Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area said the Area Commission on Methodist Information is seeking a successor.

Ranck, 29, was in editorial work with the former Methodist Board of Temperance before taking his present post. The charge means moving back upstairs in the Methodist Building at 100 Maryland Avenue, Northeast. He will succeed Miss Marilyn Baldwin, of Oklahoma City, who has resigned to be married.

Help Offered For Summer Service Projects

Annual Conference agencies and other groups may have an interest in developing summer service projects in home or overseas mission fields for high school youths and college students. For such groups, a national Methodist agency is available for help and counsel.

The Methodist Volunteer Service Committee, composed of staff executives of the Boards of Education and Missions, coordinates summer service projects for Methodist young people. This committee offers its services to any Methodist group considering the possibility of undertaking a summer service project related to either home or overseas mission fields.

The proper committee representatives to contact are: For high school youth projects—the Rev. Theodore McEachern, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 3, Tenn; for college student projects—the Rev. R. C. Singleton, 475 Riverside Drive, 13th Floor, New York 27, N. Y. It is especially recommended that these representatives be contacted by any group considering the possibility of an overseas project.

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JUST BE CONSISTENT!

Shall I force my child to go to Sunday school and church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter. How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and announces, "I'm not going to school today." You know, Junior goes! How do you answer when Junior, threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take my medicine." You know, he takes it!

Why all this timidity then in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday school or church? That's an easy one. Just be consistent!

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—J. EDGAR HOOVER

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International Greek New Testament Project Gets Grant

The International Greek New Testament project at Emory University has received a grant of \$15,000 from the Dollingen Foundation of New York to be used in its work over a three-year period.

Dr. Merrill H. Parvis, director of the project, said the grant was a renewal of previous grants from the foundation.

The project is devoted to studying thousands of Greek manuscripts on microfilm, attempting to recover the earliest texts and comparing them with those now in use.

An immediate aim (within 20 years) is a definitive text pointing out the differences in the early manuscripts as compared to those now in use.

A revised New Testament is the long-range goal, with the time involved estimated at 100 years.

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St. Paul Educates Native As Korean Missionary

Goldsboro during the Christmas holidays got a close-up of what is becoming a great new force in the training of Christian missionaries.

St. Paul Methodist Church had as its guest for two weeks the young Korean native the church is educating at Duke University. The young student made a favorable and loving impression when he appeared before various church groups and was entertained in homes of members.

The Korean native is a graduate of a seminary in his own country. St. Paul Church is financing three years of post-graduate study for him. Then he will go home to serve his own people as pastor and religious leader.

St. Paul decided to educate a native for Christian mission rather than to support its own American missionary sent from the church.

The plan has much to recommend it. The native is not separated from the people by language, habits, attitudes or color. He can immediately begin his service as pastor or religious worker without the years required to become fluent in the language. The native is not as likely to change his mind after two or three or five years and decide he will not remain on the field. The cost of educating a native for mission work and supporting him on a field will be less than that of training an American and sending him overseas.

While the young St. Paul Korean student is a graduate of a native seminary, an equally able young Christian might be enrolled for study in America from a native Korean Christian church.

Denominations could recruit able young natives in Africa, in Asia or anywhere else in the many nations where Americans send missionaries, and send them to the United States for undergraduate or graduate courses. Already this is a spreading trend in mission endeavors.

You will see this plan broadened to great degree in the next few years.—*Goldsboro Argus-News*.

Speak Out On Schools

Atlanta, Ga.—The Methodist Ministerial Association of Greater Atlanta has urged Governor Ernest Vandiver and the General Assembly to keep open the public schools in the face of integration.

The statement said in part: "Based on the Christian way of life, we believe it is more important to continue and advance the welfare of our children through the program of public education within the framework of law and order than to resort to anarchy for the sake of controversial customs and traditions."

In an address before Atlanta's Civitan Club, Methodist Bishop John Owen Smith said that Soviet Premier Khrushchev would be "exceedingly happy if we were to close up our schools." He recalled the Soviet leader's statement that Russia would conquer the West, not with guns, but by "out-educating, out-researching, out-planning, and out-producing" her rivals.



Easter is a time for devotions

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Bishop Garber Given Educational Citation



Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., (left), receives a citation from the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church for his leadership in Methodist higher education during the denomination's 1959-60 quadrennium. It was presented by Dr. Willis M. Tate (center) at the association's annual meeting, January 9-10, in Denver. Dr. Tate is the outgoing president of the association and president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. At right is Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver, who extended greetings at the association's annual banquet.

Bishop Garber was chairman of the quadrennial Commission on Christian Higher Education, which promoted Methodism's 1956-60 emphasis on higher education. He is now president of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. (Text of citation appears on page 11).

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

☛ MAIN STREET CHURCH, Albemarle, is emphasizing the "Fill A Pew" program for the Sunday evening service, and is realizing results.

☛ REV. W. M. WELLS, state director of Methodist Student Work, will be the guest speaker at the MYF at Haymount Church, Fayetteville, February 5.

☛ MORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH, on the Winston-Salem District, will conduct a school of missions beginning February 5, at 6:00 p.m. Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor.

☛ CENTRAL CHURCH, Asheville, will conduct a School for Christian Living beginning February 5. This school has been very helpful and enlightening to those who have attended in other years.

☛ MEMBERS OF the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Monroe worshiped in Central Methodist Church in a body recently, in observing "Religion in American Life," a project sponsored by the Junior Chamber.

☛ REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, pastor of Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, will preach in revival services at Wesley Heights Church, of which Rev. W. R. Kelly is pastor, beginning March 12th and running through the week.

☛ A CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS Conference for Albemarle District was held Sunday afternoon, January 22, at Pfeiffer College from 2:30 to 5:45. Vocation workshops were held to assist young people as they think about choosing their life's work.

☛ ELIZABETH CITY and Raleigh district conferences were postponed last week on account of the bad weather. Raleigh District is to be held one week late, February 3. We are not sure about when Elizabeth City conference will be held.

☛ HAYMOUNT METHODIST CHURCH, Fayetteville, will have a Family Fellowship gathering Friday evening, February 3, at 6:30 with a covered-dish supper. Members are asked to bring the food, and the new members will be honored guests.

☛ THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference held its mid-winter meeting at Pfeiffer College January 19-22. About 40 ladies were present, and the meeting was presided over by the conference president, Mrs. Carl King, of Statesville.

☛ REV. BRUNSON WALLACE of Asheboro recently participated as a leader in a series of seminars on Christian Social Concerns throughout the state of Nebraska. In his absence from Central Church Laymen's Day was observed with Mr. Robert L. Reese, church lay leader, as speaker.

☛ EDENTON STREET CHURCH, Raleigh, has established the W. A. Stanbury Library, and reports that interest is growing. A large number of books are available and the library is open each day during office hours and each Sunday. Dr. Stanbury was once the popular pastor of the Edenton Street Church.

☛ REV. J. C. GROCE, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Charlotte District, has been a patient in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

☛ A FAMILY NIGHT DINNER was held at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, January 26. The meal was served at 6:15, and the group continued the study on Alcohol, using a panel in question-and-answer discussion.

☛ THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' Training School for the churches of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will be held at First Church February 12-16 at 7:30 p.m. Sixteen courses have been arranged dealing with workers in all departments of the church school.

☛ HIGH POINT COLLEGE, in association with the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of High Point, is sponsoring a "Family Camping Week-end" on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23. The week-end begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with registration at Alumni Gymnasium and will end on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The complete schedule of activities will appear in a later story.

☛ THROUGH THE GENEROSITY of a family of St. Luke's Church, Goldsboro, the congregation will witness a second mortgage-burning on February 2. The ceremony will precede the holding of the quarterly conference. The Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., has recently become pastor of St. Luke, succeeding Rev. George C. Megill, who enters mission work in Brazil. The note to be burned clears the parsonage of debt.

☛ AFTER HOLDING several "one-night revivals" in leading churches in Miami where he once was pastor, Dr. Walt Holcomb made a boat trip to Nassau, Bahamas, where he held a "one-day revival" in Ebenezer Methodist, the oldest and largest church in Nassau. Dr. Holcomb left January 26 for South America, where he will conduct ten "one-day revivals." He is now in Lima, Peru.

☛ REV. R. G. TUTTLE of Asheville was one of a dozen men chosen from throughout the nation to share in a stewardship planning meeting in Evanston, Ill., January 9-10. The meeting, sponsored by the church's General Board of Lay Activities, brought together 12 key men to serve as advisers in drawing up plans and goals for the stewardship emphasis in the church's 1960-64 quadrennial program.

☛ A CHRISTIAN WORKERS' School was held at the Scotland Neck Methodist Church January 29-February 1, for the Battleboro, Conetoe, Enfield, Hobgood, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Hart-Speight, Tarboro, St. James, West Halifax, and Whitaker Charges. Courses included, "How to Improve the Church School," Rev. W. Nesbitt; "Christian Beliefs," Rev. Thomas A. Collins; "Understanding Youth," Rev. Owen Fitzgerald; and "Teaching Primary Children," Rev. W. G. Brogan.

☛ WESTMINSTER CHURCH, Kinston, is holding a school of missions on Sunday evenings, February 5, 12, and 19.

☛ DR. ALLEN C. BEST, vice-president of Greensboro College, preached at Central Church, Shelby, January 29.

☛ MARION DISTRICT workshop will be held at First Church, Rutherfordton, February 5 from 2:30 to 5:30. There will be a panel discussion on Methodist Men, Work of the Official Board, the Lay Leader, and Lay Speaking.

☛ THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' School for Wilmington will be held at Sunset Park Church February 5-9. Instructors include Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Rev. R. L. Bame, Mrs. W. R. Stevens, and Mrs. T. M. Maxwell.

☛ DR. GEORGE SCHREYER, head of the department of Christian education at Pfeiffer College, spoke at the New London Methodist Church January 22, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Billings, who is on a tour of the southern states with the male chorus of Pfeiffer College.

☛ DR. CARY NELSON WEISIGER, minister of Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., spoke to the Peacock Memorial Bible Class at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, last Sunday. Dr. Weisiger is a widely known preacher who is in great demand throughout the nation.

☛ DR. LYDA GORDON SHIVERS, head of the Department of Sociology, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, spoke at Grace Church, Wilmington, February 2, at 8:00 p.m., on the subject, "Teen-Age Marriages—Problem or Challenge." This was the annual meeting of the Family Service Society, and the public was invited.

☛ DR. WENDELL M. PATTON, president of High Point College, will be the guest speaker at the February 3rd meeting of the High Point College Alumni Chapter of Greensboro. Dr. Patton will speak to the group of HPC graduates following the dinner meeting which will be held at the Grace Methodist Church Friday evening, February 3.

☛ REV. GEORGE B. CLEMMER, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, is supplying the pulpit of Trinity Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, during the months of January and February in the absence of Rev. Frank B. Cook, pastor. Mr. Cook is serving as chaplain on the Moore-McCormack liner, Argentina, now on South American cruise.

☛ REV. HAROLD HIPPS and Rev. Tom Summey of the staff of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, are this week in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Hipps is attending the Local Church Division Staff Conference of the General Board of Education as a member of the Advisory Committee. Mr. Summey is attending the meeting of the Ministers of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, and will lead one of the discussion groups.

Dr. George W. Harley, Noted Missionary to Liberia, Receives "Methodist of Year" Award



DR. GEORGE W. HARLEY (center)



WILLIAM W. REID (left)

Dr. George W. Harley, noted missionary to Liberia and former North Carolinian, received the Methodist of the Year award of *World Outlook* at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church recently at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Co-recipient with Dr. Harley was William W. Reid, of the Department of News Service of the Board of Missions.

The awards were presented to Dr. Harley and Mr. Reid at the *World Outlook* banquet which was attended by about 500 persons. The president of the Board, Bishop Richard C. Raines, of Indianapolis, Ind., presented the plaques to these two men for "outstanding service to the missionary enterprise of the Methodist Church."

Dr. Harley retired in April, 1960, after 35 years of service as a Methodist missionary to Liberia. In 1925 Dr. and Mrs. Harley went to Liberia as medical missionaries and trekked deep into the jungle interior. They established the Ganta mission station, which has become the best known and one of the largest centers of Methodist work in the country.

In 1960 Dr. and Mrs. Harley received the highest award Liberia can bestow, Knight with Great Band of the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption. He was likewise honored at the annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in June 1960 when the Ambassador of Liberia, Dr. Padmore, appeared on the program at Lake Junaluska and paid tribute to the Harleys and their work in Liberia. A telegram of appreciation for the Harleys was sent by President Eisenhower for this service.

Dr. Harley is one of the Methodist church's best known missionaries. As a missionary pioneer at the Ganta station, Dr. Harley, though a medical missionary, did much of the work of building the station himself. Out of his labors have come a hospital, a church, a brick factory, numerous other buildings, and a mission program. He has trained Liberians to do many

types of work in all phases of the operation of the station and has become a recognized authority on Liberian tribal customs, languages, folklore, and tropical diseases.

The story of Dr. Harley's pioneering work has been told in *Together*, *The Reader's Digest*, and *Coronet* magazines, on television, in many newspapers including *The New York Times*, in Edward Hume's book, *Doctors Courageous*, and more recently in a full-length motion picture. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*.

Dr. Harley, the son of a Methodist minister, spent his early life in Asheville, Brevard, Bessemer City, Norwood, and Concord. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Duke University, the Yale University Medical School and Hartford Seminary (Ph.D.)

He and Mrs. Harley have now moved to Lancaster, Va., where they will live in retirement.

Mr. Reid retired January 20 as director of the Department of News Service of the Board of Missions after 42 years of news, public relations, educational and promotional service to Methodist missions. When he began his career with the Board in 1919 after 10 years of newspaper work, the profession of religious public relations was in its infancy and he is regarded as a pioneer in this field.

A layman who has devoted most of his life to professional work in the church, Mr. Reid was born in Ireland and came to the United States when he was ten years old. He attended Jamaica (Queens) High School and New York University. He holds the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from New York University.

Dr. Harley and Mr. Reid join other outstanding Methodists as Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, Bishop Herbert Welch, and Rev. Lester Griffeth who have received this recognition in recent years.

(Prepared for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE from the office of Dr. Horace R. McSwain)

Beach Grove Members Are Highly Honored

Members of the Beech Grove Methodist Charge received three of four awards presented at the recent Annual Awards banquet of the New Bern Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Outstanding Teen-ager of the Year Award went to Miss Betty Hart Ipock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Ipock of Route 2, New Bern. Miss Ipock is a member of the Beech Grove Church where she is church organist, an active member of the MYF, and was last year's ACS delegate.

The Outstanding Young Farmer Award was presented to Hodges B. Parker who, as was stated in the presentation speech, "owns and manages a dairy farm and has accomplished almost the impossible in a short period of time, having undertaken a challenge which most people would have not only hesitated to start but reject completely." Mr. Parker is a member and official board chairman at Clarks Church.

A special Certificate of Merit for his accomplishments in the field of agriculture and dairying was presented to Mr. Thomas Sugg. Mr. Sugg is church school superintendent at Beech Grove Church.

The members of Beech Grove Charge are indeed proud of the accomplishments of these as representatives of the many fine young people in the three churches.

Methodist College Holds Registration January 27

Registration for the second semester at Methodist College, Fayetteville, was held last Friday, January 27.

For most of the students this means a continuation of courses begun during the first semester, but for others it offers opportunities for a new beginning.

Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, dean of the college, announced that for new students who wish to enter Methodist College at the beginning of the second semester, the following courses are being offered: English, College Algebra, New Testament, World History and American Government.

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Let The Advocate Help You

We are delighted with the fine way in which our pastors and district superintendents are emphasizing the importance of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE going into every home. Many of the churches are sending in sizeable lists of new subscribers. We just received one this morning from Marshville in the Albemarle District for 84 subscriptions. Other churches and pastors are also responding in a fine way. We would like to urge every pastor to see to this right now, either taking charge of it himself or appointing a good wide-awake layman or laywoman to do so. Chances are that if the people are contacted personally they will subscribe. That has been our experience. The ADVOCATE is the only publication that gives the local church and conference news, undergirds the local program of the church, and is servant of the two North Carolina conferences. Other periodicals can carry good reading material of a general nature, but they are not in touch with the local church and conference situation. Hence, the ADVOCATE should be permitted to undergird the whole program of the church by going into every Methodist home. May we suggest that right now, during February, special emphasis be given this matter? We should have twice the number of subscribers that we now have, and we can have them if the people are given an opportunity. Of course, the pastors should be "sold" on it, because it helps them in their work, and develops better Christians. And we do not have room to publish all the fine letters we get from people who tell us how much they appreciate the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. This periodical is owned and operated by the two conferences in this state. It is the official conference organ, and should have the strong support of every pastor and layman. January and February are ADVOCATE months. Now that January is gone, let's use February to double the subscription list. Don't put it off, but do it right now. Today! Thanks.

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Whether we realize it or not, one-twelfth of the new calendar year is already gone. Let us be busy about our Father's business. These are days filled with responsibility and rich in opportunity. How are we using them? Remember, the harvest will be determined by the seeds we sow now and the way we cultivate their growth.

Figures That Shame Us

Figures may be boring at times, and yet at other times they are most revealing, and sometimes embarrassing. According to reports at the meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, held at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 16-20, the church spent \$15,000,000 the preceding year for mission work in 44 countries overseas. That is an average of \$1.50 per person for 10,000,000 Methodists, or less than one-half of one cent per day, not counting Sunday. In the daily press on the same day these figures were presented, it was reported that President Eisenhower had asked Congress for an \$81,000,000,000 budget for the coming year. If our mathematics are correct, that is an average of more than \$445.00 per person per year for 182,000,000 citizens. In these figures may be seen the wide difference in spending for governmental matters, the largest part of it going into military spending, and that for spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. The figures show the average Methodist pays around 300 times as much to the government as he does to spread the gospel overseas. We are not objecting to the support we give the government, but simply pointing out the vast difference in supporting the secular institutions and the spiritual. If we should gauge our giving to the church on the same basis as we do in government, we would contribute to overseas missions the sum of \$4,450,000,000 per year. And if Methodists would tithe their income certainly a tremendous advance could be made in giving, and the thrill of it would more than recompense for the sacrifice made.

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Washington-Tyrrell Christian Workers' School February 19-21

The Washington-Tyrrell Subdistrict Christian Workers' School will be held at Plymouth Methodist Church February 19, 20, and 21, beginning at 7:00 in the evening.

Instructors for the school will be as follows: Rev. V. E. Queen of Elizabeth City, will teach the general course on "Christian Worship;" Mrs. V. E. Queen will be teaching a course, "Guiding Children in Christian Growth;" Rev. Harold Minor, Conference Director of Adult Work, will be teaching a course on "Young Adult Work in the Church;" Rev. James Auman, of Hertford, will be teaching the course on "The Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Church."

Pastor of the host church is Rev. A. D. Byrd. Other pastors participating with their charges are Rev. Worth Pierce, of Columbia; Rev. Charles Trieheart of Cresswell, and Rev. Max Dulin of Roper.

Methodist Pacifist Fellowship Meets

There was a meeting for members of the Fellowship of Methodist Pacifists on Friday, January 20, just following the Duke Divinity School seminar in Kinston. Members and other interested persons were invited.

After a prayer by the Rev. William Jeffries, the Rev. William Wells reviewed an article in the *Christian Century* by Dr. Roland Bainton, entitled "Christian Pacifism Reassessed." The Rev. Jack Crum reviewed a recent book by Professor Bainton, *Christian Attitudes Toward War and Peace*. In a discussion led by Rev. Henry Ruark, the consensus was that the major emphasis should be on the creative, positive steps in peace-making, rather than merely on non-participation in war.

Concern was expressed over a need for ministers and laymen to have increased interest in working for world peace.

The Fellowship of Methodist Pacifists has no officers or formal organization in North Carolina, but those present decided to have informal meetings at annual conferences and perhaps semi-annually. Most were members of national Fellowship of Methodist Pacifists, an affiliate of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

—WILLIAM M. JEFFRIES

Whitakers, N. C.

Bishop Harmon In Charge Of North Alabama Conference

Nashville, Tenn. — Methodist Bishops Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., and Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., in addition to their present assignments, will each supervise an annual conference of the denomination's Birmingham Area, replacing Bishop Bachman G. Hodge, who died recently.

Bishop Harmon will take the North Alabama Conference and Bishop Hardin the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

They are expected to serve these conferences the rest of the church's 1960-64 quadrennium, said Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va. He is secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops, and he made the announcement after a meeting of the college January 19 in Atlanta.

A replacement for Bishop Hodge will be elected when the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference meets in 1964. However, he may not be assigned to the Birmingham Area since all of the bishops of the jurisdiction will be subject to re-assignment at that time.

Bishop Hodge died January 5 after several months of failing health.

Bishop Harmon has headed the Charlotte Area of The Methodist Church since he was elected bishop in 1956. Bishop Hardin was pastor of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala., before being elected bishop last year and assigned to head the church's Columbia Area.

Organizational Service Held At New Church



Congregation of New St. Timothy Church, Lexington



Place of Worship for St. Timothy

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, resident bishop of The Methodist Church, Western North Carolina, participated in the organization of a new Methodist church in Lexington on January 15, 3:00 p.m.

Assisting him in the chartering service of St. Timothy's, which took place in the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Snider, Arbor Acres, where the congregation had been meeting since October, were the Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District; the Rev. J. Harley Cecil, pastor of the new congregation, who presided; and the Rev. E. Randall (Buddy) Lanier, High Point College ministerial student who has been assisting in the organization of this new congregation. Bishop Harmon delivered the address.

Organization of this new congregation—which has a charter membership of 42—was a project of the Davidson County Board of Missions and Church Extension which is made up of Methodists from all over the county who are interested in extending the influence of the Methodist church and who are encouraged to contribute \$1 per member per year to church

extension projects. Curtis Leonard, layman in Lexington's First Methodist Church, is president of this group.

St. Timothy's is the second new Methodist congregation to be organized in Davidson County since 1958. Wesley Heights Church, the first project, was officially organized and chartered in April, 1958. Located in the fast-growing residential Western Heights area, this congregation now has 115 members and a first-unit building which is valued at \$40,000. A parsonage is now under construction. Rev. Cecil also serves as pastor of this church.

Regular worship services are held at St. Timothy's each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The church school for all ages, which meets at 10:30, has as its chairman Edgar L. Wilkerson, Jr.

On East Center Street Extension, very near the residence in which the congregation has been meeting is a 4.4-acre lot where the future building of this new church will be located.

The congregation voted to name the church St. Timothy's for the young preacher of the New Testament.

Subdistrict Evangelism Rally Held In Greenville

The Methodist churches of the Greenville Subdistrict will hold an Evangelism Rally at St. James Methodist Church in Greenville on Sunday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m. Churches in the subdistrict include Jarvis Memorial, St. James, Ayden, Salem, Vanceboro, Chapmans, Epworth, Lane's Chapel, Grimesland, Providence, and Macedonia.

Featured speaker for the rally will be Walter F. Anderson of Raleigh, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation and an outstanding Methodist layman.

The following ministers will participate in the rally: Rev. C. F. Hirsch, presiding; Rev. L. A. Aitken, prayer; Rev. H. B. Jones, scripture lesson; Rev. A. S. Lancaster, responsive reading; Rev. J. G. Way, invocation; Rev. A. C. Regan, benediction; Rev. H. M. McLamb, introduction of the speaker and explanation of the program of evangelism.

Mr. Anderson received his education at Rutherford College, Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina, and the F. B. I. National Academy. He has served as chief of the Winston-Salem and Charlotte Police Departments.

Mr. Anderson has long been active in Methodist activities. For two years he devoted full time to promoting the program of church extension in the North Carolina Conference. During the last four years he was president of the Board of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference and a member of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist denomination. He has served as delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and the General Conference of the church. He is a member of Fairmont Methodist Church in Raleigh and teaches the Wesley Bible Class.

The local rally is in preparation for a program of evangelism which will be conducted between now and Easter.

Chaplain William B. Starnes Is Promoted To Captaincy

Chaplain William B. Starnes, a member of the North Carolina Conference, and son of Editor and Mrs. S. J. Starnes of Greensboro, has been selected for promotion from First Lieutenant to the rank of Captain. He has been stationed at Fort George Mead, Maryland for the past two years. He has now been assigned to TUSLOG, Detachment 4, A.P.O. 133, New York, N. Y. The assignment is in Turkey and he will be leaving for the new post in March. The tour of duty will be for one year. His family will be in Cameron, N. C., during his absence from the states.

New Appointment

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has authorized the appointment of the Rev. C. Richard Brown, Jr. (Supply) as pastor of the newly organized Charlotte Methodist Church for the Deaf, effective January 12th. Richard is a graduate of Gallaudet College for the Deaf which, I understand, is the only college for the deaf in America.

—WALTER J. MILLER, *Dist. Supt.*

Catawba Sub-District Young Adult Fellowship

The Catawba County Sub-district Young Adult Fellowship will meet at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Claremont, on Friday, February 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Attendance goals: One carload from every young adult class in every Methodist church in Catawba County. Pastors are asked to notify each president of each young adult class of the meeting. Presidents should pass this information out to the class, using methods of publicity that will get folks out. Put someone in charge of getting the carload. Try to get the leaders of the class who develop the class program. Pick someone from the class for each of the five workshops. The purpose of these groups is to help train resource persons in each of these areas. (1) Study and Workshop, Mrs. Gerry White; (2) Recreation and Creative Arts, Mrs. Metaleen Morgan; (3) Social Action, Rev. O. L. Easter; (4) Evangelism, Rev. Harold Strader; and (5) Christian Family, Mr. Max Erwin.

DALE HILTON, *President*

REV. PAUL DUCKWALL, *Conf.*

Director of Young Adult Work

REV. JAMES BELLAMY, *District*

Director of Adult Work

The Salisbury District Is Under Capable Leadership

It is with great pleasure that we wish to inform all readers of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE of the progressive, effective, and thorough work of the one who heads the work of the Salisbury District. In only a short time, Dr. James C. Stokes and his wife have demonstrated a genuine, thoughtful, and dedicated attitude without discrimination toward all ministers who fall within the jurisdiction of their leadership. Just as every parishoner needs a pastor, so does every pastor need a pastor. Dr. Stokes has already shown that he is all this and more.

Therefore, those of us of the Salisbury District say with loud acclaim we are most appreciative of, happy with, and proud of our district superintendent who with the Christian sincerity and able assistance of his fine wife have both endeared themselves to each of us.

Duke and Emory Receive New Federal Grants

Washington, D. C.—Two Methodist universities—Duke and Emory—are among schools receiving new federal grants for the graduate study of religion, according to the U. S. Office of Education.

The fellowship awards, under Title Four of the National Defense Education Act, are made to Ph.D. candidates who intend to become college teachers. The religious studies are among some 1,500 three-year fellowships.

Duke's three awards will be in the field of Christian ethics and church history, and Emory's three in the area of philosophy.

In non-religious fields, similar graduate fellowships went to Duke for English, history, physics and chemistry; to Emory for literature, history and chemistry; to American University for government; to Boston University for African area studies, psychology and anthropology.

"Miss North Carolina" To Appear At Louisburg

"Miss North Carolina"—Miss Ann Farrington Herring, of Winston-Salem, will appear at Louisburg College for the annual homecoming event on Saturday, February 4. Events will begin with an informal afternoon tea in the faculty parlor and main social hall from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Dinner for the alumni will be at 5:45 p.m., in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union.

The annual business meeting of the alumni association will be held at 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria, with election of officers for the coming year to be the principal feature of the session. President Troy Barrett of Warrenton will preside at this meeting.

At 8:00 p.m., in the Holton Gymnasium the Louisburg Hurricanes will meet the Wilmington Seahawks for the homecoming basketball game. At the halftime, candidates for the 1961 Louisburg College homecoming queen will be presented and the new queen crowned.

Following the game there will be an informal dance and social hour in the gymnasium.

In connection with the homecoming event the Art Department of the college is featuring a display of portraits by Dot Hooks of Smithfield who has won state and national prizes for her work; architecture and landscape photography by Homer Ball of Goldsboro; and pictures from Franklin County by Thilbert Pearce of Franklinton. This display will be in the Fine Arts building.

Dr. Sockman To Receive Upper Room Citation For 1961

Nashville, Tenn.—The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, New York City, who has been called America's most popular radio preacher, will receive *The Upper Room* citation for 1961.

The annual citation, made for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship, was announced here January 4 by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, editor of *The Upper Room*, world's most widely used daily devotional guide.

Dr. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church (Methodist) in New York, will receive the citation at a dinner in New York City sometime during the year, said Dr. Potts. Details will be announced later.

Dr. Sockman's 44 years of service at Christ Church is a record at one church for Methodist ministers active today.

'The Frog Pit' Aired

Test telecasts of *The Frog Pit*, first program in a new Methodist children's television series, were held January 12-15 in six cities.

The pilot programs were aired in New York, Chicago, Nashville, Pittsburgh, Albany, N. Y., and Springfield, Mo. The series is being produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO).

Production of the children's TV series has first priority on all contributions to the Methodist TV-Radio Ministry Fund, said TRAFECO's general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville.

Rev. Edwin O. Cole Awarded Hall of Fame Honor

The Reverend Edwin O. Cole, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, was awarded the coveted membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy in Kansas City, Mo., on Wednesday night, February 1. This award was made during the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes.

Bishop Fred G. Holloway, West Virginia Area of the Methodist Church, who is president of the National Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church, presented the award to the Reverend Mr. Cole during the course of the group's banquet, at which some 600 Methodist ministers and laymen were in attendance.

As is generally known by the majority of ADVOCATE readers, Mr. Cole, with his brother, the late Eugene M. Cole, was instrumental in creating the interest in Methodism that resulted in the establishment of the Home for the Aged of the Western North Carolina Conference. It was through their efforts, and the gift of the property by Mr. Eugene M. Cole, that the Home was established in Charlotte. The Home is located at 3420 Shamrock Drive, has been in operation for 12 years, and is currently serving 217 persons.

The next expansion program of the Home, as previously announced in the ADVOCATE, is the construction of a 160-bed nursing home and infirmary care unit, to be erected at a cost of approximately two million dollars. It is hoped that this work will get underway during the summer months of this year. Mr. Cole has been vitally interested in this expansion and has given untiringly of his time, efforts, and resources.

Other persons connected with the Methodist Home in Charlotte who were in attendance at the convention at Kansas City and who were present when Mr. Cole received his award, were Mr. H. I. McDougale, third vice-president of the Home; Mr. Willard S. Farrow, administrator, and Mrs. Farrow; Misses Carolyn Eargle and Frances Kelley.

Pine Woods Church Dedicated By Bishop Harmon

On Sunday, January 15, 1961, the Pine Woods Methodist Church of the Pine Woods-Fairview charge, in the Thomasville District, held its dedication services at 11:00 o'clock, conducted by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

The history of Pine Woods Church is a long one, dating back to the year 1795. Pine Woods was used as a Quaker meeting house until about 1920. In that year the Methodists acquired the present site of Pine Woods Church, including the Pine Woods Quaker Church building from the Quakers.

Construction on the present structure was started in June, 1955, and completed in January, 1957, during the pastorate of Rev. Russell T. Montfort. The present church building and furnishings have a replacement value of \$52,500.

Rev. F. A. Wright is now pastor of Pine Woods Methodist Church.

A Resolution From the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church

Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, January 4-6, 1961 the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church called attention of all Methodists to the urgent needs of Methodist colleges that have historically been operated for Negroes. While it was aware that many individual Methodists cannot directly affect world affairs, the Board expressed its convictions that the concerted giving of Methodists on Race Relations Sunday this year can affect the whole future of the Church and the world.

Whereas, the Episcopal Address of 1960 declared, "grave crisis is not too strong to describe the situation facing more than half of our eleven Negro colleges today. In a time when the importance of an educated Christian leadership among the Negro people is so widely recognized, it would be both educationally tragic and morally reprehensible to neglect these institutions at this time of Christian challenge and advance. More than 20 per cent of all Negro young people in privately controlled colleges are in our Methodist schools. We believe that our people must be fully informed of the precarious conditions of our Negro colleges and that they face the loss of their accreditation unless greatly increased support comes from such sources as the Race Relations Sunday offerings, and a larger share in the funds received through the crusade for Christian higher education."

Whereas, the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church declared to the General Conference of 1960, "Of great concern, also, is the crisis facing our Negro colleges. Both Negro and other colleges must now come under the same standards for accreditation. While this will be for the ultimate good of the Negro colleges, it is creating a real crisis at the present time. For this reason, it is important that The Methodist Church think in terms of a Race Relations offering amounting to not less than \$1,000,000 per year."

Whereas, the needed annual goal of \$1,000,000 has not yet been reached by The Methodist Church; and

Whereas, the present crisis continues to threaten our Methodist colleges for Negroes;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of The Methodist Church in annual meeting assembled, urge Methodists everywhere to give generously to this most worthy cause, that the needed annual goal of \$1,000,000 may be met.

Be it further resolved that we call on each Methodist pastor and the official board faithfully to observe Race Relations Sunday, February 12, 1961, not only by giving financial support, but by interpreting the significance of this work in improving race relationships and providing better education.

Book Reviews

"HUMAN GOLD FROM SOUTHERN HILLS"
By David English Camak. The Parthenon Press. \$4.50.

In this thrilling story the author has shown how persistence, goaded on by a keen desire to lighten the load of the underprivileged, wins in the end. There were times when it seemed all the odds were against the venture of faith; when some who were expected to be sympathetic and give encouragement were apparently unsympathetic and hostile. But while sometimes the mills grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine, and so small seeds that were planted began to germinate, and eventually the full flower began to appear. Many illustrations are given of those who have risen to heights of prominence in the educational, religious, and business world, who might never have been heard of outside the confines of the walls of the southern cotton mill had it not been for the never-say-die attitude of a number of people who believed in something so strongly they were willing to stake their reputation and their temporal welfare upon it. This is the kind of book that one doesn't like to lay down, once started. It leads from one thrilling adventure to another. The whole story, starting with nothing but a strong desire to be of helpful service to those who seemed to be ground down beneath unbearable burdens and doomed to mediocrity for all time, eventually leaves one gazing upon a very fine junior college which is making its contribution to the educational world, and points with pride to many fine personalities which it has produced, and whose character and service justify all the labor expended and the sacrifices made to bring it into existence. It should be an inspiration to anyone who may feel the door of opportunity has been closed to them. Here are living examples of an active faith.—S. J. S.

"RELIGION THAT IS ETERNAL," by Dr. G. Ray Jordan. The Macmillan Company.

"Religion That Is Eternal" has brought forth praise from outstanding religious leaders, such as Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Ralph W. Sockman, and many others. It is said to be a book that gives food for both mind and soul. Being popular in its form of presentation, it is not superficial in its content. It is an attractive volume dealing with the things that endure, the qualities of the religious life that cannot be done away. While this is by no means the first good book that Dr. Jordan has written, some proclaim it to be the best. It is said this latest book by Dr. Jordan will strengthen the life of every person who reads it. — S. J. S.

Miss Mary F. Floyd Named to Committee

Misenheimer—Miss Mary F. Floyd, professor of Religion at Pfeiffer College and a Methodist deaconess, has been named to a special committee of the Commission on Deaconess Work of the Methodist Church to assist in making preparation for the 75th anniversary celebration of the Methodist deaconess movement.

Miss Floyd attended a meeting of the committee in New York City on January 26 at which time various aspects of the deaconess program were reviewed. Announcement of Miss Floyd's appointment came from Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, executive secretary of the Commission, New York City.

Miss Floyd is president of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Deaconess Work.

Commissioned For Missionary Service



REV. WILLIAM JACK MARTIN



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New York—The Rev. and Mrs. William Jack Martin, Pinebluff, N. C., are among 67 persons who were commissioned for Methodist missionary service at home and overseas January 20 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

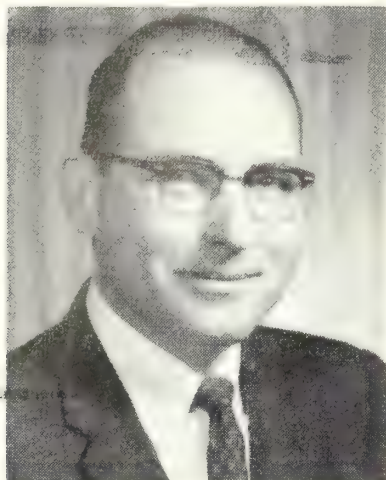
Mr. and Mrs. Martin will go to Douglas, Alaska, for home missionary service.

Born in Philipp, Miss., Mr. Martin attended Mississippi State University and was graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree in business. He is currently completing work toward a bachelor of divinity degree at the Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

For the last three years Mr. Martin has been pastor of the Pinebluff Methodist Circuit. He previously had a career in business, including work as a traveling salesman in Memphis, Tenn., and a retail salesman in Greenwood, Miss. He served in the Navy during World War II.

A native of Shaw, Miss., Mrs. Martin studied at McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and the University of Mississippi at Oxford. She is a registered nurse, having attended the St. Louis (Mo.) City Hospital. She has had both hospital and private nursing experience.

N. C. Coaching Conference to Train Instructors for Leadership School



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The Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference is conducting a Coaching Conference for prospective leadership education instructors at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, February 14-16, 1961, according to Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the board. The Department of Leadership Education of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, is cooperating in this conference. Each of the nine districts of the North Carolina Conference will be represented by the approximately fifty delegates who will attend this three-day training session.

The purpose of this conference is to help these persons make specific preparation to teach in leadership education schools and classes and to become certified to teach in the area in which preparation is made. Following the conference each person is expected to develop a plan for teaching and to be available to teach this course in Christian Workers' Schools and leadership education classes as time and opportunity permits.

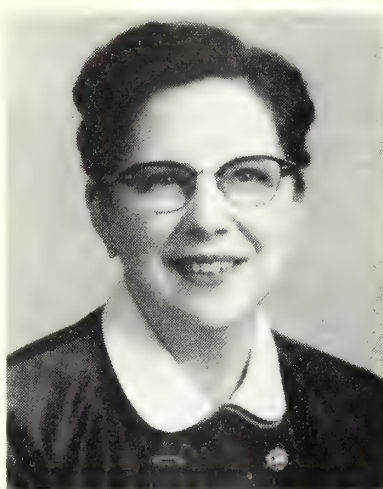
Seven courses will be offered in the Coaching Conference and they will be taught by five instructors provided by the Department of Leadership Education of the General Board.

Goals and Materials for Methodist Church Schools will be taught by Mrs. Helen Couch, editor of *Church School Magazine*, Editorial Division, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

Understanding Children will be taught by Miss Mary Calhoun of the Department of Christian Education of Children, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.

Working With Primary Children and *Working With Junior Boys and Girls* will be taught by Rev. Richard Monroe, Conference Director of Children's Work in the Virginia Conference, Richmond, Virginia.

The Use of the Bible in Adult Groups will be taught by Dr. George Schreyer,



MISS HELEN COUCH
Nashville, Tenn.

professor of Christian Education, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

Those being trained in the area of *Goals and Materials for Methodist Church Schools* will not only become certified to teach this course in Christian Workers' Schools but will serve also as literature consultants in their respective districts.

The Conference Board of Education is making available a "Counseling Service" for local churches in the area of Goals and Materials. The purpose of this service is to assist church school officers and teachers, members of the Commission on Education, pastors and parents in understanding the goals, in knowing the varieties of, and in learning how to use properly Methodist church school materials. Churches interested in this service should contact the Board of Education, North Carolina Conference, P. O. Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

The churches of the North Carolina Conference are indebted to these persons who are willing to spend time and energy in

preparing themselves to teach in our Sub-district Christian Workers' schools and to counsel in local churches. They are never fully compensated for this service by the honorarium that is provided, one-half of which is made possible by our Church School Rally Day offering. These dedicated teachers of teachers are helping to upgrade the educational program of our local churches.

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Bennett College Gets \$500 Grant

Bennett College was among 60 colleges and universities which last week received grants totalling \$46,010 made by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.

Mrs. Constance H. Martena, Bennett librarian, said that the grant of \$500 would be used for books to meet new curricular needs in the various programs of the college, particularly the core courses for freshmen and sophomores, the honors program, largely for upperclass students of superior or distinctive ability, and the developmental reading program for freshmen whose reading background has been limited. This is the second grant to Bennett.

Roanoke Rapids Church Raises Scholarship Fund

"What in the world is going on here?" was the question asked by the man in the pick-up truck pulling to a halt on a road near Weldon. It was no wonder he was puzzled, for in the field were about a dozen men, toiling under a hot summer sun to pull Johnson Grass out of a soybean field, while over to one side two more men were grilling hamburgers on a charcoal burner. What was going on?

What was going on was the answer the Men's Club of Smith Methodist Church of Roanoke Rapids had to the question of how the shortage of ministers in the Methodist church was to be solved. Their back-breaking work could be traced to one of their meetings several months earlier. Their minister, Rev. Arnold Pope, had the program that night, and had talked about how desperately new ministers, directors of Christian education, etc., were needed in our church if it were to continue to minister to the needs of a growing America. Emphasizing that this was one of the critical problems facing our church today, he asked the Men's Club to do everything possible to encourage any young people in their congregation who might feel led toward a full-time career of church service.

But the far-sighted men of Smith Church did not feel like letting the matter go at that. J. W. Fulghum, church lay leader, got up and said this had been a problem that had long been on his mind, and that he felt something concrete should be done about it. He then made a motion that the Men's Club undertake some kind of project each year to raise money to be put into a scholarship fund to assist any young person from the church who wanted to enter a church vocation. This idea caught fire at once.

Since most of the men were farmers, it was quickly decided that possibly the best way they could raise money for this scholarship fund would be some type of farming. Within two weeks, Elwyn Garner, the Project Committee chairman, had located a 15-acre field for rent near Weldon, that would be suited for raising soybeans.

Soon, an inspiring sight was to be seen. There were nine tractors at work in the field at one time. Two were cutting down the weeds that had overgrown it, three were disking, and four were plowing. By giving generously of their time and labor in a busy season for them, the men soon had planted and cultivated their "beans for a better world."

But things were not to be so easy. The field had lain fallow for a couple of years, and was overrun with that bane of farmers—Johnson Grass. The only way to get it out so the soybeans would not be choked was by hand. This back-breaking job the dedicated men of Smith Church did in two long, sultry summer afternoons. After finishing, they gathered across the road on the banks of Roanoke River for a much-welcomed hamburger supper. This was the sight that caused passerby to ask, "What's going on here?" When he found out, he promptly reached in his pocket and contributed \$5 to the fund.

This vision and labor for a stronger church came to fruition on a cold day this past November. In little over a day, the

beans were harvested—over 400 bushels of them—and about \$800 found its way into the bank for future use by some young person dreaming of a lifetime of service for Christ and His Church. But this is not the end of this dream for the men of Smith Methodist Church. Led by their president, John Wesley Fulghum, Jr., and their Project chairman, Elwyn Garner, they are already laying plans for next year's work. They are determined they will continue to provide not only encouragement, but concrete assistance to any young people in their church who hear the call of God to full-time Christian service. By such interest, and by such "grass roots"—or should we say "soybean roots"—projects—the need of workers for the Methodist Church can be met.

—REV. ARNOLD POPE

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Bishop Short Speaks To Methodist Legislators

Those who deal with problems must not become problems themselves, Bishop Roy H. Short advised Methodist members of the Tennessee State Legislature at a breakfast given in their honor by members of the Nashville District Laymen's Club.

"When I was elected bishop I told myself that I had not been elected to be confused," Bishop Short said. "We are living in a confused world. Like a Methodist bishop, you who are legislators are dealing with people and with problems, but you must not become confused. You must find solutions to those problems which are facing our people."

Following the breakfast in *The Upper Room Cafeteria*, the legislators and their hosts attended a devotional service in *The Upper Room Chapel*. The service was conducted by Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of *The Upper Room* and dean of the chapel.

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The answer may not come today,
Tomorrow, or next week;
I know I shall not cease to pray,
And God's great blessings seek.
I cannot see what blocks the gift,
I do not make complaint;
But He who will the darkness lift,
Has told me not to faint.

Why should I turn from my Strong Hope,
To doubting and despair?
I was not made on earth to grope
And labor without prayer.
So I will work, and I will pray,
To make my dreams come true;
For I am trying every day
Tasks only God can do!

I do not see all sides of life,
May ask what is not best;
But prayer has led me out of strife,
And brought my spirit rest.
Through prayer I have my Saviour found,
And walk with Him life's way;
Though all my efforts may be bound,
I will not cease to pray!

—JOHN CLINE

Bishop Henley Asks For Support of Cuba Missions

Lakeland, Fla. — Florida Methodists were urged recently to continue their financial support of the church's work in Cuba regardless of the "political weather."

In a pastoral letter to 550 churches, Bishop James W. Henley of Jacksonville said "Our Methodist brethren in Cuba are hard-pressed to maintain their Christian witness . . . what a compounding of their burdens if we desert them, regardless of the political weather or any other factor."

Methodist churches of the Florida and Cuba Conferences are linked together as the Jacksonville Episcopal Area. Last year Florida Methodists contributed \$330,000 to the churchwide program of world missions, earmarking a major portion for Cuba.

Bishop Henley explained that one reason for the letter was to quiet rumors that mission funds are not getting through to Cuban Methodists since the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba.

"This rumor is false and without foundation," he said, stressing that the Methodist General Board of Missions is still distributing the funds for Cuba "regularly and as intended."

The bishop's letter also urged support of Methodist funds for the assistance of Cuban refugees in Florida.

Religious Affiliation of State Governors

Washington, D. C.—State governors in or taking office as 1961 begins are affiliated with nine denominational families, led by Roman Catholics, Baptists and Methodists, according to a Methodist Information survey.

Ten governors are Methodists. Ten are Catholics, including those in both new states, and ten are affiliated with various Baptist groups.

Others are Lutheran, 6; Presbyterian, 5; Congregational Christian, 4; Episcopal, 3; Disciples of Christ, 1; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), 1; no affiliation, 1.

Those listed as Methodists are John Patterson of Alabama, Paul R. Fannin of Arizona, Farris Bryant of Florida, Robert E. Smylie of Idaho, John Anderson, Jr., of Kansas, J. Mallard Tawes of Maryland, Edward L. Mechem of New Mexico, Terry Sanford of North Carolina, Buford Ellington of Tennessee, and Gaylord Nelson, of Wisconsin.

Dr. Sockman's "Radio Pulpit" Topics Listed for February

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, will speak on "The Longing for Light" Sunday, February 5 (10:05 a.m., EST), in NBC's "National Radio Pulpit." His subsequent topics for the month will be "Give Us Our Daily Bread" February 12; "Another Look at Liberty" February 19, and "The Heart's Homeland" February 26.

The choir of Wagner College, Staten Island, N. Y., will sing on each of the broadcasts. The program, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

Bishop Harmon Calls Methodists to Return to Old-Fashioned Reverence

According to reports, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, who is known as a scholar and a great preacher, really "rang the bell" in the great union service held in Owens Auditorium, Charlotte, Sunday evening, January 22. It was a service in which all churches



BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

of the Charlotte Area were invited to participate, and it is said every one of the 62 churches were represented. Bishop Harmon spoke on "Jesus Christ Is Lord." Among other things, he called upon Americans to return to the old-fashioned reverence to combat communism.

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"Rather than bemoan the times in which we live," said Bishop Harmon, "we ought to see that God has put us here for a purpose." He called for a return to the "old-fashioned" practices of "grace at meals, prayer by yourself, regular church attendance and absolute honesty and truthfulness."

The bishop said among the other things Methodists of another day did not do was to "serve liquor within their homes."

He said the old-fashioned Methodists "developed a moral fiber which I'm calling upon you people to obtain today."

Methodists shouldn't take refuge "in vast numbers," he declared, because "we stand as persons in the presence of Almighty God." He said the Methodist church was begun by the Wesley brothers—John and Charles—"who were trying to become better people themselves, not trying to start a new church."

When Methodists realize "Jesus Christ Is Lord" they will become better individuals and more able to follow His commands.

The bishop said that although the world is ever changing, Christ never changes and thus becomes a point of stability around which men and women can build their lives.

Dr. Walter Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, was so enthusiastic about the attendance that he said, "This response makes us feel some time in the not too distant future we can fill the Coliseum for a service."

William B. Thomas, minister of music at First Methodist Church, led a combined choir of about 200 voices in special music. The Rev. Russell Montfort, pastor of Davidson Methodist Church, led congregational singing before the meeting began.

There were more than 3,000 persons present. The pastors sat on the platform and sang a special number.

'Art of Living' Subjects Announced for Dr. Peale

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, counselor on "The Art of Living" on the NBC Radio Network, will speak on "Real Security—Where to Find It" Sunday, February 5 (9:15 a.m., EST). He will discuss "The First Thing To Do" February 12; "What We Want from Life" February 19, and "Learning to Be Unafraid" February 26.

The program, an NBC Public Affairs presentation, is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. Dr. Peale is minister of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City.

Bishop Garber's Office Moved To Methodist Building

Richmond, Va. — Virginia Conference offices and Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area have moved to the newly constructed Methodist Office Building at 4016 West Broad Street here. The structure is on a portion of the Methodist Children's Home property.

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Citation To Bishop Garber By National Association

Following is the text of a citation presented to Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the Methodist Board of Education, by the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church, at the association's annual meeting January 9-10 at the Hotel Cosmopolitan, Denver, Colorado:

"This citation is presented to Paul Neff Garber, minister of the Christian gospel, teacher, dean, and now bishop of The Methodist Church and president of its Board of Education.

Chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education (1956-60), under whose dynamic leadership the church has entered a new era of advance in higher education;

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"You labored 'to strengthen the bonds that bind our institutions of learning to the church, to lead our schools and colleges to a thorough commitment to Christian standards and ideals, and to lead the church in an effort to undergird them with adequate moral and financial support."

Therefore, the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The Methodist Church expresses its gratitude to you as a distinguished leader who helped to deepen the understanding of the church for its work in Christian education; and it presents to you his citation in Christian affection and in high appreciation of your devoted service.

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Churches Must "Interfere" Says Dr. Ralph Sockman

Tampa, Fla.—Churches must "interfere" in world affairs if there is to be peace, the Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church in New York City, said in an address here.

"I do not agree with those who say the churches have no business interfering in world affairs, that the churches' only business is saving souls," Dr. Sockman said.

"If we don't stop some of these world trends there aren't going to be any souls to save," he added. "We face either peace or total destruction."

Vacationing in Florida, Dr. Sockman addressed a January 20 meeting of Tampa business and professional men. He is a former president of the Methodist Church's Board of World Peace.

"There is no perfect solution for world peace," said Dr. Sockman, "but if it is true that wars start in the minds of men, then so does peace. There are more books read on peace of mind than on world peace.

"We must also work through organizations," he said. "The United Nations is not perfect, but we should pray today as never before to preserve the U. N. in its present form."

Hailing recent advances in denominational cooperation, and calling for more joint action by Catholic, Jewish and Protestant groups, Dr. Sockman said:

"Religion is the great hope of world peace because it brings people and problems of the world down to the range of individual understanding."

First Methodist Church At Mocksville Forges Ahead


The new educational building which was completed two years ago at a cost exceeding \$50,000, has been paid for and is now ready to be dedicated. New pews have been purchased for the sanctuary and will be installed by Easter. Also, new pulpit furnishings and new chairs for the choir-loft are being added. A new piano has been placed in the church parlor. Much of the church ground has been newly landscaped.

The parsonage has been put in good repair, redecorated throughout the interior and painted outside. Several pieces of heavy furniture have been added.

These additions have been paid for and the church is not in debt. No pressure was exerted to realize these objectives.

A. M. Upshaw is chairman of the Official Board and Charge lay leader; M. H. Murray, chairman of the Commission on Finance; C. C. Chapman, chairman Building Committee; C. F. Arndt, chairman Building Finance; Miss Martha Call, treasurer. Rev. C. B. Newton is the pastor.

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Record Distribution of Scriptures During 1960

An all-time record distribution of 1,240,760 Scriptures during the year 1960 was reported at the 151st annual meeting of the New York Bible Society held in January at the Society headquarters, 5 East 48th Street in New York. This exceeded by 150,000 the 1959 distribution, which in turn had set a new record for a single year. Over its century and a half of existence, the Society has distributed over 43 million Bibles, Testaments, Gospels and other scriptures in metropolitan New York in over seventy languages.

New members elected to the Board of Managers were: Charles H. Doremus, Hanson Place Central Methodist Church; Bryson F. Kalt, St. Paul and St. Andrew's Methodist Churches; George McKinley, Fourth Presbyterian Church; Henry B. H. Ripley, Jr., St. James Episcopal Church; Noel Stipkovich, Central Baptist Church.

The following officers were re-elected: John J. Dahne, president; G. Edmund Ruelke, vice president; James T. Van Norden, secretary; William H. Moorhead, treasurer.

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Woman's Activities



New WNC Officers In Jurisdiction

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro has been nominated as secretary of missionary personnel and Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte as secretary of missionary service in foreign fields of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

This announcement was made at the recent meeting of the Woman's Division meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The election of the two will take place at the meeting of the Jurisdictional Woman's Society to be held in Durham, February 21-23.

Mrs. Cranford is the immediate past president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, having served four years in that office and for two years as editor of the Woman's Page in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Mrs. Barnhardt has recently completed one four-year term as Conference secretary of Christian Social Relations. While serving in this office she made trips to many parts of the state in connection with her work and attended many conferences on human relations in other states.

Mrs. Carl King made this announcement after she returned from Buck Hill Falls. She also said that there are eleven new officers to be elected and installed at the jurisdictional meeting.

Other nominees include Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner of Richmond, Va., as president, Mrs. Ralph Shumaker as vice-president, and Mrs. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, as secretary of youth work.

The Western North Carolina Conference delegates are Mrs. Carl H. King of Statesville, Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, and Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte.

DAY APART SERVICES SCHEDULED IN MARCH

Many Day Apart services have been planned as district events during the month of March.

Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of spiritual life, will be the leader for four of these services. On March 8th the North Wilkesboro District will have an all-day service. On March 14th the Albemarle District events will take place. On March 23rd the women of the Thomasville District will hold their pre-Easter retreat. On March 27th the Charlotte District will have its Day Apart services at the Methodist Home.

Other district secretaries of spiritual life will announce their programs later.

UNION MISSION STUDY CLASS IN WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Almost two hundred women of the Waynesville District attended the jurisdictional mission study class held at Central Methodist Church in Clyde on January 15-19.

Nineteen local societies in Haywood County joined in the union class under the leadership of Mrs. Clyde Hoey, Jr., of Canton, district secretary of missionary education.

Dr. George M. Schreyer of Pfeiffer College taught the course in "Basic Christian Beliefs."

Devotional messages were presented at each of the four sessions by the Rev. Robert Bunch, host pastor; the Rev. Leon Larkins of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. C. O. Newell, pastor of Faith Methodist Church, Hazelwood, and Mrs. Hoey, district secretary.

After the course was finished, it is reported that the class members were still discussing with each other the questions discussed in "basic beliefs." This is one of the largest and most successful classes held in the WNC Conference.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Work at Sweet Memorial Described By Missionary

Sudie Hunt Doughton, North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service's newer representative in the mission fields, is working at Sweet Memorial Institute, Santiago, Chile. A recent letter from the young missionary gives a graphic description of the circumstances surrounding the people of that Chilean town, and of the work at Sweet Memorial. She writes in part:

"Sweet Memorial Institute has two sections. One is a seminary for high school boys and girls who want to receive training so that they can go back to their home communities to work as pastors or in some other relation with the church. There are presently about 15 students who live and work there. Also, each night they have club groups for the children in the neighborhood. The seminary has one WSCS worker, Jane Miller, who was a 'three' previously in Argentina. Now she is a regular missionary. Also on that side is Rev. Walter Mason, director of the seminary, and Sam Gomez, who is a 'three.' Of course we have many

wonderful Chilean workers, too, and we all work together to have a program.

"The side of Sweet Memorial where I am living and working is the day nursery and medical side. Miss Florence Prouty, who is director of this part of the work, left in June to go home on furlough. All are looking forward to her return next summer (summer for you, winter for us). We have a competent nurse on our staff who has worked here for many years. Most of my direct responsibility is with the program for the toddlers and for the kindergarten, and with the public relations with many of the people here in Santiago who help support the work.

Here we have 100 children ranging in age from two or three months to seven years. Each day of the week they are here from 7:30 in the morning until 7:30 at night, with exception of a half day on Saturday. These children come from homes where the mothers have to work, where there is poverty, and a social problem. Each of the mothers pays a little for her child here—depending upon her income. We try to work with these mothers over a period of time, for their cooperation is necessary if we are to do as good a job as possible. The woman who is head teacher of the kindergarten came here about 20 years ago as one of those mothers who was in a desperate condition.

"I want to thank each of you for whatever you did in the way of helping Chile through the earthquake crisis. It has indeed meant a lot to the people here both spiritually and physically. Santiago itself had no actual damage from the quake, but many refugees have come in and some are now trying to go back to the south. They are trying to build and get their children back in school.

"Here there are many people who are very poor. They were living on subsistence land before and now know not where to turn or exactly what tomorrow will bring. It is here I feel our churches have an important job to do, helping these people rebuild and find strength for the future. The churches of Methodism are working toward this goal, I feel, but of course counting all Evangelical churches we are greatly in the minority. Knowledge of what these churches believe and are is very limited outside the church itself. An example of this is when we had Prudy, a young girl, with us for a week until she could find work and a boarding home here in Santiago. She asked us what the picture was on the wall in the dining room (the Last Supper). We explained it to her and she wanted to know if Protestants believed in God. The whole business of working as a Protestant in a 'Catholic country' brings one to the point of searching out over and over again his own beliefs.

"We are grateful here for the volunteer workers who come in, and for the girls who live and work here every day. All of us are especially thankful for your prayers, and we join with you for the people all over the world who at this moment suffer for one cause or another."

Sudie Hunt Doughton's work at Sweet Memorial Institute is supported by the Woman's Societies of the Durham District, Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, and the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Ra-

leigh. Her address is: Sweet Memorial Institute, Casilla 7029, Santiago, Chile.

SUPPLY WORK SECRETARY REPORTS

An increase in giving to Supply Work by the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild has been noted, according to the report of Mrs. L. S. Thompson, conference secretary of that line of work.

During the period June-November, 1960, giving to Supply Work from the nine districts totaled \$8,953.61 by the WSCS and \$865.50 by the WSG — an increase of \$222.79 over the same period of the 1959-60 conference year. The seventy-five per cent of the societies reporting represents six per cent decrease than last year. Twenty-five per cent of the conference's 758 woman's societies have failed to participate in Supply Work askings, Mrs. Thompson reports.

The third quarter Supply cash will complete the conference's "askings" for Hiro-saki School in Japan, relief in Korea and India. The fourth quarter Supply cash will complete the quota for Brooks-Howell Home, Boylan Haven, Mather Academy, Allen High School and Eastern N. C. Rural Work.

The *Do You Know?* booklets, the *Woman's Division of Christian Service Annual Report*, *The Methodist Woman*, *World Outlook*, and the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE are sources of information concerning the above and other projects of the Woman's Division.

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Pfeiffer Faculty Members Serving As Consultants

Misenheimer — Three Pfeiffer College faculty members are serving as special consultants for the Montgomery County School system as part of that county's continuing program for improvement of the school system.

Dr. Hoyt Bowen, professor of English; Dr. Murat Roberts, professor of Languages; and Professor Fred Hollis, an associate professor of Education, are the three Pfeiffer faculty members. They will hold a series of conferences with Montgomery County teachers with a view of discussing a continual program of strengthening the instructional program in the three areas. Professor Hollis has served as a consultant in past years to the Montgomery County School system on administrative matters and curriculum organization.

In addition to work in Montgomery County, Professor Hollis is serving as a consultant in social studies for the South Rewan Curriculum Study at China Grove.

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Over 150 Attend New Bern Music Workshop

Over 150 persons attended the first New Bern District Music Workshop, held Monday evening, January 9, according to Rev. R. Bruce Pate, chairman of the District Music Committee. The workshop was held at Riverside Methodist Church, New Bern, N. C., and was open to persons interested and active in the music program of the local Methodist church.

Following a brief opening period of worship and orientation, a panel discussion was held on Choir Participation—Recruitment, Attendance and Morale. Mr. James E. Parnell of Greenville served as moderator. Other members of the panel included Mrs. Charles Hassell, Beaufort; Rev. Ralph Fleming, Newport; and Mr. Willis Marshall, New Bern.

A demonstration rehearsal followed the panel, seeking to fulfill two purposes: First, it introduced to the group music which might be used in local churches, and second, it demonstrated choir leadership techniques. Mr. Parnell, who is choir director, St. James Methodist Church, Greenville, was joined in this portion by Dr. Carl Hjortsvang, Minister of Music, Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville. Mrs. George Straton, organist of Centenary Church, New Bern, served as organist.

At the conclusion of this rehearsal demonstration, a panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Pate, was held on Music for the Christian Funeral. Other members of the panel were Mrs. Clifford Heath, New Bern; Rev. Fleming, and Dr. Hjortsvang.

The workshop was closed with a brief

question-and-answer period, led by Rev. T. M. Vick, Queen Street Church, Kinston. Following the benediction, pronounced by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern district superintendent, those attending were guests at a fellowship hour, given by Beach Grove, Garber, Riverside, and Trinity Churches.

Commenting on the worship, Mr. Pate stated that the overwhelming response and the degree of pleasure with the first workshop made future programs definitely a part of the plans for the New Bern District.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Church of the Lighted Lamps

A long time ago we heard someone tell a lovely story—so lovely that it has stayed in our memory—and we want to share it with you, our boys and girls. It is said to be a true story.

Once there lived in a small village in Europe an old duke who had eight beautiful daughters. He loved them all dearly, and through their childhood, youth and young womanhood he watched them with pride, and delighted in their happiness. One of his chief joys was to hear them singing as they went about the halls and gardens of their lovely home.

As each daughter became old enough to marry, the duke arranged a beautiful wedding, but he felt a great loneliness after she had left the old home. One by one they all married, but at a certain time each year they came home, and the house rang with the old familiar laughter. The duke looked forward eagerly to these occasions, and would not let himself think of a time when perhaps one of his daughters might be absent from the happy gathering.

But there came a year when his youngest daughter, who had married a prince in a far country, felt that the journey home was much too long, and regretfully sent the duke a message that her place would be vacant in the old home and at the feast table. Knowing how heartbroken her father would be, she sent fine gifts, and even dispatched musicians from her court to play for him. But none of these could take the place of his daughter and her beautiful singing, and the duke could not be consoled.

The years passed, and the duke became a very old man. His youngest daughter had not been home for a long time, and her father's heart still ached with loneliness for her. He felt somehow that she was lost to him, and in his grief he wondered what he might leave behind in memory of her.

Finally he decided he would build a church on the hill at the edge of the village—a small church, so simple and beautiful that everyone, the high and the lowly, the rich and the poor, would be drawn to worship there, and feel the presence of God within its walls.

Day by day he watched the little church grow, and looked forward to the day when it would be completed. At last that day came, and as he stood look-

ing at the graceful lines of the building, the carvings, and the beautiful stained glass windows, his heart swelled with pride and an overflowing love for the daughter in the far country whom he missed so sorely.

Eager to share his delight in the lovely church, the duke took one of his other daughters to see it. With wonder she exclaimed over its beauty, and stood reverently for a few moments in the soft glow from the windows. Presently she said, "But father, why are there no lamps in the church?"

"That, my dear," he replied, "has been part of my plan. There are to be no hanging lamps. I have provided small bronze lamps for as many people in the village as the church will hold, and each person who comes to worship will bring his or her own lighted lamp and place it in a special rack on the back of the pew. The amount of light in the church will depend upon the number of those who bring their light with them. If someone is absent, a light will be missed. It is my belief that the church will be well filled, as everyone will want to add his light to the brightness and beauty of the place."

"This is a very wonderful thing that you have done, father," said the daughter. "As darkness comes on, let us listen for the ringing of the church bell, and with lighted lamps we will join the line of worshipers as they wend their way to the evening worship."

The duke and his daughter watched as the people climbed the narrow road up to the little church, each holding a small lamp, and singing as they climbed. Joining the procession, they soon reached the door, to find the church brightly lighted by many lamps.

Several hundred years have passed since that time. The little bronze lamps have been handed down from generation to generation. When the bell in the old church rings, the village people light their lamps and make their way up the hill, singing as they go. The church is nearly always filled, for everyone wishes his place to be bright.

—Retold by E. WHISNER.



Thought for the Day

Say it with smiles. Their beauty lasts longer than flowers.

Father, We Thank Thee

Dear Lord, for every lovely thing,
For all the gifts that love can bring,
For eyes that see, and hearts that sing,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For work to do, and games to play,
For homes, for friends we meet each day,
For Jesus Christ, to Whom we pray,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For all good things that we can do,
For kindly words and actions true,
For love that stays our whole life through,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—Exchange.



Chuckles

Jimmy: "Doctor, come over to our house quick!"

Doctor: "Who is sick at your house?"

Jimmy: "Everybody but me. I was naughty, so they wouldn't give me any of the nice mushrooms Daddy picked in the woods."

A baby sardine was swimming along happily with his mother, when suddenly he saw his first submarine. Shaken with fright, he swam to his mother's side.

"Don't be frightened, dear," assured his mother. "It's just a can of people."



Bible Quiz

Writers of the Bible

1. He was a tax collector, who, after his conversion, wrote one of the four Gospels. _____
2. He was the greatest poet of the Bible. _____
3. One of his books is the most remarkable collection of practical wisdom ever made. _____
4. He wrote more books of the Bible than any other writer, and all are in the form of letters. _____
5. He was the most brilliant of all the Bible writers, with the surest and fullest vision of the Messiah. _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Jesus, on the Lake of Galilee, Luke 8:22-24.
2. Jacob, Genesis 28:10-11
3. The Disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-41
4. Elijah, I Kings 19:1-5
5. To have died a Christian.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 12

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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CHRIST OPENS BLIND EYES

Background Scripture: John, chapters 7
through 9

Lesson Scripture: John 9:24-38

In the immediately preceding lessons Christ was presented as "the Water of Life" and as "the Bread of Life." In today's lesson the symbol used is that of light—"I am the Light of the World."

The reader is urged to consider the entire lesson for today which covers the three chapters cited above. Here he will find many of the greatest verses of this gospel. For example, the great challenge to put Jesus' teachings to the test of life, as seen in 7:17: "If any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority." In John 8:12 we read: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

In the beginning of chapter 9 we read that Jesus' disciples raised one of the oldest and most profound questions of history: *What is the cause of suffering?* They, like most of their fellow-Countrymen, had been taught to think it was always the result of sin. "Rabbi," they asked, "who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus replied that it was neither the man's fault nor that of his parents "but that the works of God might be made manifest in him." Phillips translates this phrase "but to provide an opportunity to show the power of God." That is what everyone who suffers (and who does not?) has the privilege of doing. Bond Fleming, in the "Adult Teacher" quotes the philosopher Hegel as having said: "A man does not live until his heart has been broken." Or, putting it another way, "Sorrows come to stretch out spaces in the heart for joy." This may sound silly to the young, but the mature man or woman knows it is true.

Next, consider another of Jesus' controversies with his critics in which they again raise the question of the priority of Moses. They were sure God spoke to Moses, but they thought the age of prophecy had passed. In other words, God had spoken in the past, but he wasn't speaking any more; at least they couldn't believe God would choose to speak through a humble Galilean peasant such as Jesus! It has been the really great leaders of the world who have seen that God isn't shut up in a book. Pastor Robinson, speaking to the pilgrims as they embarked for the new world, said: "Remember, God has yet more light to break from his Holy Word."

The man whose sight had been restored was willing to testify before Jesus' critics that he had been cured by Jesus, though it can be seen from the record that he at first had no idea who had healed him. If the reader will read in succession the following passages he will see how the man's insight increased until he could call Jesus "Lord:" John 9:11, 17, 33 and 38. As Roy L. Smith has shown, it is possible to see three stages here: (1) the man *recognized*

Jesus (2) he *believed* in him and (3) he *worshiped* him.

Let us conclude our consideration of this lesson by asking ourselves a question: are we willing to be cured of our spiritual and intellectual blindness? Medical science knows of cases where cure is impossible because, deep down, the patient really doesn't want to be cured. If he were he would have to play a new role in the world—one of hardship and responsibility. Are the blindnesses and prejudices of our minds and souls like that? The reader may recall the story of the Gerasene demoniac and his cure, as recorded in Mark 5. We are told that when the people of the area saw the man clothed and in his right mind *they*

were afraid . . . and begged Jesus to leave their neighborhood. Robert W. Norwood has a great sermon on this incident which he titled appropriately: "Fearing God's Salvation."

This being Race Relations Sunday it is a good thing to ask ourselves this question: If all our prejudices were removed could we live in the fierce light of truth that would then beat about our heads? *There is* a prayer which we all ought to pray every day:

"I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away."
(Methodist Hymnal No. 179).

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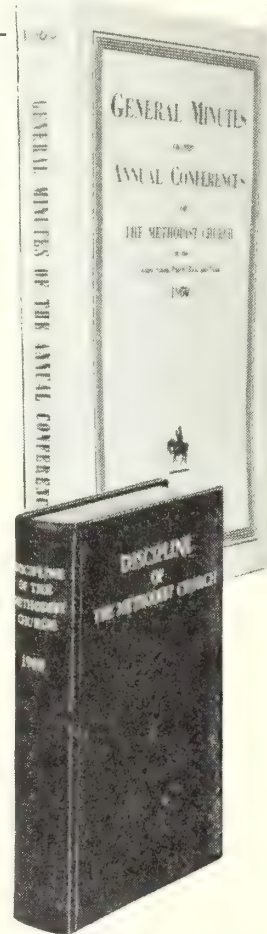
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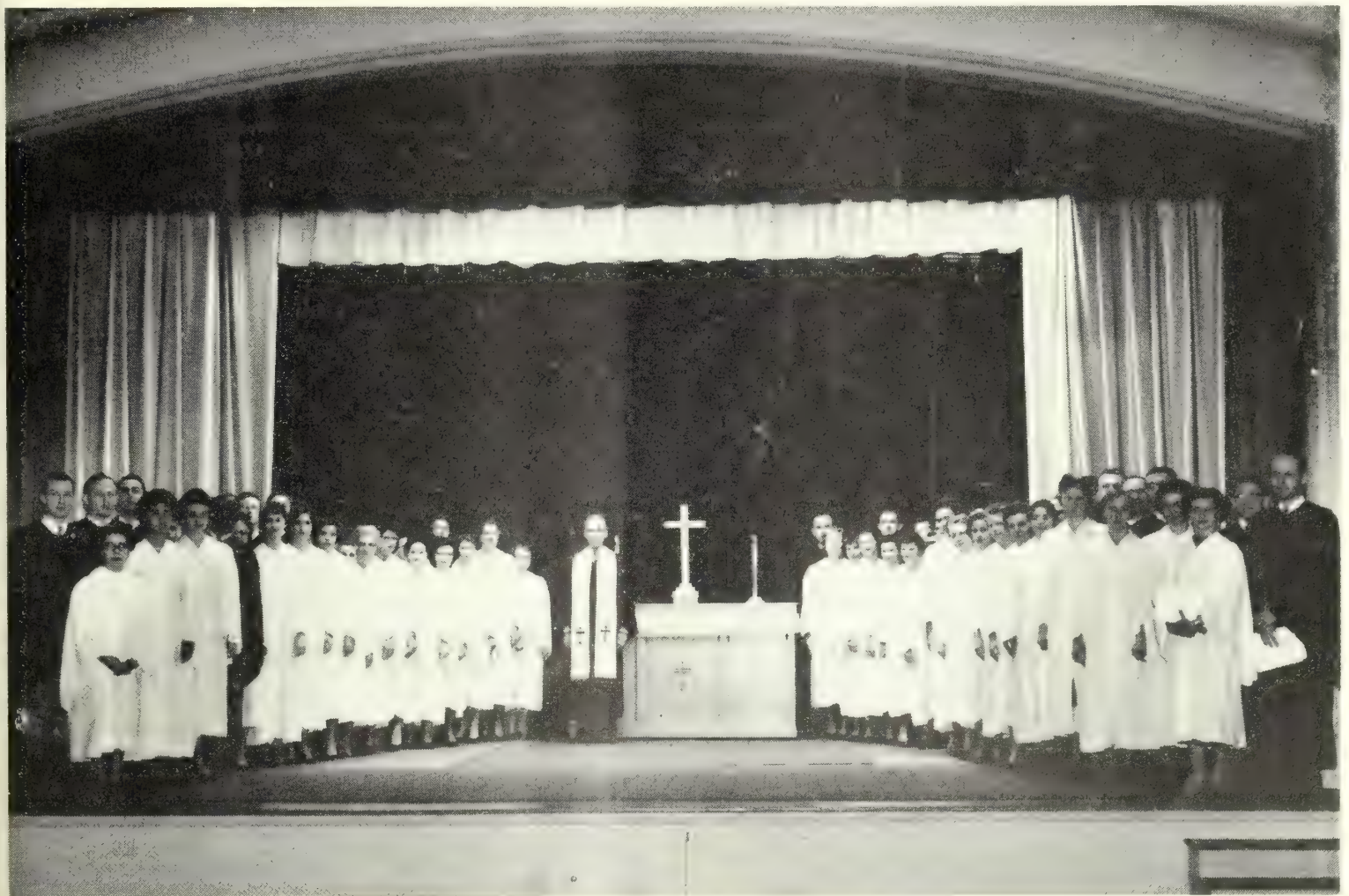
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Sixty-nine New Missionaries Are Commissioned By The Methodist Church



Sixty-nine new missionaries were commissioned for home and overseas service at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. The commissioning service January 20 was the climax of the meeting. The 15 home missionaries and deaconesses and the 54 overseas missionaries were commissioned by Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., Board president. The home mission workers will serve in the United States and Puerto Rico, and those overseas will serve in 40 countries of Africa, Asia and North and South America.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☐ THE NEW METHODIST Church at Guilford College organized a Wesleyan Service Guild Sunday night, January 29. Mrs. Stan-
ci V. Williamson was elected president.

☐ WE STATED in last week's ADVOCATE that Elizabeth City District Conference was postponed on account of bad weather. We were in error. We understand it was held, although the attendance was considerably reduced.

☐ THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG Christian Workers' School will begin February 12 and run through the 16th. It will be held at First Church, and sixteen courses have been planned, ranging all the way from nursery through the adult department.

☐ DR. W. L. CLEGG, superintendent of the Burlington District, will be the revival preacher at Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, the week of February 26-March 3. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is pastor.

☐ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE will conduct a revival at Germanton Methodist Church, in Germanton, N. C., February 5-10. Dr. Tuttle is district superintendent of the Winston-Salem District. Rev. J. Dwight Cartner is the minister at Germanton Methodist.

☐ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Graham, held a preaching mission January 29-February 2, with Dr. Haskell M. Miller, professor of social ethics, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., preaching, and Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, of Hillsboro, in charge of the musical program.

☐ DR. G. RAY JORDAN, professor of preaching and chapel preacher, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., will preach in revival services at Hertford Methodist Church February 12-17 each evening at 7:30. Dr. Jordan is a popular preacher and author, and is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Rev. James A. Auman is pastor at Hertford.

☐ SOUTHERN PINES METHODIST Church, Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., pastor, will hold Lenten services beginning February 19th and continuing through March 19th. The services will be held each Sunday evening. Speakers include Mr. Walter Anderson, director of the S.B.I., Rev. M. C. Dunn, superintendent, Fayetteville District, Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College, and Rev. Brooks Patton, pastor at Aberdeen.

☐ MRS. THOMAS F. HIGGINS, widow of the late Rev. Mr. Higgins of the W.N.C. Conference, has been ill for a long time at the home of her daughter in Williamsburg, Va. On January 22nd she entered the Doctors Hospital, 1815 Eye Street, Washington, D. C., and expects to be there for some time. Her home address is: 19 W. Argyle Street, Rockville, Md. She would appreciate hearing from her many friends in the W.N.C. Conference.

☐ METHODIST CHURCHES in the Vance-Granville area cooperated in a Christian Workers' School which began February 5 and ran through February 9, at the Oxford Methodist Church. Rev. W. B. Pettaway, pastor of First Church, Henderson, served as dean.

☐ DR. BERNARD BOYD, James A. Gray professor of Biblical Literature at the University of North Carolina, spoke Wednesday evening, February 1, at Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, at the Family Night program. It will be recalled that Mr. James A. Gray, who endowed the professorship at the university, was a member of the Centenary Church.

☐ MR. BILLY CAPPS, Scoutmaster of Troop 149, sponsored by the Ledbetter Bible Class of First Church, Rockingham, was given the Silver Beaver Award at the annual council meeting in Albemarle recently. This is the highest and most cherished award that can be given to a voluntary worker on a local level.

☐ REV. JOSEPH R. BOGLE, for the past two years pastor of First Methodist Church, Rutherfordton, has accepted the pastorate of Union Church, Manilla, P. I., and will leave Rutherfordton March 1. Bishop Harmon has appointed the Rev. George B. Clemmer, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, to serve the church as pastor until conference in June.

☐ MEMBERS OF THE PFEIFFER Male Chorus presented their annual home concert on Friday evening, February 3, at 8:00 o'clock in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel. The group was well received on its recent 15-point tour. In St. Petersburg, Fla., more than 2,000 persons heard their concert. The public was invited to attend the concert which was devoted to sacred music of the 15th and 16th century, contemporary church music, and folk religious music.

☐ LAKE WACCAMAW Methodist Church has just completed a Leet Crusade (their 333rd). This was the most successful revival in the history of the church, according to report. Some 70 persons made the commitment to tithe time, talent, and influence. The attendance on Victory Sunday (January 22nd) was 100% plus of the total resident active membership in the church school and church. The Leet team is currently in Angier in its 334th crusade. Next, they will be in Chadbourn for their 335th effort.

☐ HOWARD WILLIAM WATKINS, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Watkins, Sr., of Lillington, received his certificate and badge of an Eagle Scout at the Lillington Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, January 29. Rev. Cliff Shoaf, former pastor, was present and gave the message. Young Bill Watkins is an active member of Lillington church, being a member of the choir and president of the MYF. At school he is active in football, basketball, and baseball. He was chosen as the most dependable young person in his senior class.

☐ THE QUARTERLY meeting of the Caldwell Young Adult Fellowship will convene Thursday, February 9, at Lower Creek School Cafeteria at 6:45 p.m.

☐ HOT DOG! The senior MYF of Central Church, Asheboro, will have a hot dog supper February 16. Funds raised will be used to finance their projects for the year. Everyone is invited to attend.

☐ DR. MARK DEEP, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will assist Rev. Brunson Wallace in a preaching mission at Central Church, Asheboro, beginning February 26.

☐ ATTENTION IS CALLED to the fact that since the Raleigh District Conference was postponed a second time on account of bad weather, it will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 12, at Garner, beginning at 2:30.

☐ HOPEWELL CHURCH, on the Sunshine Charge in the Marion District, was destroyed by fire Sunday, January 29. The loss is estimated to be something like \$35,000. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, district superintendent, expects the church to begin plans at once for a replacement.

☐ WESTOVER CHURCH, Raleigh, will engage in a Lenten Evangelistic Mission beginning February 19 and running through March 26, with a different preacher each evening. Ministers taking part in consecutive order will be Rev. H. M. McLamb, of Greenville; Rev. Wade Goldston, of Louisville; Rev. Herman S. Winberry, of Louisville; Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., of Durham; Dr. Harold Hutson, of Greensboro; and Rev. Dermont J. Reid, of Burlington. Services will be at 8:00 p.m.

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We can't change conditions without first changing people. One of our oldest illusions is to look to external cures for social ills. Man's problem is man. Change comes from within, not from without. Something must happen to the hearts of men.

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A. M. E. Zion Church Pledges \$10,000

The National Council of Churches recently announced receipt of a pledge of \$10,000 from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to underwrite costs of a conference room at the Council's headquarters in the Interchurch Center in New York.

The gift, the largest single donation of the A. M. E. Zion Church to the cooperative church movement as symbolized by the Council, was voted unanimously by the Board of Bishops of the denomination meeting at Knoxville, Tenn. It was made in honor of senior Bishop William J. Walls, bishop of the First Episcopal District (New York Area), and in memory of the founder of the 780,000-member church, Bishop James Varick. The denomination was established in 1796.

Announcing the gift, Dr. Roy C. Ross expressed gratitude to seven other Negro denominations, church boards and local congregations for gifts totaling \$12,800 for similar NCC headquarters facilities. These groups, each donating amounts ranging from \$1,800 to \$2,000, were:

The Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Ill., in memory of its first bishop, Rt. Rev. W. N. Miles; The National Baptist Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Nashville, Tenn., in memory of Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, secretary-treasurer; The National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., New York City, in memory of its late president, Dr. William H. Jernagin; The Ohio Baptist General Association, Columbus, Ohio, in memory of its sainted leaders; The Empire Baptist Missionary Convention of New York, in memory of its late president, Dr. George H. Sims; The Mount Olivet Baptist Church of New York City, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. O. Clay Maxwell; The Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City, in memory of its late pastor, Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

The National Council of Churches, federation of 34 Protestant and Orthodox communions, occupies four floors of the 19-story Interchurch Center which was dedicated on May 29, 1960. The cornerstone was laid by President Eisenhower in October, 1958.

'Reconciling Role' To Be Played By Church

Buck Hill Falls, Pa.—In the new Congo, self-governing politically and increasingly so in church affairs, the church has a "reconciling role" to play across the divisions of tribe and province, the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York said here recently. If this is to be done effectively, and if the church is to speak relevantly to the modern African's many problems, it must have ministers with as much training as possible, he added.

Dr. Smith is general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions. He spoke at the board's annual meeting here, outlining two programs initiated in 1960 which have the goal of upgrading the training of African pastors.

NCC Expansion Cited In "The Methodist Story"

Members of the Methodist church in Eastern North Carolina will be glad to know that *The Methodist Story* publication of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the Methodist Church, carries in its February 1961 issue the story of church extension in the North Carolina Conference. This program has been in operation for the past ten years, and 84 new Methodist churches have been started since 1950. The magazine mentions the names and carries the pictures of Rev. Thomas A. Collins, now president of Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, who was the first executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Conference, and the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, present executive secretary, and tells the part they played in this program of expansion. The article also pays tribute to the leadership of Bishop Paul N. Garber, who has headed the North Carolina Annual Conference since 1950, and who has played a major role in its growth. Since 1953 the \$10.00 club has been in operation in the conference and through it many new churches have been assisted. For the information of our readers we give here the article carried in *The Methodist Story*:

Our nation-wide challenge is a new church every 22 hours. North Carolina Conference shows how with a rate of a new church every month.

A new church every 22 hours!

This is asked of Methodists in the 100 annual conferences of the United States during the four years, 1960-64.

Can we meet this pace of better than one a day?

The faint-hearted can look for encouragement to eastern North Carolina, where a long-term average of a new congregation a month has been set. That leaves only 32 a month for the other 99 conferences!

The church extension march of North Carolina Annual Conference began 10 years ago. In the conference, roughly the eastern

half of the state, 84 new Methodist churches have been founded since 1950. The one-a-month pace was sustained for 70 months.

Among the keys to this success are leadership, enthusiasm, good financing and hard work.

Methodists here pay tribute to their favorite Tarheel, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Credit is shared, however, with expansion-minded district superintendents and the conference board of missions. For seven years the board has had a full-time executive secretary, giving most of his attention to new churches.

Enthusiasm has been contagious. Sermons and addresses, slide shows and leaflets have helped. Besides, one of every 12 Methodists you meet in eastern Carolina is a member of a church started since 1950. You can't escape their enthusiasm.

Bracketed with the newcomers is the enthusiasm of the old established churches, like Edenton Street in Raleigh or Hay Street, Fayetteville. Most of the old "First Churches" have given members and money to new projects. In Kinston, Queen Street has been a mother church to three.

There has been wide sharing of the financial load through the \$10 Club. Some 5,000 Methodists have agreed to pay \$10 at each of three calls a year. Receipts from each call are divided so that a church gets from \$10,000 to \$15,000 toward its first unit.

Not least in the keys to success was something done back in 1938: establishing a sound minimum salary plan. This has helped the conference win and hold trained ministers to man the new pulpits. Without it the conference would have lacked manpower for growth.

Today the conference has 192,500 members in 855 churches making up 478 pastoral charges. This is up from a 1950 membership of 168,600 in 789 churches making up 281 charges.

North Carolinians Attending the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.



Front row, l. to r.: Rev. S. J. Starnes, Editor of THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Greensboro; Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, Raleigh; Mrs. Gordon L. Wilson, Statesville; Gordon L. Wilson, Statesville; Rev. Linwood Blackburn, New York City; Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt College; Rev. Paul Yount, Missionary Personnel Dept. of Board of Missions; Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Statesville; Second row, l. to r.: Dr. Charles Clay, missionary to Brazil; Mrs. Charles Clay, missionary to Brazil; Dr. Carl King, Statesville; Mr. Jerry Berrier, Statesville; Mrs. D. D. Holt; Third row, l. to r.: Mrs. Henry Sprinkle, Mrs. George W. Harley, Dr. George W. Harley, missionaries to Liberia; Mr. Jasper Smith, Rocky Mount; Dr. Henry Sprinkle; Editor, WORLD OUTLOOK, Rev. Douglas Moore, Mrs. Douglas Moore, missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, Durham; Mrs. Eugene Smith, East Orange, N. J.; Dr. H. R. McSwain, Statesville.

EDITORIALS

We Want Five Thousand New Subscriptions

We are now in the midst of February. This has been regarded as "ADVOCATE Month" in North Carolina Methodism for a number of years. We want to increase our subscription list by 5,000 new subscribers between now and annual conference. We are happy to say we have already added 3,500 to the list. If each of our 22 districts will send in an average of 300 new subscriptions we will have 6,600 new ones. With an average of around 50 charges per district this would be only six new subscribers for each charge. Surely we can reach this small goal, and some should go far beyond it. It is not just to meet a quota, but to get the benefit the ADVOCATE will give to the work of the church. It is the official organ of North Carolina Methodism, and the only periodical that deals with the local situation and furnishes information and news items of local as well as church-wide interest. We were looking over an ADVOCATE of another state a few days ago. They have 271,000 Methodists in that state. They have 27,700 subscribers, at a rate of \$3.50 per year. North Carolina has 450,000 Methodists, with an ADVOCATE at \$3.00 per year, and a subscription list of some 15,000. And this paper is much more of a conference organ than the one referred to. District superintendents, ministers, and laymen tell us over and over how much they appreciate what we are doing with the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. We now challenge everyone to get behind this program during February. There is perhaps not a church in these two conferences that could not send us at least six new subscriptions. But it will take a little effort. If the minister or an interested layman will contact the people personally and invite them to subscribe to the ADVOCATE many of them will do so. Please do not put it off till the end of the month, either, but do it now. Next Sunday should be a good day for this emphasis. Official boards also could well afford to send it to every family. They will be better church members and better Christians if they get and use the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Brethren, we are doing our best to help you in your work. Are you doing your best in supporting the ADVOCATE? Make the editor's heart rejoice by sending him a minimum of six new subscribers from every charge, and as many more as you can.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious."

—Psalm 66:1-2.

What Is Our Real Potential In Giving?

We have had something to say in these columns recently about per capita giving on the part of Methodists for missions. It is with the desire to show how we are falling behind our potential that it has been done. It is said that among the 49 denominations in the larger category of giving, the Methodists rank about 42nd. We realize that figures do not always reveal the true facts. For instance, many millions of dollars are given each year which are not included in statistical reports, and for which the church, as such, gets no credit. To illustrate, recently a gift of a quarter of a million dollars was made to one of our educational institutions by a loyal Methodist, and this is just one of many such gifts made each year. Among the smaller groups, or sects, such gifts are not usually made, and all their giving is channelled through the church, thereby giving a higher percentage than some others. If all these benevolent gifts were counted, Methodism would have a much higher rating. In the recent meeting at Buck Hill Falls the reports showed the Methodist church gave through the Board of Missions, home and foreign, for the preceding year some \$30,000,000. This came through the four divisions, namely, Division of National Missions, Division of World Missions, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service. This is an average of only \$3.00 per person, or less than one cent per day, and we would all agree that this is far below our ability. "To whom much hath been given, from him shall much be required." Let's do better!

A Call To New Dedication

A statement just issued by the committee in charge of the 1960-64 quadrennial program of The Methodist Church calls every member of the church to "new dedication and service as Christian stewards" and urges that the World Service asking of 15 million dollars per year adopted by the 1960 General Conference shall be realized or exceeded.

Fayetteville District Conference At Methodist College

On Monday, January 23, history was again made when the Fayetteville District Conference became the first official body of the Methodist church to meet on the new campus at Methodist College.

Approximately 250 delegates and visitors just about filled the lecture hall of the Science Building as they heard Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, welcome the conference to the new campus. He called attention to the fact that with dormitories completed by September, the college will enroll resident students next year and asked the assistance of those present in referring students to Methodist College.

In responding to President Weaver's welcome, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford expressed appreciation for the warm and sincere welcome and commented on the beautiful and functional buildings now completed on the new campus. He reminded those in attendance of their good fortune in having the facilities of Methodist College in this area of the North Carolina Conference, and challenged everyone present to make the college one of the finest in this area.

The various committees and commissions gave their reports with each lifting up the accomplishments for the first part of the year and projecting goals and ambitions for the future. Rev. Millard C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, outlined the quadrennial emphases for the Methodist Church for 1960-64, pointing out that the main emphasis will be "Jesus Christ Is Lord." He stated that the primary concern in the Fayetteville District will be to establish outpost Sunday schools from organized churches.

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive director of the Conference Board of Evangelism, was the inspirational speaker prior to the lunch hour. He stressed "concern for others in preaching to win people for Christ." He called for "people with fervor" as he cited the need for prayer, worship and scripture reading to receive "power from on high."

During the noon hour the visitors and delegates were served lunch in the beautiful new dining hall in the Student Union.

The highlight for the closing of this conference was the Consecration Service for the newly-licensed preachers.

Report On Enrollment

The Methodist Church's 12 theological schools enrolled 3,210 ministerial students in the fall of 1960, the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloch reported in Nashville, Tenn., at the Board of Education meeting held in January. This was an advance of 6.3 per cent over the previous fall and the highest number in the history of the church, said the director of the Department of Ministerial Education.

Enrollment in Methodist colleges is increasing but not keeping pace with the national enrollment trends, it was reported by the Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Decker, director of the Department of Educational Institutions. He said the 1959-60 reports show an increase of 2.7 per cent in Methodist schools but that the national enrollment had increased 4.4 per cent.

Women Prepare To Observe World Day of Prayer

New York—Two thousand specially designated women around the world will take part in unique prayer fellowships during the coming weeks before World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 17.

They are launching world-wide prayer, study and action programs as part of the 75th diamond jubilee observance of World Day of Prayer.

United Church Women, which annually sponsors the observance of World Day of Prayer, established the fellowships as a "bold new venture in faith." The planning of the fellowships has been the cooperative effort of denominational women's groups here and abroad, working through United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of Churches representing some 12 million women in this country.

"We are hopeful that our prayer fellowships may strengthen this great spiritual movement with its concern for the rights of all people and, looking toward mutual understanding, help to build peace," says Mrs. Paul Moser of New York, national chairman of World Day of Prayer. She herself is a member of the team going to Zurich, Switzerland, as is Mrs. David D. Jones of Greensboro, N. C., together with women from Egypt and French Africa.

The thirty-two cities in the United States and Canada which have been selected for special prayer fellowships span the country from Anchorage, Alaska, to West Palm Beach, Fla. In Canada meetings will be held in Toronto, Winnipeg, and Vancouver, B. C.

World Day of Prayer services open each year at dawn in the Tonga Islands. Supplications continue for 24 hours around the globe in 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. The final service is on frozen St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea. Lands that join the prayer circle for the first time this year include Laos, Vietnam, Gabon, Niue Islands and Nialofubofu.

In the United States the day is celebrated in 25,000 communities. Miss Sue Weddell of Ocean Grove, N. J., this year wrote the special service which has been translated into many tongues and into Braille.

The 75th anniversary jubilee will continue through the summer and fall of 1961, and will reach its conclusion next October 9-12 at the Ninth National Assembly of United Church Women in Miami Beach, Fla. Each overseas Prayer Fellowship will send one of its members to the Assembly to take part in this triennial meeting of Protestant and Orthodox church women of this country.

Children's Day Program

"The Earth Is the Lord's" is the program theme for Children's Day to be observed on May 7, the first day of National Family Week. Every local Methodist church is expected to observe the day with a program. Suggestions are available in the program booklet available from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Cost is 15 cents per copy, two copies 25 cents, and ten copies \$1.00, cash with order.

Annual Meeting Held By WNCC Credit Union

The WNCC Methodist Credit Union held its fourth annual meeting in Statesville on January 23rd. President Worth Sweet was unable to attend because of illness, and the vice-president, LeRoy A. Scott, presided. The opening prayer was led by Dr. John H. Carper.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the reading of the report by the treasurer. This report indicated rapid and gratifying growth of the organization during the past year, as shown by the following figures:

There has been a net gain of ninety-six members which represents a gain of more than 33%. These members have a total of \$144,427.13 in shares, and total assets of the Credit Union at the end of 1960 were \$152,202.36. Assets and liabilities were:

Assets	
Loans outstanding	\$141,472.60
Cash in Checking	5,429.76
Cash Invested (B&L)	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	300.00

Total \$152,202.36

Liabilities	
Shares	\$144,427.13
Reserve Fund	3,364.32
Undiv. Profit	4,410.91

Total \$152,202.36

Dividends paid to shareholders at a rate of 4.2% amounted to a total of \$4,987.61.

The increase in assets during the year was more than fifty percent over the preceding year—a total gain of \$53,240.

By approval of a motion by E. H. Lowman, seconded by W. B. A. Culp, the Credit Union decided to apply for membership in the North Carolina Credit Union League, Inc.

The chairman announced to the meeting that after careful consideration the directors decided to set the interest rate on installment loans of three years or less duration at a rate of five per cent (5%) per year. This rate also provides insurance on the loans. By operating on this rate he hopes that for the current year the dividend to shore-owners may be increased to 5%.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Paul H. Duckwall. No nominations were made from the floor and the elections were as follows: Directors: Ralph Reed, Rollin Gibbs, Byron Shankle. Credit Committee: W. B. A. Culp, LeRoy A. Scott. Supervisory Committee: John Hoyle, Jr., Marvin Boggs, Courtney Ross. Other officers: Worth Sweet, John Carper, Wm. Ralph Jacks, Ivon L. Roberts, and Charlie Reichard have terms expiring in January of 1962. During this year Worth Sweet will serve as president, Wm. Ralph Jacks as vice-president, Ivon L. Roberts as treasurer, and Charlie Reichard will continue to serve on the Credit Committee.

The Credit Union is proving itself to be of tremendous value to those who are in need of funds, and the insurance it affords on loan and also on the lives of share-owners is one of the free benefits to those who patronize the organization. During its three and a fourth years of operation it has paid to the only two claimants concerned a total of \$5,236.00 in insurance benefits.

IVON L. ROBERTS, Sec.-Treas.
Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Methodist Men Make Music

All over America Methodist Men quartets are warming up in practice sessions, getting ready for competitions that will determine which group will have the honor of representing its episcopal area.

Third National Conference of Methodist Men. If every area sends a quartet to the national conference, there will be 44 such units. Four times 44 is 176, and this could mean a lot of harmony when the combined quartets are featured at one of the conference sessions. So it looks as if the Purdue University campus at Lafayette, Ind., will be resounding with harmony next July 14-16, when the national meeting convenes there.

Need 400 Missionaries

New York—For service on its missionary frontiers at home and overseas, The Methodist Church seeks a wide variety of qualified workers in 1961, ranging from a pastor for remote rural churches in Alaska to a music director for Christian radio programs in Japan.

The annual call for mission workers at home and overseas is presented by the Board of Missions through its Office of Missionary Personnel (475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.) The number of openings for service in more than 40 countries overseas is 406, the board says, and while an exact number cannot be given for openings in the U. S., the needs are described as "urgent."

The Holy Bible

The Bible is the light of my understanding, the joy of my heart, the fulness of my hope, the clarifier of my affections, the mirror of my thoughts, the consoler of my sorrows, the guide of my soul through this gloomy passage of time, the telescope sent from heaven to reveal to the eye of man the amazing glories of the far distant world.

The Bible contains more sublimity, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence than can be collected from all other books, in whatever age or language they may have been written.

—SIR WILLIAM JAMES

19 Methodist Senators

Washington, D. C.—Two more Methodists were elected to the U. S. Senate last November. This makes a total of 19, again the largest number in the Senate from a single church.

The additions are Senator J. Caleb Boggs, former governor of Delaware, and Senator Lee Metcalf, former representative from Montana.

Bishops Make Plea

Baltimore, Md.—Bishop Edgar A. Love, head of the Baltimore Area, has appealed to the President on behalf of the dispossessed Negro sharecroppers of Fayette and Haywood Counties in Tennessee.

Bishop Love was joined in his appeal by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington, D. C. Area, Bishop George W. Baber of the A.M.E. Church, and Bishop Charles Ewbank Tucker of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Interesting Methodist Matters

History has left plain warnings, and if man blunders into a final world war, he can blame no one but himself.—THE REV. DR. HAROLD A. BOSLEY.

Methodist chaplains, both military and civilian, participated in a retreat January 3-5 at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. It was sponsored by the Commission on Chaplains.

Virginia Conference offices and Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area have moved to the newly-constructed Methodist office building at 4016 West Broad Street, Richmond.

Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, attended the annual meeting of the national council of presidents of Methodist institutions held at Nashville, Tenn., last week.

Bishop and Mrs. Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala., were honored recently on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were greeted by Methodist leaders of that area and recieved a special gift from colleagues on the Council of Bishops.

Opening date of the 1964 General Conference will be Sunday afternoon, April 26. Holy communion will be administered. General Conferences have hitherto opened on Wednesdays.

Charles M. Sorenson, a Des Moines, Iowa layman, has been named to the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. He will be assigned to the board's Section on Stewardship and Finance.

Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, former president of the UN General Assembly, is a professor in the School of International Service at The American University, Washington, D. C., for this and the next academic year.

More than 1,000 Ohio Area ministers recently attended a "Day of Renewal" as part of the 1960-64 quadrennial emphasis on spiritual renewal. Ohio Conference pastors met January 11 in Columbus, and the North-East Ohio Conference group met January 12 in Canton.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott L. Fisher began his new duties January 9 as general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Chicago, succeeding the Rev. Dr. E. Harold Mohn, who retired. Dr. Fisher came to his new post from the superintendency of the San Jose (Calif.) District. He is a former executive of the Board of Missions.

A wider use of the laity is evident in town and country areas all over the church. In every place where the door of opportunity has been opened wider and greater confidence shown in the laity, a new spirit has emerged and rapid progress has been made.—THE REV. DR. GLENN F. SANFORD, *Philadelphia, director of Town and Country Work in the Division of National Missions.*

After all a converted sinner is a person who at one time was a socially maladjusted person. Never under-rate the power of religion in dealing with the socially maladjusted.—DR. HAROLD M. WILLIAMS.

Those who look too closely at the distress points throughout the world miss the perspective of history and become pessimistic. Our generation is clearly underlining the fact that "no one wants to be a marginal man."—THE REV. DR. C. MELVIN BLAKE of New York, *executive secretary for Africa on the staff of the Board of Missions.*

Methodists have always been the champions of the public school system, and today when it is being assailed from so many strange sources we would again pledge our loyalty and support to the public school system. It is one of the cornerstones in American life and must not be permitted to close regardless of local, political or racial tensions.—BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER, *Richmond, Va.*

A contract is in preparation for the erection of a new Northeastern Regional Service Center of the Methodist Publishing House at Teaneck, N. J., about 14 miles from Times Square. The announcement was made January 31 by Lovick Pierce of Nashville, Tenn., president of the Methodist Publishing House, to the executive committee of the denomination's Board of Publication meeting in New York.

Two bishops—Paul E. Martin of Houston, Texas, and Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco—are making good recoveries following surgery. Bishop Martin is already getting back "into the swing of things" but Bishop Tippet's period of convalescence will be considerably longer than originally expected. He sustained two successful operations—one on December 23 and another on January 6. He was scheduled to remain in the hospital for two weeks following the last operation.

The Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, dean of the college of arts and sciences at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, will return to Nashville, Tenn., June 1 to become associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education. This will make him the No. 2 administrative officer of the division, headed by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross. Dr. Wicke was on the board's staff for nine years before going to the Texas school.

Increased interest in stewardship in The Methodist Church has caused the denomination's Board of Lay Activities to enlarge that phase of its program. Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, who has been director of the Department of Stewardship and Finance since 1955, has been named executive secretary of the new Section on Stewardship and Finance. Offices of the board are at 740 Rush Street, Chicago. These actions, taken by the board's executive committee, were announced by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary, following a meeting of the committee in Evanston, Ill., January 12-13.

Elizabeth City District Conference Held Jan. 26th

"Come hail or high water," the laymen and ministers of the Elizabeth City District will not be stopped. Such was the case on January 26. Despite the falling snow, sleet, and icy roads, the District Conference convened at 9:30 a.m., in the Edenton Methodist Church for its sixty-seventh session. However, many of the North Carolina Conference officers were not in attendance.

The Rev. Robert L. Jerome, district superintendent, presided.

Rev. Ralph Faulkes, host pastor, opened the meeting with an inspiring devotion.

Mayor John Mitchener, of Edenton, and J. R. Dulaney, chairman of the Official Board, extended the welcome to the Conference on behalf of the city and the church after which the Rev. Earl Richardson, pastor of the Riverside Church in Elizabeth City, responded to the welcome.

Upon nomination, Rev. C. Graham Nickens was elected secretary.

Following announcements by the district superintendent the first report to be presented to the Conference was that of Christian Higher Education which was presented by the Rev. V. E. Queen. Rev. Mr. Queen stated that "this is one of the first 'real' challenges that has been presented to our Conference, and the same valiant effort that has characterized its growth will be continued until this particular phase of our campaign is complete." He reminded ministers and laymen alike of the special emphasis on February 26, when a church conference will be held in each local church concerning this matter.

Mr. Queen, as chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Qualification, also made the report recommending the passing of characters and renewal of license of 18 local preachers and recommended supply pastors; also recommended for admission on trial and be ordained deacon into our Annual Conference, Horace Lee McLaurin.

The Rev. Mr. Jerome, realizing the need of emphasis or attention upon several causes, allotted more time than to others; however, he did not under-evaluate any cause, but owing to the present urgency of some of our programs, he wisely lifted these as highlights for our present thinking. This was exemplified in his selection for the presentation of the message, "Mission Around the World," which was so vividly presented by the District Director of Missions, Rev. J. A. Auman, pastor of Hertford Methodist Church, and who just recently returned from a world tour on behalf of missions.

Rev. Mr. Auman stated that as he traveled to many places of our own and other missionary establishments, which included Alaska, Greece, Japan, Hong Kong, and the Holy Land (he supplemented his message with slides he had made) that he was appalled with the great need of world missions but at the same time he rejoiced with the work our missionaries are accomplishing.

He concluded with the challenge that these people will attach themselves to some of the ideologies which have become so numerous today. "I ask you," he stater, "do you see the validity of the World Service dollar, that what we do with what we

have will determine to a great extent the outcome of these people whom Jesus Christ would also have us call 'our neighbors.'"

The directors of the different committees spoke briefly and concisely concerning their respective reports to the Conference. These included: for Christian Vocations, Rev. H. F. Leatherman; for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Rev. A. D. Byrd; for Lay Activities, C. S. Meekins, associate lay leader; for Gifts and Wills, Rev. H. K. King; for Mission and Church Extension, Rev. O. L. Hathaway; for the Retirement Home, its superintendent, Rev. J. F. Coble; for Golden Cross, Rev. C. Graham Nickens; for Christian Social Concerns, Rev. Earl Richardson; Quarterly Conference Records, Rev. A. N. Gore; Resolutions and Courtesies, Rev. A. D. Byrd; and for Evangelism, Mrs. L. L. Gibbs.

The Elizabeth City District, under the leadership of the efficient and understanding Robert L. Jerome, is made up of eighty-seven churches representing thirty-nine charges and comprises in whole or in part twelve counties. These churches constitute about 16,000 Methodists.

Lunch was served by ladies of the host church.

By invitation the 1962 session will be held in Manteo Church, Manteo, N. C.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the district superintendent.

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Worth Repeating

Christian-minded students who believe that the dignity of any man comes from his relationship with God can be an important influence in the handling of the integration crisis.—THE REV. RUSSELL EDWARDS, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Georgia, Athens.

Youth Seminar On Peace And World Order

The 1961 Seminar on Peace and World Order, an annual project of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, will be held February 26 through March 3 in New York and Washington. It is sponsored by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns in co-operation with the Board of Missions.

Some sixty-five youth and adult workers are expected to take part in the seminar, gaining first-hand knowledge of the process of international relations and national government. In New York they will visit the United Nations and hold conferences with missionary personnel at the Board of Missions. In Washington they will tour points of interest and interview leaders in the federal government, including senators and congressmen, state department officials, and ambassadors from other nations.

Conducting the seminar will be Emogene Dunlap and Herman Will, Jr., of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Allene Ford of the Board of Missions.

High Point College To Observe Homecoming February 11

High Point College will observe homecoming February 11. The program will get underway at 10:00 a.m. with registration, and end with a student dance from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m., in Harrison Hall. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 in the college cafeteria. Dr. and Mrs. Patton invite alumni and friends to open house in their home from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Alumni Dinner will be served at 6:00 o'clock, and basketball game between High Point and Appalachian will be played in the gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. During the halftime, the homecoming queen will be crowned by the president of the Alumni Association.

Charlotte District To Hold Christian Workers' School

The Leadership School for the Charlotte District will be held February 12-16 at First Methodist Church with evening sessions beginning at 7:30 and closing at 9:20. There will be one morning session Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10:00-12:00 noon. This course is "Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith" and will be taught by Mrs. Delbert Hill.

The following sixteen courses are the evening courses and will have teachers as listed:

"Working With Nursery Children," Mrs. Wm. H. Hoefflick; "Working With Kindergarten Children," Miss Rebecca Yow; "Working With Primary Children," Rev. Emmett Davis; "Working With Junior Children," Miss Louise Robinson; "Home and Church Working Together for Children," Mrs. W. R. Reed; "Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith," Mrs. Delbert Hill; "Understanding Ourselves," Mrs. E. H. Ould; "Guiding Junior Highs," Mrs. Bob Clark; "Guiding Seniors and Older Youth," Mrs. Edwin Diggs; "Helping Adults Learn," Rev. Hawley Lynn; "How to Improve Your Church School," Dr. Raymond Smith; "Audio-Visual Resources in Christian Education," Rev. W. D. Newman; "The Meaning of Methodism," Dr. O. Kelly Ingram; "Paul, the Man and His Work," Dr. Wilson O. Weldon; "Teachings of the Prophets," Dr. Robert Osborn; and "Social Concerns of the Church," Dr. E. Wright Spears.

All registration cards should be in by February 8. Pre-registration is a great help in enabling the school to assign classrooms and order supplies.

Advocate Season

It is time for new and renewal subscriptions to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. A subscription to the ADVOCATE is more than jumping on the bandwagon of a campaign. It is more than supporting a paper. It is more than counting another statistic. It is a symbol. It denotes the subscriber is an inquirer who wants to know an ever-increasing amount about Christ and His Church. It places him among the fellowship of the seekers after truth. It bestows a sense of at-homeness wherever he may be by acquainting him with a larger circle of persons, places, and issues of the day. It transfers his interest from the trivial to the profound. It becomes the Zoom Lens by which his near-sightedness is changed into the telescopic. In short, it is the instrument by which his mind may be so renewed that he transforms his world rather than conforming to it. Subscribe to the ADVOCATE—now!

—From *Fallston-Clover Hill Bell Ringer*
(Editor's Note: Thank you, Brother Jacks.)

Bishop Has New Address

Bishop Roy A. Short has announced the moving of his offices as head of the Nashville Area and as secretary of the Council of Bishops from the Methodist Publishing House to the Board of Education Building.

His new address is now: Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.



The Reverend W. Jackson Huneycutt, District Superintendent of the Albemarle District, is shown above (third from left) as he turned the first spadeful of dirt at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Education Building at Love's Grove Methodist Church, Stanfield, on November 13, 1960. Since the groundbreaking, the building has progressed so that the entire construction is now under roof. In the picture, left to right, are: H. D. Efrid, Building Committee Chairman; J. D. Yow, Sunday School Superintendent; Reverend W. Jackson Huneycutt; J. S. Polk, Chairman of the Official Board; and Reverend John M. Ruffy, Pastor.

The 1961 Methodist European Caravan

By CLYDE S. BOGGS

What is the Methodist European Caravan? It is a mission witnessing project sponsored by the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Annual Conference. The 1961 Methodist Caravan will be composed of four young men and four young ladies of college age, plus two counselors, the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Page, Fayetteville, N. C.

The Board of Missions feels that this is one of the most worthwhile investments that they make. First, it recruits young folk for full-time ministry in our churches. During the 1960 Caravan two young people dedicated their lives to work in the church, one young man to become a minister and a young lady to the ministry of education. The counselors of the other caravans report young folk entering the ministry as pastors, missionaries, and ministers of education. We look forward to recruiting more church workers in the future. Secondly, it brings European Methodists to the U. S. A., as students in higher education, as teachers in our Christian colleges and as exchange ministers in our churches. What better investment could be made than these?

What does the European Caravan Seek to do? It seeks to bring its members into direct personal fellowship with our Methodist people in Europe. The Caravaners will live in the homes of the people, conduct worship services, lead fellowship meetings, and work with their hands to improve church buildings and facilities.

Through this personal contact the caravan expects: (1) to share in an exchange of Christian witness; (2) to build a bridge of understanding and true friendship between Methodism in America and Europe; (3) to give encouragement and lend a helping hand to churches working under difficult circumstances; and continue to share this experience after returning home.

The Caravan will travel in England, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Holland.

Who is eligible as a Caravaner? A person of Christian character who has completed at least one year of college, preferably two. Equivalent business experience may substitute for this.

How is the Caravan Financed? The Board of Missions on Education appropriate money to help pay expenses of the counselors. Each youth member is responsible for his own support, \$1.025—\$500 to be gotten to the caravan counselor before or at the orientation program early in April, and the balance by May 1, 1961. This will pay for travel reservations, board and lodging and other group expenses. Each caravaner will need to carry \$200 to \$250 for personal expenses, spending money, and extra sightseeing trips.

How can this amount of money be secured? Some youth applicants will be able to finance this personally. Others have made the trip in the past years in one of several ways: secured sponsorship by their local church; have been sponsored by their subdistrict or district Youth Fellowship; have been sponsored by their district; have been sponsored by subdistrict or district

Johnson Memorial Enters New Quarters



Left to right: L. R. Overman, M. C. Dunn, C. L. Warren, W. C. Johnson, J. C. Peoples, C. S. Albright, Robert E. McNeill

The Johnson Memorial Methodist Church of Fayetteville, which was organized June 24, 1940, with 19 charter members, and which has now grown to a membership of 211, on Sunday, January 22, 1961, held its first service in its new location on Circle Court, Fayetteville. The congregation recently purchased the property of the Peace Presbyterian Church and in a formal ceremony on Sunday, January 15, received the deed for the property and the keys of the church. Participating in the ceremony were the pastors of the two churches involved, the Rev. C. L. Warren, of Johnson Memorial Methodist Church, and the Rev. Claire S. Albright of the Peace Presbyterian Church; trustees of the two churches, and the Rev.

M. C. Dunn, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, who gave the prayer of dedication for the new property.

In the first service held January 22, 126 persons were in attendance for the morning worship service. There were 107 persons present for the church school hour. Services are held twice each Sunday—at 11:00 a.m., and at 7:30 p.m. The church also has its midweek prayer service each Wednesday evening at 7:30. Members of the congregation look forward to many years of continuing growth and of increased service in the community which will now be served by the church in its new location, 201 Circle Court, Fayetteville. The Rev. C. L. Warren is pastor.

Methodist Men's groups; have borrowed the funds and made repayment over a period of time. Each of these methods requires work and persistence, but each may be worth the effort for the wonderful experience to be gained.

How does one become a member of the Caravan? The members of the Caravan are selected by the Caravan Committee. After careful study, the committee will select the best possible representatives of North Carolina Methodism. Any youth who wishes to join the 1961 Caravan should write immediately to the committee chairman, Rev. C. S. Boggs, P. O. Box 244, Clinton, N. C., for application blanks. Applications should be filled as early as possible. The proposed deadline is January 15, 1961.

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Miss Mary L. Titus, Nashville, plans a six-month around-the-world trip from about March 1 through next August to observe and render special service in both Methodist and interdenominational mission work in several countries. She is a staff member of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education.

Methodist Group Will Study International Cooperation

Nashville, Tenn.—About 65 Methodist youth and adult leaders will visit New York City and Washington, D. C., February 26 to March 2 to gain first-hand knowledge of the processes of international cooperation and national government.

The group from all over the country is participating in the Methodist Youth Fellowship's annual Seminar on Peace and World Order.

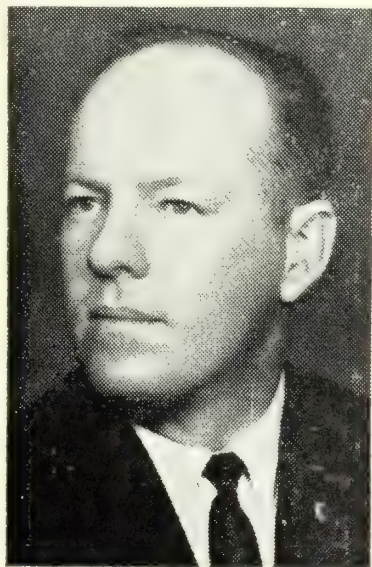
In New York, the youth will visit the United Nations and talk with United Nations delegates and other UN personnel. They also will confer with leaders of the Methodist Board of Missions at the board's office in the Interchurch Center.

In Washington, they will have interviews with U. S. senators and representatives and visit Congress, Department of State, Soviet embassy, Lincoln Memorial, Methodist Building, American University and other points of interest.

The seminar is sponsored by the Methodist boards of education and Christian social concerns, in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Missions.

North Carolina Conference District Lay Rallies To Be Held Next Week

Methodist laymen of the North Carolina Conference have for some years looked forward to the district lay rallies which are held each year and in each district. A total of several thousand men gather at the appointed place for a fellowship supper, after which a very fine lay program is presented and the certified lay speakers for the "No



MR. R. H. BOND

Silent Pulpit" program are commissioned by the bishop to hold services in all the churches of the district.

Evangelism will be given special emphasis in all these rallies, in keeping with the major emphasis throughout Methodism. It is expected some 6,000 men will be in attendance. The district superintendent of each district is promoting the program in his district and will play a large part in carrying it out.

Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, full-time Conference lay leader, has arranged an interesting and helpful program this year and urges every church to have a large number of its laymen present for the meeting. Besides Bishop Paul N. Garber, who is expected to attend each meeting, Mr. R. H. Bond, of Dyersburg, Tenn., will be the main speaker. For those who know "Red" Bond, to make the announcement of his coming should be sufficient to draw one of the largest attendances ever at these rallies. He is connected with the Southern Bell Telephone Company, and is known throughout the Methodist church as a very able and interesting lay speaker. He is lay leader of the Memphis Conference. A treat is in store for all who are fortunate enough to hear him.

At each rally the district lay leader will preside. The supper meeting begins at 6:30, following which the laymen program is held at 7:30. The times and places for the rallies, together with the district lay leaders, are as follows:

Durham—Monday, February 13, at New National Guard Armory; James T. Patrick.

Raleigh—Tuesday, February 14, at the Edenton Street Church; W. D. Payne.

Burlington—Wednesday, February 15, at Davis Street Church; James F. Rogers.

Rocky Mount—Thursday, February 16, at First Methodist Church; J. P. Woodard, Nashville.

Elizabeth City—Friday, February 17, at Perquimans High School, Hertford; John Turner, Elizabeth City.

New Bern—Monday, February 20, at Centenary Church; Roy L. Turnage, Ayden.

Wilmington—Tuesday, February 21, at Fifth Avenue Church; Albert E. Goldfinch, Tabor City.

Lumberton—Wednesday, February 22, at Chestnut Street Church.

Goldsboro—Thursday, February 23, at Goldsboro High School; Robert Rose.

Fayetteville—Friday, February 24, at Hay Street Church; R. E. (Buddy) Luper, Fayetteville.

Bishop Garber will close each meeting by commissioning the lay speakers.

Methodist Audio-Visual Seminars Announced

Nashville, Tenn.—Five Methodist audio-visual seminars, sponsored by the General Board of Education, will be held during 1961 to provide advanced training for specialists in the effective use of audio-visuals in the church.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Jr., director of audio-visual services, said it is possible to earn graduate credit at Scarritt College, Nashville, through work in the seminars. Experienced leaders in the audio-visual field will serve as resource persons in each of the training opportunities.

The schedule of the seminars calls for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, July 31-August 11, at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Church-Related Vocations Listed In New Directory

1961 *Methodist Service Projects*, just published by the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, is the basic directory of vocational information in The Methodist Church. The 64-page manual describes specific opportunities in church-related vocations, including the pastoral ministry, missionary service, medical and social work, and Christian education.

Calling upon Methodists to give serious attention to the claim of Christ upon the vocational skills of Christians, the booklet points out that "every Christian is called upon to express his faith through the work that will use his capacities in the fullest possible service to God and man." The church, it says, "must constantly hold this challenge before men."

A valuable resource for pastors, student workers, guidance officers, and counselor-teachers, *Methodist Service Projects* interprets the concept of Christian vocation and lists many opportunities for service in The Methodist Church.

"Our Calling to Fulfill"

The ministers' wives of the Waynesville District participated in an overnight retreat at lovely Hinton Memorial Rural Center recently, the theme of which was "Our Calling to Fulfill." This, we believe, was something new in this area and because of its extremely worthwhile aspects, we trust that this beginning will grow into a deep-rooted custom in our ranks.

The ladies arrived at the center at 4:00 o'clock and enjoyed a period of fellowship and getting acquainted before dinner. Some walked along the quiet paths and looked down upon beautiful Lake Chatougee, while others relaxed in the spacious living room, looking out into the profusion of autumn colors mingling with the sunset.

Immediately after dinner the group convened to be led in an inspirational meditation by the Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell of Lake Junaluska. Mrs. Newell spoke of the purpose of the retreat and of the responsibilities and needs of the minister's wife. Referring to Luther's words, "Everyone is called of God," she impressed upon the group that a minister's wife has a calling as well as the minister, and this calling is of great importance to the total picture. She gave many helpful thoughts. Taking time to be alone gives one depth, poise, and quiet reserve; to retreat enables one to keep her perspective and enlarge her vision.

Mrs. Claude Young, president of the Waynesville District ministers' wives, led a discussion period when the ladies shared their problems and experiences.

Everyone retired to the rooms for a quiet meditation before bed. The discussions were resumed after a delightful breakfast next morning. Parsonages, parsonage maintenance and responsibilities claimed its share of time on the schedule. Many things, good and bad, were looked into. We recommend a revision of the rules for parsonage standards and suggest that ministers' wives promote rules for bringing parsonages up to the accepted standards.

In summing up our findings we concluded that in order to best fulfill our calling, the most necessary qualities of a minister's wife have to do with attitudes. She must be warm, friendly, unselfish, cooperative, and must provide a home of emotional balance and serenity. Whatever course she may choose to follow in community life must complement the work of the minister. The basic rule when problems come is to maintain an attitude of love.

Mrs. Frank Smathers brought the sessions to a close with a warm and challenging meditation. Pointing out that physical atmosphere can contribute to the spiritual, she urged each one to try to find and interpret beauty in her surroundings. It is the part of a minister's wife to add warmth and charm to parsonage life and to supply loveliness where there is none.

Every minister's wife felt that the retreat was a fine rewarding experience and entirely worth the time given to it. It may even have a bit of a halo above her calling.

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Decision for Christ without continued nurture can become sentimental and innocuous, without relevance to the stern business of living.—LEON M. ADKINS.

The Church and Social Problems Discussed

By JAMES A. AUMAN

The Christian church cannot isolate itself from the economic and political and social problems of the people of the world. It must more strongly believe that Jesus Christ is for *all of life*, not one segment that we would choose to call "religious," or "the church." Of this fact I am more keenly aware than ever before after participating in the Christian World Seminar, during July and August, 1960.

The Christian World Seminar is composed of an interdenominational group of Protestant leaders who wish to see something of the world and its people and leaders in all fields of endeavor. Although religious gatherings were a vital part of the tour, it was by no means the full extent of its scope. There were interviews with government leaders, non-Christian faith groups, political aspirants, welfare agencies working closely with the UNESCO and WHO. Coupled with these interviews were opportunities to visit centers of work which our own Methodist church supports with its great missionary program.

Our itinerary carried us from Seattle, Wash., to the exciting new state of Alaska, where we were privileged to see the remarkable growth taking place in this far-northern section of the North American Continent. The new Alaska Methodist University, which opened its doors for the first time this fall to 200 students, will be one of the guiding forces in shaping future leaders for this 49th state. We met with Dr. Herbert L. Heller, dean of the University, and had an opportunity to talk with some of the students, already arrived for summer jobs on the campus.

Leaving Alaska and the United States, we flew to Tokyo, and from there our around-the-world trip took us to 15 countries, covering about 25,000 miles, to see "how the rest of the world lives."

As I think of the people in the various countries, recalling the sidewalk dwellers in Hong Kong (15,000 of them with no home but the sidewalk); the refugees of Pakistan who are constantly on the move; the poverty of India; the low standards of living in Taipei; and the difficulties encountered by the people of Egypt as they seek to exist in the desert land—I am reminded again of the words of our Christ when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. He said *all*."

Our Methodist church is seeking to help relieve some of the burdens of these other peoples of the world. I was especially impressed with the refugee centers in Hong Kong, appropriately named Asbury Village, Wesley Village, and Epworth Village. Here the church is providing decent standards of living which include education, recreation, fellowship, as well as vocational training. Cleanliness is a requirement, and among the well-ordered rows of cottages, will be found a laundry, a primary school, a church, and a handicraft building where the women and girls can sew and embroider articles for export. The men of their families work on the fishing boats or "junks."

The Trinity School, in Karachi, Pakistan, a Woman's Society of Christian Service project, illustrates the concern of our Methodist women that youth be educated in a

Christian atmosphere. Opened in July, 1959, there are now 250 girls ranging from seven years of age and up. There is a good relationship between the Methodist girls and the Moslem girls in this school, and as more and more Moslem girls come under the Christian influence, the Christian faith is strengthened in Pakistan, which has so appropriately been called one of our "lands of decision." This title we could readily understand, because decisions are being made every day relative to the faith and culture and very existence of these people.

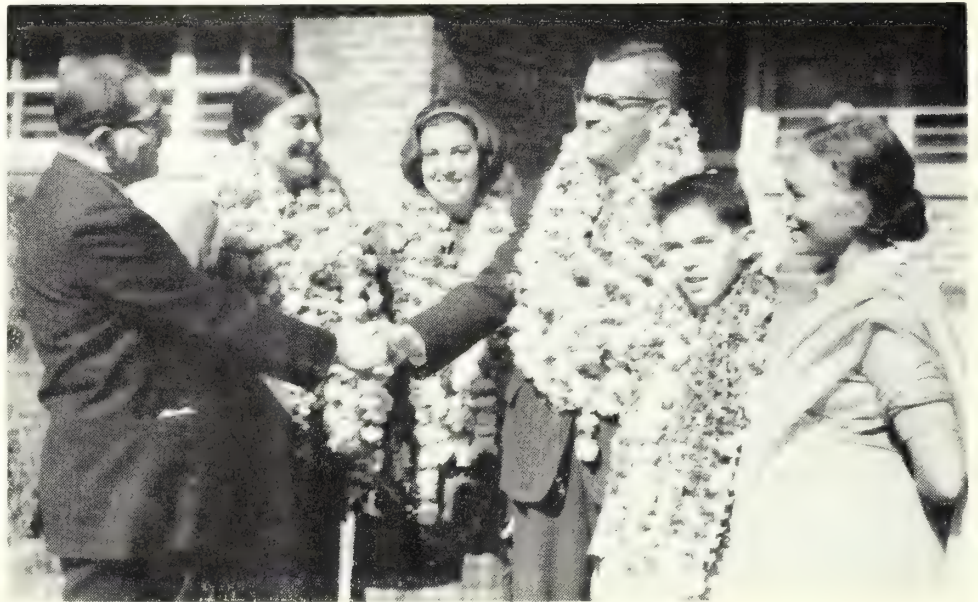
It was in India that I got my greatest shock as a traveller, for here more than in any other country that we visited, was the visible evidence of the results of non-Christian faiths. While a people starve, their "holy cows" roam the streets and add to the filth and clutter of the already overcrowded conditions. Because of their Hindu faith, which is the predominant religion of these 420 million people, there is more poverty and filth and despair than will be found in any other country that we visited. Seventy per cent of her people have a per capita income of only \$30 per year, and the average for India is only \$60. Seventy-five per cent are illiterate. Wherever you go, pathetic beggars cling to you like leeches—emaciated men, mothers with many babies suckling at dry breasts, and unnumbered children hungry and tearing at your heart as they rub their hollow stomachs and cry, "No mama, no papa, no eat."

Education is the keynote to hope for

India. I would not oversimplify the problem by saying that her whole problem is her religion. However, her problems are related to her Hindu faith and cannot be solved until her national religion is modified or abandoned. Methodism's stake in this future is to continue with our wonderful Christian schools, like the one we visited in Agra, where a small community of Christians entertained us one Sunday afternoon. They played their home-made drum and hand-pumped organ while singing hymns of praise to God; then, in true hospitality, offered us tea and party delicacies. Rev. Benjamin John, India native and pastor of the church, greeted us in English, and we were greatly stirred by the wonderful work which he and Miss Carolyn Schaefer, a missionary from the States, are doing with their village people.

I wish that more of our ministers and Christian laymen could participate in travel seminars, for it is through seeing that we will better understand the oneness of God's children—how much we are alike, how similar are our needs, how comparable are our problems. Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Annamese, Arab, Jew, Egyptian, Greek, Bengali—you name the race of people, choose whichever you will, and you will find under the varied skin color and dress, one great desire: to live, to love, to be loved!

There is no substitute for hope and the belief in the individual worth of man, which our Christian religion seeks to teach. Jesus Christ is for *all of life*, and this is the message of love most needed around the world.



Upon their arrival January 15 in Jabalpur, M. P., India, Dr. and Mrs. F. Roderick Dail, a former member of the North Carolina Conference, with children, Janice and Rickie, are greeted by Dr. and Mrs. George Sahai, president of Leonard Theological College. Their arrival in India culminates a year's delay. Commissioned as missionaries of The Methodist Church in January, 1960, visas to India were first denied. In August they flew to San Jose, Costa Rica, where they studied Spanish in preparation for service in Argentina. But in November the Indian government granted visas and the Dails flew back to New York, sailing in

December for Bombay.

Dr. Dail, a member of the New York Conference with special training in religious education, has been appointed a member of the faculty at Leonard Theological College, an interdenominational institution. Mrs. Dail was for six years on the staff of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions in New York City and is a frequent contributor to church publications.

The Dails will live in Jabalpur, the central-most city in India, for a five-year term of service before returning to the United States.

WNC Evangelistic Mission To Ministers Well Attended

Between five and six hundred ministers attended an Evangelistic Mission to Ministers, held at Dilworth Methodist Church in Charlotte, January 30 and 31. This mission was planned and sponsored by the Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and designed to be a 12-hour period of spiritual enrichment in preparation both for the Lenten season, which is immediately before us, and for a decade of dynamic discipleship, which is being led by the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

Those in attendance were challenged to dedicate their lives anew to the ministry to which our Lord has called us. They were called upon to take seriously the theme of the quadrennial program of our church, "Jesus-Christ-Is-Lord." They were reminded that if this basic confession of faith is to have meaning for our day it must be taken seriously first of all by those who fill the pulpits in our churches. It must be interpreted in terms of its meaning for the individual lives of our people, and must become the motive for a new passion of concern for the lost whom Christ came into the world to seek and to save.

Speakers on the program included the names of some of the most effective preachers, both of our conference and of our Jurisdiction. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, director of the Department of Spiritual Life for the General Board of Evangelism, spoke on the motives of the evangelistic program of the church and for individual witnessing in the name of Christ. Dr. Mack B. Stokes, member of the faculty of the Candler School of Theology, gave an effective interpretation of the theology of evangelism. Bishop Roy Short, presiding bishop of the Nashville Area, gave a helpful analysis of the characteristics and methods of evangelistic preaching. Bishop Harmon, who presided throughout the entire program, set the stage for the mission with a message on "Our Urgent Need." His guidance through the session of this mission indicated his deep concern to lead the ministers of the conference into a deeper experience of the Christian faith, and a fuller commitment to the Christ whom we serve. Those who attended these services prayerfully and gave to them their individual attention could not escape the inspiration and the feeling that the Holy Spirit is again moving upon his servants to empower them for the task and mission which confronts the Christian church of our day.

The meaning and success of this mission was in no small way a consequence of the careful planning of Rev. Cecil Heckard, Conference Secretary of Evangelism, and of the Conference Board of Evangelism of which Dr. Embree Blackard is chairman. Other speakers on the program were Rev. Walter Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, and Rev. Harlan Creech, pastor of the host church. Rev. R. T. Montfort, pastor of the Davidson Methodist Church, led the music.

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The Council of Evangelism, headed by Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio, is an auxiliary of the Board of Evangelism.

Bible Greatest And Most Neglected Book

The Bible is both the greatest and the most neglected book in the world.

This statement was made to more than 150 young Methodist preachers and wives who attended the Christmas Conference held in Aldersgate Methodist Church in Minneapolis, Minn., on December 27-30.

The speaker was Dr. J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., who edits *The Upper Room*, a daily devotional guide, with a circulation of more than three million copies.

Dr. Potts said ignorance of the Bible revealed in radio and television quiz shows is appalling.

"The Bible is the one book for the preacher," he said. "It reveals both the mind of God and the state of man."

"It shows man as he really is," Dr. Potts said. "It tells the stark story of his lustfulness, and makes clear the fact that he is lost unless he is redeemed. But it also reveals the way of salvation."

Each year the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church sponsors a Christmas Conference for young Methodist ministers and their wives.

The Christmas Conference in 1959 was held at Lovely Lane Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Wesleyan College Gives Competitive Examinations

Twenty-two high school students from North Carolina and Virginia recently took competitive examinations for approximately thirty scholarships at North Carolina Wesleyan College. These scholarships included ten Wesleyan Award Scholarships of \$1,800 each.

Another chance to take the examinations will be given applicants on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 9:45 a.m. Full information may be obtained from Miss Lois Collins, Director of Admissions, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

Taking the College Qualifying Tests were: Ellen Adkins, Lucy Braswell, John Eilers and Joe Whaley, of Rocky Mount; George Cates, Steve Daniel, Jr., Robert Otis Stevens, Michael Terry, Jr., and Larry Rogers, of Roxboro; Ricks Daniel and Gilbert Daniel, Jr., of Spring Hope; Franklin Riley Dozier and Billy Jones, of South Mills; Betty Jean Johnson, of Elizabethtown; Sallie Ray McLeroy, of Goldsboro; Ella Lee Ross and Donald Sessoms, of Weldon; Douglas Stanley Russell, of Clinton; Johnny Watkins, of Henderson; Sidney Wilbur, of Jacksonville; Max Fitzgerald, of Richmond, Va.; Sharon Nichols, of Lynnhaven, Va.



Discussing the use of the Braille Writer are three participants in a national Methodist consultation on the church's ministry to children with handicaps in Nashville, Tennessee. Standing is Dr. Harold M. Williams, Washington, specialist from U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Seated are the Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, Durham, N. C., North Carolina Conference director of children's work (left), and Miss Gloria Simmons, Big Rapids, Mich., Michigan Conference director of children's work.

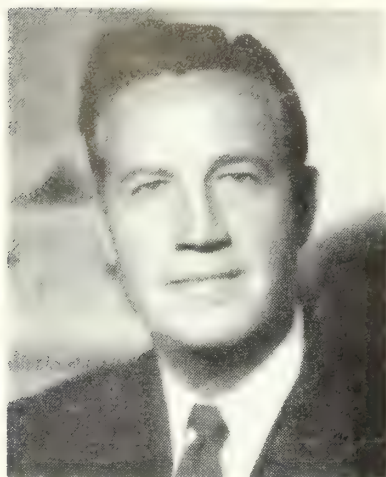


Woman's Activities



SE Jurisdiction WSCS to Meet in Durham

By MARY GARDNER



BISHOP JAMES K. MATHEWS



DR. RICHARD H. BAUER

Several hundred women representing the 16 annual conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS will convene at the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, February 21-23 for their annual meeting.

The theme for the meeting will be "Our Mission Today," with Mrs. David Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., as the presiding officer. Dr. Richard Bauer, executive secretary of the Methodist Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, will address the opening session on Tuesday morning. The Wednesday morning session will be highlighted by the message of the Jurisdiction president, Mrs. Cathcart, and an address by Dr. Edmund Perry, of Northwestern University. A panel discussion by a group of Crusade scholars will be featured at the Wednesday afternoon session.

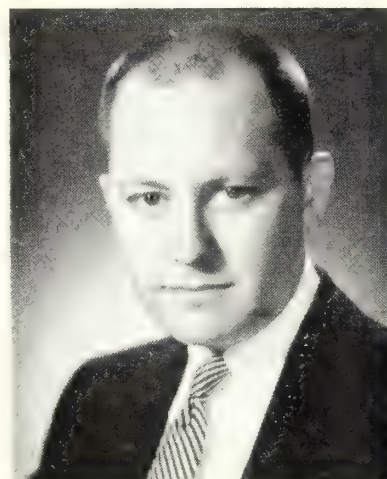
Wednesday afternoon the delegation will convene at Duke University chapel to hear an address by Bishop James K. Mathews, of Boston, Mass., and music by the chapel choir.

On Thursday morning Dr. Perry will deliver his second address, and a memorial service will be conducted. Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, will speak on Thursday afternoon. Climaxing the meeting on Thursday evening will be the dedication of officers, a Communion Meditation by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Among other features of the three-day program will be reports of officers, and election of new officers.

On Tuesday the officers of the N. C. Conference WSCS will be hostesses to the Jurisdiction Executive Committee at a luncheon at Duke University.

All officers of the host conference WSCS, as well as a number of other women throughout the conference, are expected to



DR. EDMUND PERRY

attend the sessions. Official delegates include Mrs. H. L. Turlington, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, and Mrs. Harold Braswell.

Executive Committee Adopts Recommendations

The Executive Committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh January 24-25, adopted several recommendations of its finance committee. Among these were the continuance of the five scholarships at Pfeiffer College, and authorization of the scholarship committee to further study the scholarship program and present its recommendations to the full executive committee at a later date.

Among other actions the group voted to subsidize the expenses of a delegate from

the Methodist Student Movement to the National Citizenship Seminar to be held this month in New York City, and elected the presidents of the Burlington, Fayetteville, New Bern, Raleigh, and Rocky Mount Districts as delegates to the Leadership Training Workshop scheduled for July 17-20 in Chapel Hill, with the secretaries of promotion of the same districts as alternates.

Mrs. Sam Dunn, vice-president, in her report, emphasized the importance of presenting the total program of the WSCS to all women of the church as a means of recruiting new members for the society. Mrs. L. C. Vereen, treasurer, reported gifts to WSCS and WSG for the half-year period of the current conference year, representing an increase of \$2,777.83 over the same period 1959-60. The conference's 761 societies have a membership totaling 31,959, according to Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion. Mrs. Boyd also reported that 2,250 members of the WSCS and 237 WSG members throughout the conference heard Miss Louise Nichols, then field worker for the Woman's Division of Christian Service, on her month-long itinerary in the N. C. Conference last November. This number is exclusive of her talks before numerous other groups, including youth, small groups of WSCS, etc., even preaching at several Sunday worship services in churches. A total of 2,977 people was reported to have been reached by Miss Nichols during this itinerary, Mrs. Boyd said.

Reports were also heard from all other conference officers, committee chairmen, district presidents, and the three conference workers, Miss Mamie Chandler, Miss Rebecca Modellmog, and Miss Barbara Jean Smith. The two meditations were given by Mrs. Joseph Bryant and Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, presidents of the Elizabeth City and Durham Districts, respectively.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Mid-Year Executive Meeting

Plans for the 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska June 13-15 were made at the mid-year meeting of the conference executive committee held at Pfeiffer College January 19-21.

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the conference, presided at all sessions of the group.

The theme of the annual meeting will be, "For Such a Faith." Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, and Mrs. H. G. Allen will be speakers for the program. The love offering given at the communion service will be given to Pfeiffer College for equipment needed in the dormitories. The Gastonia District will serve as hostess. Mrs. Thomas E. Frutche of Asheville is chairman of the program committee.

The annual School of Missions was planned for the week of August 14-18 at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer. Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, conference secretary

of missionary education and service, announced that the faculty of the school would include Dr. Leon Couch, Mrs. Robert Wilcox, Mrs. J. W. Payne, Miss Jane Stentz and several others to be announced later. A special emphasis on the work of district officers will be made at the school this year and all districts are asked to send all of their officers.

Miss Mary Floyd, deaconess at Pfeiffer College, will conduct the spiritual life retreat at the college August 12-13.

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, president of Pfeiffer College, made a talk on the growth of the college during the past few years, saying that Pfeiffer now has a student body of 900 young people, a faculty of 60 well-trained persons, and an annual budget of a million dollars. He said that a conservative estimate of the value of the buildings and equipment amounted to five million dollars.

He revealed that the trustees of the college have taken every step recommended by the Western North Carolina Conference in order that the college might be affiliated with the conference. He paid tribute to the Woman's Society by saying, "If it had not been for the women (of the Western North Carolina Conference) Pfeiffer could not have carried on its program of expansion . . . and Pfeiffer values its relationship with the Woman's Society."

Miss Mary Floyd made a report of the Deaconess Association of the W.N.C. Conference, saying that there are only 414 active deaconesses in the United States at the present time, and that in the past two years only 14 young women have been commissioned as deaconesses. Western North Carolina has the greatest number in these 14 commissioned. She said that in 1963 the Deaconess Association would observe the 75th anniversary of Methodist work in the United States.

The executive committee voted to give an In Remembrance gift in honor of the late John Lowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, of Lincolnton.

The morning meditations were given by Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of spiritual life, and Mrs. James Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, who is chairman of the committee on nominations. Mrs. Anderson spoke on "The Door

to God is Always Open," and Mrs. Fowler chose as her theme "The Impact of Christianity."

Mrs. Carl King gave a resumé of the meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls in January, saying that the coming year would bring emphasis on race relations study, training district leadership, and on more complete dedication. Mrs. King also urged the women to attend the meeting of the WSCS of the Southeastern Jurisdiction to be held in Durham February 21-23.

The Rev. Paul Duckwall of Statesville was a guest at the Saturday morning session.

Schedule of District Meetings

Albemarle—April 11th, at Bethlehem Church in Union County

Asheville—April 21st, Haywood Street Church, Asheville

Charlotte—May 17th, Trinity Church in Mecklenburg County

Gastonia—April 18th, Asbury Church, Lincolnton

Greensboro—May 4th, Muirs Chapel

High Point—May 2nd, Wesley Memorial, High Point

Marion—April 22nd, First Church, Marion

North Wilkesboro—April 25th, West Jefferson Church

Salisbury—April 26th, Midway Church, Kannapolis

Statesville—April 27th, First Church, Hickory

Thomasville—May 11th, Mock's Church in Davie County

Waynesville—April 20th, Cherokee Church, Cherokee

Winston-Salem—April 12th, New Hope Church near Winston-Salem

Miss Ethel Bost will be the speaker at each of the 13 districts.

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Children, like miniature barometers, reflect the climate of the family of which they are a part. When that love is neglected or rejected or thwarted in any way, the child becomes physically or spiritually ill.

—JAMES E. DOTY, *director of pastoral care and counseling for the Indiana Area*

Salisbury District To Hold Retreat For Ministers

Spiritual life enrichment will be the objective when the pastors of the Salisbury District convenes at Trinity Church, Kannapolis, on the morning of February 13. Arriving at 9:00 o'clock or earlier, they will go directly to the beautiful and worshipful sanctuary, where each will receive appropriate aids to worship and will be free to engage in prayer and meditation at the altar or while seated anywhere in the sanctuary.

Then, at 9:30, the group will quietly convene in the chapel. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, who will be the main guide and leader for this retreat, will speak to the ministers, bringing a message focussed upon some facet of the personal life of the preacher. Following this will come an hour of sharing and witnessing in small groups. Selected to be the leaders of these group sessions are the Rev. Ralph Taylor, High Point district superintendent, the Rev. Cecil Heckard, pastor of Albemarle's Central Church, the Rev. Harold Robinson of First Church, Salisbury, and the Rev. Julian Holmes, the pastor at Central, Concord.

The enrichment conference will conclude with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, administered by Bishop Harmon. After receiving the Holy Communion, without any further activity, the pastors will go their several ways.

The meeting has been planned as a follow-up of the conference-wide Mission to Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference, which took place at Dilworth Church, Charlotte, January 30-31. The host pastor is the Rev. Dr. Charles D. White, and the arrangements were made by the district superintendent and the following officers of the Salisbury District Ministers Fellowship: the Rev. Harlan Creech, III, chairman; the Rev. J. L. Rayle, vice-chairman; and the Rev. Harold Simpson, secretary-treasurer.

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Bishop Shot K. Mondol recently dedicated a new \$160,000 Centenary Methodist Church in New Delhi as a part of the centennial observance of Methodism in India.

Missionaries Commissioned, Funds Allotted

The commissioning of 69 new missionaries and record appropriations totalling \$23,583,419 marked the final session of the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., recently.

The commissioning service, attended by about 500 persons, was the climax of the week-long meeting. Bishop Richard C. Raines commissioned 15 persons for home missionary and deaconess service in the United States and 54 men and women for service in about 40 countries overseas. The bishop took the right hand of each white-robed woman and black-robed man and said to them:

"I commission you to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ unto all the world, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

The new missionaries will do a wide variety of jobs on the mission field including agriculture, Christian education, teaching, library science, nursing, social work, dentistry, engineering, occupational therapy, evangelism, art, veterinary medicine, business administration and church development.

The appropriations for home and overseas mission work for fiscal 1962 (beginning June 1, 1961) represent a record amount. The \$23,583,419 total is \$1,261,670 above the fiscal 1961 appropriations of \$22,321,749. The funds will be spent for home missions work in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and the Virgin Islands, and for overseas work in 44 countries of Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America.

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Boys and Girls

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Heart Magic

"A penny for your thoughts," said Mother, as Beth looked pensively out the window on a cold February day.

"Oh, they aren't worth much, I guess," replied Beth. "I just get to wondering about things sometimes. Is there anything that you wonder about, Mother? Or do you know everything when you grow older?"

Holding Beth's wistful face between her hands, and looking into her bright eyes, her mother said, "Every day, dear, there are many things that Mother does not understand, and many answers that she does not know. But just what great wonderment is it that's puzzling my Beth right now?"

"I've been thinking of the special days in the year, and wondering how some of them got to be special. I know about Christmas, and Easter, and the Fourth of July, but how did we happen to get Valentine's Day?"

"There's a lovely story about the origin of Valentine's Day," replied Mother, "and since this special day is almost here, I'll tell you about it."

Beth loved stories, so she came over and sat on a low stool close to Mother's chair. Seemed like she could listen better when she sat on her special stool.

"In the early days of Christianity, probably as far back as the third century, there lived a very wonderful man, a good bishop, by the name of Valentine. He was loved by almost everyone, both old and young, and had more friends than anyone else in the whole community. This was because he had such a loving and generous heart that led him to do kind and loving things for people. One of the things he did was to take baskets of food to the poor people. He would slip quietly up to their house, put the basket on the doorstep, knock on the door, and then disappear before they could see who it was that had been so kind. He also liked to visit the sick and afflicted folk, and bring a bit of cheer into their lives. When he was around it was as if by magic the sun shone and the clouds disappeared—all because of his big loving heart.

"But in those days there were some people who didn't like the Christians, and they were persecuted, and sometimes imprisoned, or put to death. Finally Bishop Valentine was put in prison. There is a legend that while in prison he reached through the bars of his cell

window and plucked some of the heart-shaped leaves from violet plants that grew nearby. With a pin he pierced on the leaves the words 'I Love You,' and a beautiful dove carried these to his friends.

"After several years the good bishop was put to death, so the story goes, on a February 14th. The people loved him so much, and were so grieved over his death, that they decided that ever afterward the 14th of February should be known as Valentine's Day.

Beth's face was all aglow. "Then there's a real reason why the heart is a symbol of Valentine's Day, isn't there, Mother? It's to remind us of Bishop Valentine's big, loving heart, and the many kind things he did to make other people's lives happier."

"You are so right," replied Mother. "And the pity of it is that many people think all there is to Valentine's Day is the exchanging of gay little heart cards, and sometimes cards that are ugly and anything but kind and loving. I'm sure the good bishop's heart would ache if he knew how some of us use the day that was named for him."

"Mother," said Beth, "we're going to have a Valentine Box at school, and we're all making the cutest little Valentines. I'm planning to send some to my friends, but this really isn't doing something kind and loving for someone who is poor, or sick, or unhappy, is it?"

"No, it isn't dear," replied Mother. "The Valentine box is a lot of fun, but had you thought of taking some of your Valentines to the little sick folk in the Children's Ward at the hospital? And how about taking a Valentine and some of the cookies to the nice old gentleman down the street who sits in a wheelchair by the window and waves to you every day?"

"Oh, Mother, this is a wonderful idea, and I can hardly wait. And I've thought of someone else I would like to make happy. Remember the new family that moved into the shabby little house over on the next street? The mother looks so sad, and the little girl doesn't look a bit happy. I would like to make some candy and take them a box of it, along with a Valentine for each member of the family. This would make them feel like someone really cared and loved them, wouldn't it?"

"You have caught the real spirit of good Bishop Valentine, my dear," said Mother happily, "and the little red

hearts are going to be symbols of your loving heart, too."

My, how busy Beth and her mother were on the 13th of February, making cookies and candy, and picking out some of the prettiest Valentines that Beth had made. On the morning of Valentine's Day she started out quite early, a long time before time to start to school. She took a box of Valentines to the hospital for the Children's Ward. Then she took the cookies and a Valentine to the old man in the wheelchair; and over on the next street she took the candy and Valentines to the new family in the shabby house. At each place people's faces lighted up as if by magic, and their eyes shone with happiness.

Way down in Beth's heart there was a warm feeling of joy and contentment. And, believe it or not, the Valentine box at school was a lot more fun than ever before.

And now Beth says to boys and girls everywhere, "I hope you will try using some Heart Magic. It's a wonderful way to discover the real meaning of Valentine's Day."

—By E. WHISNER



*The sweetest words in any tongue,
The dearest ever penned or sung—
I Love You!*



Chuckle

Dear old Mom liked to live in the past sometimes. One day she complained to Pop, "You used to kiss me," so he leaned over and kissed her on the cheek. "You used to hold my hand," she said, so he reached out and took her hand.

Presently she said coily, "And you used to bite me on the neck." With that Pop started out of the room. "Where are you going?" asked Mom in surprise. "I'll be right back," he replied. "I'm going to get my teeth."



Bible Quiz

Give the name of the person or event associated with these stories

1. A coat dipped in blood_____
2. Praying at an open window_____
3. Blood sprinkled on the doorposts_____
4. A little boy's lunch_____
5. A fiery furnace_____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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| 1. Matthew | Matthew 9:9 |
| 2. David | Book of Psalms |
| 3. Solomon | Book of Proverbs |
| 4. St. Paul | |
| 5. Isaiah | Book of Isaiah |

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 19

By RAYMOND A. SMITH

Greensboro College
Head, Department of Religious Education

CHRIST GIVES LIFE ETERNAL

Background Scripture: John, Chapters 10 and 11

Lesson Scripture: John 11:17-27, 38-44

From the Scripture cited for our study comes a verse that we have all heard read many times as a part of the ritual for the burial of the dead. Chosen as the memory selection, it reads: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

The raising of Lazarus is the last of the miracles of Jesus recorded in John. It is also the last of the great "I am" passages. He had said "I am the water of life," "the Bread of life" and "the Light of the world." Notice that all these—water, bread and light—are essential for life to exist. Now Jesus proclaims himself as life itself.

No doubt the Abingdon Commentary is right when it asserts that the story of the raising of Lazarus is fraught with "greater difficulty than any other portion" of the gospel of John, for here "the problem of miracle is raised in its acutest form." But if we spend our time in speculating about the manner in which this event occurred, dwelling on the physical aspects of it, and trying to understand how it could have happened, then we are no better off than the disciples who misunderstood Jesus' reference to Lazarus as "being asleep," and took this as a literal statement.

Ralph Decker, writing in the Adult Teacher, has made such a clear statement of this that he has put us all in his debt. Says he: "The relationship of the raising of Lazarus to eternal life should be seen as a symbolized one. Just as in the earlier signs, the *physical* illustrated the *spiritual* but was different from it. The water in the well was not the living water, the bread of the feeding miracle was not the bread of heaven; the life of the restored Lazarus was not the eternal life. Lazarus was brought from the tomb but would return to it some time later." So it was not the life of the man whom Jesus raised that was eternal life. As Decker says: "The central figure of the story is not Lazarus; it is Jesus. *Lazarus is the symbol; Jesus is the truth.*"

Commonly we try to think of eternal life in terms of the indefinite extension of time (that is, if the human mind is capable of such thinking). However, many scholars remind us that actually what is meant is a *quality* of life. In the fourth gospel the Kingdom of God has already begun, and people may enter it by a dynamic and vital relationship to Christ, the Lord of life. This would appear to be a vastly more profitable way of thinking of eternal life.

The student of religion finds a great difference in the attitude toward the doctrine of the immortality of the soul in the various faiths of the world. We are accustomed to thinking that all men desire a continuation of life after death but this is far from the truth. In some religions the great aim is to make sure one does not go



Standing in front of the improvised altar in the auditorium of the science building at Methodist College is the Reverend Millard C. Dunn, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District, and three young men who were licensed to preach by the Fayetteville District Conference in session on the College campus, January 23. From left: John Carroll Spivey, Trinity Methodist Church, Red Springs; the Reverend Mr. Dunn; Fred Falls, Jr., First Methodist Church, Hamlet; and William Curtis Currie, East Rockingham Methodist Church. (Methodist College Photo—McAdams).

on living as an individual in some future existence. As a matter of fact, there is probably a great deal more indifference to this desire in the Christian West than we like to admit. It has been said that "some people yearn for eternal life who don't know what to do with a rainy afternoon." It is also true that there are many who have no interest in the matter at all.

Perhaps we may think of eternal life best in terms of a relationship. In John 15:5 we read, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is who bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." Again in John 17:3: "And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent." A small child was telling the story of Enoch's walking with God. Said he: "God and Enoch were out walking one day. They walked, and walked, and walked. After a while it began to get dark. Then God said to Enoch, 'We are closer to my house than we are to yours, suppose you just go with me to my house.'" This simple story reveals a deep truth. It is this: whoever will achieve an intimate relationship with God is really not too much concerned with where he is. The great thing to be really concerned with is the relationship one has. Today we enter the Season of Lent. This would be a good time to restore our proper relationship to God and our fellow man.

Father of Bishop Golden Died in Memphis Jan. 23

The Rev. Dr. J. W. Golden, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism before his retirement in 1956, died January 23 at Crump Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

He was the father of Bishop Charles F. Golden, Nashville, head of the Nashville-Birmingham Area of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

Dr. Golden was a member of the General Board of Evangelism staff for 12 years. However, he lived in and worked out of Memphis rather than Nashville.

Mrs. Golden is deceased. There are six surviving children, including Bishop Golden.

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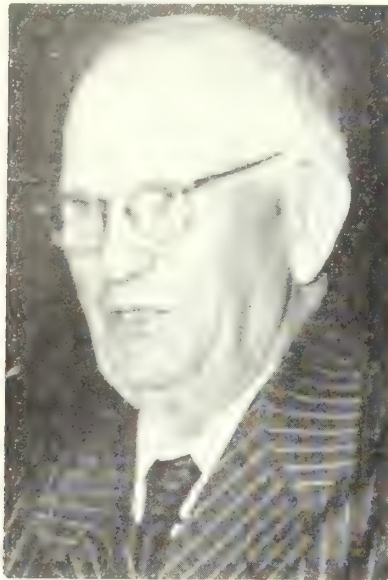
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Rev. Edwin O. Cole Named To Methodist Hall of Fame

Following is the text of statement read in presenting membership in Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy to the Rev. Edwin O. Cole. The presentation was made February 1 in Kansas City, Mo., at a meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church.



EDWIN O. COLE. The Rev. Mr. Cole, retired Methodist minister in North Carolina, business man of astuteness and imagination. Friend to persons of all circumstances of need. Leader in establishment of a retirement home in Charlotte, N. C. Contributor to its development and growth.

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"With your guidance and through your efforts, and in cooperation with your brother, the late Eugene M. Cole, you worked tirelessly in stimulating interest for a home in North Carolina. You helped to direct funds to the home through the Eugene M. Cole Foundation, of which you are treasurer. You have given of your own personal assets in an unselfish manner.

"Because of your never-wavering faith in your fellowman, your endless hours of effort, and your unusual generosity highlighted in the Methodist Home at Charlotte, N. C., your many friends have come to realize a true Christian concern and to see a true demonstration of Christian love.

"In recognition of your monumental work, and with appreciation for your deeply Christian spirit, you are hereby awarded membership in the Methodist Hall of Fame and Philanthropy."

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The Rev. Dr. Ray W. Ragsdale of Whittier, Calif., is the new president of Pacific Homes Corporation, said to be the largest and one of the oldest retirement home organizations in the nation.

Methodist Directors To Meet February 10-12

Methodist directors and ministers of education and educational assistants will meet February 10-12 in St. Louis just prior to the sessions of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches.

Theme for the meeting will be "Developments in Curriculum Design for Youth." Leaders will include staff members of the Board of Education, including Rowena Ferguson, Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr., and René Pino. Sessions will be at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Division of Christian Education meetings will be held February 13-16, during which workers in Christian education throughout the country will share educational ideas and insights and attend sessions designed to provide personal enrichment, inspiration, and fellowship.

Special Meeting of Board of Education

A special call meeting of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference will be held at the S&W Cafeteria, Durham, on Monday, February 13 at 12:15 p.m. This luncheon meeting has been called for the purpose of hearing Bishop Paul N. Garber speak to the Board on the quadrennial emphases as it relates to the work of the Conference Board of Education. All members of the Board and invited guests are urged to be present.

—C. P. MORRIS

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The Southeastern Jurisdiction includes nine states and Cuba, being Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. This is the first time in several years that the Jurisdictional Conference of the Woman's Society has been held within the bounds of this state. The women of North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences are highly favored and have an unusual opportunity for the members of their societies to attend and participate in this great gathering. (Story on page 13).

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ REV. HOWARD WILKINSON, chaplain to Duke University, spoke each evening last week in Religious Emphasis Week observance at Greensboro College.

☛ REV. W. M. HOWARD, JR., pastor of Trinity Church, Durham, will assist the Rev. Wallace Kirby in revival services at Wallace Methodist Church March 5-10.

☛ MISS MARY FLOYD of Pfeiffer College spoke to the WSCS at First Church, Mocksville, on Monday night, February 6, at 7:00 o'clock.

☛ A BEAUTIFUL circular stained glass window has been installed in the chancel wall at Burgaw Methodist Church in memory of Mrs. Lena Sparkman Pullen by her children.

☛ REV. CLIFFORD PEACE, industrial chaplain for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., will be the speaker for the Methodist Men's Club meeting of the Madison Methodist Church Tuesday night, February 21.

☛ ANYONE DESIRING to secure Conference *Journals* for the Western North Carolina Conference dating from 1925 up to the present, free of charge, may contact Mrs. W. M. Wagoner, 2335 Westfield Avenue, Winston-Salem.

☛ DR. RALPH TAYLOR, superintendent of the High Point District, will preach in a special evangelistic service for all Methodists of Stanly County to be held at Central Church, Albemarle, Sunday evening, February 19, at 7:30.

☛ MIDWAY CHURCH, Kannapolis, will conduct a church-wide barbecue luncheon Saturday, February 18. This is an annual affair and is sponsored by the Methodist Men. Proceeds will go toward the unsubscribed portion of the Christian Higher Education program.

☛ DR. L. B. HAYES, retired, of Franklin, N. C., preached at the 11:00 o'clock service January 29 at Abernathy Memorial Methodist Church at Rutherford College. He occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. J. Starling, who was on vacation.

☛ NORTH CAROLINA Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount will lay the cornerstone and dedicate the first three buildings on Thursday afternoon, February 16, at 4:00 o'clock. The public is invited. An opportunity will be given those present to visit and inspect the new buildings.

☛ HIGH POINT COLLEGE observed Homecoming Day Saturday, February 11, which began at 10:00 a.m., with registration, and ended with a basketball game at 8:00 p.m. between the Purple Panthers of High Point and the Mountaineers of Appalachian. Sandwiched between was a good program for the entire day, including open house at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Patton, and an alumni dinner at 6:00 o'clock in Harrison Hall.

☛ SOME TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO youth of the Randolph Subdistrict of the High Point District turned out to see the very exceptional film, "The Mark of the Hawk," at Franklinville Methodist Church on Monday night, February 6th. The film deals with the church's role in emerging Africa today.

☛ REV. HERBERT ZEROF, associate director of the Department of Pastoral Care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, was the featured speaker on Tuesday evening, February 7, in Lindley Chapel at High Point College. Mr. Zerof took as his topic: "Physician of the Soul: the Work of the Hospital Chaplain Today."

☛ DR. H. G. ALLEN, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Allen left New York February 10 on the S.S. Argentina for a 38-day trip to the Caribbean and South America. Dr. Allen will serve as chaplain and Mrs. Allen goes as a passenger. They will return to New York March 21st.

☛ THE EDITOR of the *ADVOCATE* was delighted to preach at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, at 11:00 a.m., last Sunday, in the absence of the Rev. Leon Couch, who was in Miami, Florida. In the afternoon he attended the Raleigh District Conference at Garner, and on Monday at noon attended the meeting of the Conference Board of Education at Durham, and on Monday evening attended the Lay Rally of the Durham District at which Bishop Garber and Mr. R. H. "Red" Bond, of Dyersburg, Tenn., were the principal speakers.

☛ THE STAFF of the *ADVOCATE* was delighted to have as visitors last week the Revs. W. C. Wilson and D. E. Earnhardt of Durham. Mr. Wilson is pastor of Duke's Chapel Church, and is secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference. He left with us 29 new subscriptions and said when he got back home he would send us 31 more to make it 20 percent of his membership. Mr. Earnhardt is pastor of McManens, and is spending a great deal of time in evangelistic work in speaking at district meetings throughout the conference. These two fine ministers are friends of long standing and we were happy to have them.

☛ A ONE-ACT play, "One Man's Moon," was presented February 8 at Pfeiffer College by the College Missions Club and the Pfeiffer Playmakers, illustrating the use of drama in the church. Miss Linda Beadles, president of the Missions Club, explained that the cooperative venture had as its objective the demonstration of the possibility of effective cooperation between various groups on the campus in promoting missionary education. Other officers of the Missions Club are Miss Jean Long, Forest City, vice-president; Miss Betty Richardson, Ramseur, secretary; and Miss Judy Threatte, Statesville, publicity chairman. Professor Mary Floyd is sponsor of the group.

☛ DR. CHARLES NOBLE, dean of the chapel at Syracuse University, will preach at both morning services on February 19 in Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte.

☛ REV. JACK COOKE, industrial chaplain to Carolina Freight Carriers at Cherryville, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at First Methodist Church, Granite Falls, last Sunday.

☛ REV. AND MRS. LAWRENCE E. BARDEN of Pelham, announce the birth of a daughter, Anne Lynn Barden, on January 30, at Memorial Hospital, Danville, Va. Weight: 7 pounds 1 ounce.

☛ MRS. HOMER ANDREWS of Burlington spoke to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at First Church, Rockingham, last Monday night. Mrs. Andrews has recently made a trip around the world, and spoke and showed slides of her trip.

☛ REV. W. STANLEY POTTER, pastor of Steele Street Church, Sanford, was called to Missouri last week due to the death of his mother. Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service in Sanford on Sunday.

☛ DR. KARLIS LEYASMEYER, international Christian, will speak in the Lecture Room of the Arts and Science Building at Greensboro College on February 20 at 7:30. The meeting is sponsored by the International Relations Club, and is open to the public.

☛ A COMMITTEE has been appointed at the Burgaw Methodist Church to make a study of the educational program of the church to determine what building facilities will be needed to house the program. An educational building is proposed to be built after this study has been completed.

☛ REV. W. M. WELLS, JR., State Director of Student Work, was moderator at a panel discussion by high school students during the 25th annual celebration of Race Relations Day, Sunday, February 12. The meeting was held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. The meeting is sponsored by the Interracial Commission and the Greensboro Ministerial Fellowship.

☛ GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD delivered the closing message at the Raleigh District Conference, held last Sunday at Garner. Mr. Sanford has been an active layman in the Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, for a number of years, serving as chairman of the official board and in other capacities. The conference at Garner was well attended, and the Rev. Graham Eubank, district superintendent, conducted the business in a statesmanlike manner.

☛ REV. RAY M. ALBER will preach at the Peachland Methodist Church on February 19th, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Mr. Alber was pastor of the Peachland Circuit 1951-54. Other former pastors who have returned for special services are Rev. W. B. Davis, Rev. J. A. Frye, Rev. G. N. Dulin, Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, Rev. C. J. Winslow, and Rev. Alvin G. Amick, all of whom have been back and preached since the present pastor, the Rev. John Oakley, moved here two and a half years ago.

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Planning for Christian Education During Summer Vacation Months

By CARL H. KING

The summer vacation period offers unusual opportunities for Christian education of parents, children and youth. More time is available for religious instruction and "the whole realm of nature" is conducive to Christian nurture in the great out-of-doors. Any church group alert to the possibilities involved, will begin now to plan for the best possible activities for its entire constituency. Members of the staff of the conference board of education are eager to assist and invite participation in the forthcoming district meetings.

SIX DISTRICT SESSIONS

District Conferences on Christian Education to interpret materials and summer program to local church leaders will be held as follows:

Salisbury District—Sunday, February 26, 2:30 p.m., Trinity, Kannapolis

Winston District—Monday, February 26, 7:30 p.m., Centenary, Winston-Salem

Greensboro District—Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 p.m., West Market, Greensboro

Thomasville District — Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., First, Lexington

High Point District—Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m., Wesley Memorial, High Point

Charlotte District—Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., First, Charlotte

A similar schedule will be announced later for the other seven districts of the conference, to be held April 16-25.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS

Interpreted for Vacation School Teachers

Any person elected to teach in vacation church schools will be benefited by participation in these sessions planned for kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high groups. Attendance in person is necessary for best results. Texts to be used will be on sale and will be discussed in the meeting. There will be no printed or mimeographed material to be mailed to persons who do not participate in the discussions. Thinking together is helpful. Group planning is necessary for good educational procedure. Workshop leaders have planned carefully over a period of weeks for these occasions. They covet the presence of teachers who want to do better teaching during the summer vacation period.

ADMINISTERING THE SUMMER PROGRAM.

For Persons in Administrative Positions

This new feature led by Louise Robinson and others should prove helpful to directors of vacation schools, directors of junior day camping, superintendents of the children's division, secretaries of children's work in the WSCS, pastors, directors and chairmen of the commission on education. This workshop will be devoted to The Summer Program for Children: For Administrators. Persons in administrative positions in children's

work should attend. Teachers should attend other sessions planned for teachers.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR JUNIOR HIGHS (Formerly Called Intermediates)

This session will be led by Thomas S. Lee, Jr., Conference director of junior high work. Discussions will deal mainly with activities for junior high boys and girls during the summer months, but will also be helpful to persons who teach these groups on Sunday throughout the year. Persons especially invited are teachers for the vacation school unit, the director of the Christian Adventure Week program for the local church, counselors who help to select campers for Camp Tekoa, and persons responsible for other local church or district camping activities.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: SENIORS AND OLDER YOUTH

Youth Activities Week; Conference youth program; older youth trail hike; selection of delegates to Senior Officers Workshop and Senior Christian Faith and Action Assembly at Junaluska will be discussed. Teachers, counselors, directors who work with seniors and older youth and superintendents of the youth division should attend. This workshop will be led by Mrs. Carl King.

YOUNG ADULTS IN THE CHURCH

Leaders and interested members of the Young Adult groups are invited to this discussion. Attendance, program and registration for the young adult assembly at Junaluska will be considered. The year round activities of young adult classes and departments will be in the picture. Paul H. Duckwall will lead this session and is eager to have presidents and teachers of young adult classes, conference young adult officers, young adult subdistrict officers and district directors of adult work.

MINISTERS AND DIRECTORS

Ministers, directors, district directors, secretaries of children's work and of youth work, chairmen of commission on education, church school superintendents are invited to the group of their own choice. All people who carry responsibilities of leadership in Christian education should take advantage of one or more of these presentations.

A DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Conference executive secretary is in a position to assist any church interested in employing an experienced and well prepared director of Christian education. The person available has served as over-all director in two of our larger churches. She will be ready for a position in the summer or in the early fall. Her early training, her experience in two churches, and two years of graduate study qualify this person for a place of responsible leadership in Christian education.

Rev. J. R. Bogle Goes To Union Church, Manila, P. I.

Rev. Joseph R. Bogle and family will leave Rutherfordton March 1 for Manila, P. I., where he will become pastor of the Union Church of Manila for a three-year period. He will retain his membership in the Western North Carolina Conference, and will return to this conference in 1964.



REV. JOSEPH R. BOGLE

unless the term of service is extended. Mr. Bogle has served the Rutherfordton church for the past two years.

Union Church serves the English-speaking people of that city. It represents a Methodist church and Presbyterian church which combined forty-six years ago and has since grown into an effective Christian fellowship. It now has a loose affiliation with the Methodist and United Presbyterian churches and through the National Council of Churches Department of Overseas Union Churches ministers have been secured to serve for three-year terms.

The congregation of the Union Church of Manila has recently built a new structure. The property which was located in downtown Manila was sold and the church was relocated in a new residential area. When the program is completed next year there will be a total outlay of \$750,000 or more. The church is now financially independent and carries on a benevolent and educational program worthy of the sponsoring denominations.

Warsaw Young People Solicit Subscriptions

Rev. Ted Wilson, pastor of the Methodist Church at Warsaw in the North Carolina Conference, has hit upon a novel idea in placing the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in the homes of his people. He realizes the importance of the people securing and reading the paper. He and his young people have worked out a plan whereby the young people of the church will visit every home in the congregation next Sunday afternoon and solicit subscriptions. This is a labor of love and the young people are doing it as a service rendered to their church. We are sending them a number of ADVOCATES to be used in their campaign, and we hope for them a fine response and expect from them a long list of new subscriptions to the church paper.

EDITORIALS

World Day of Prayer February 17

Observance of the World Day of Prayer has become traditional with Christian women everywhere, and more and more it is being observed by all Christians. To repair to the place of prayer, and to join with kindred spirits in spending a quiet time at the throne of grace gives a lift to life not to be found anywhere else. Seventy-five years ago there was a bold adventurer — a woman. More than seven decades back, she put an idea into orbit. It is still encircling the globe with sounds that are "loud and clear." That idea has become the World Day of Prayer which will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year. The idea of a national Day of Prayer for home missions seemed a way to find help for the perplexing problems of that era in 1887. Today 145 areas of the world join in the spiritual fellowship of the World Day of Prayer, and in search of the higher harmony for mankind in a world distraught and divided. The World Day of Prayer is a reality. Millions of women of different cultures, using a thousand tongues, plan and pray, write and worship, convene and counsel until this day becomes year-long and earth-wide in the fellowship it forges among followers of the Christ. It extends its influence to the wider community, to people in the streets, laborers in the fields, students and faculties in colleges and universities, rich folks and poor, high and lowly. Special preparation has been under way for the 75th birthday celebration of this great event in the Christian calendar. It is sponsored by United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Christians will have the opportunity to observe this important day on next Friday, February 17. It should afford a thrill and give a challenge to know that we are joining with Christians of all lands, and all races and cultures in finding our way to the place of worship and quiet retreat. Churches should be opened and made comfortable everywhere that people may come at leisure as well as to attend the stated services. It is the hope of the sponsoring organization this year to double the attendance, double the number of observances, and double the offering which will be used for the migrant ministry in the United States, for religious training and counseling of Indian-American youth, for training leaders in the low-income farm areas, for a program of friendly relations among

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."
—John 14:13, 14.

foreign students, for developing Christian leadership for women overseas through Christian colleges, Christian literature, and Christian family life programs. Its greatest significance should be to draw us into a closer fellowship with our heavenly Father, without whose presence and whose blessing we find ourselves impotent, but with whose favor we can be "more than conquerors."

Every Church Can Do This

We are seeking 5,000 new subscribers to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE between now and the conference. In fact, we want them during February, since this is "ADVOCATE Month." But to agree we should have them will not be enough—we must actively work for them. An average of six new ones from each charge will do it. We are inviting and urging every pastor to send us at least that number as a minimum. Some should go beyond that number since others may not reach it. We are looking for a good list from each church. It will pay big dividends in the added strength it gives to your church.



LETTERS

My dear friend:

Permit me to congratulate you on the good Conference organ that you are giving us Methodists of North Carolina each week. We are almost submerged with literature both of church origin and national magazines. But the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, as you are now making it, is indispensable so far as our Methodist people, our institutions, our church program and work are concerned in these two conferences.

It carries an assortment of news each week that is relevant, necessary, concise, interestingly expressed and readable. Just keep on the way you are going. Make sure, however, that you do not over-work yourself to the breaking point.

I would like so much to see developed in these two conferences a charge by charge, church by church, person by person sustained subscription program that

would sustain the ADVOCATE at its maximum efficiency.

In whatever amount that this might fall short of the necessary resources, I think the two conferences should provide out of their annual budgets. In my view the ADVOCATE is a *must* for our two conferences.

Sincerely yours,
W. A. CADE



North Carolina Conference Director of Evangelism

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism, is available for visitation and evangelistic campaigns where his services are desired. His schedule follows:

February
12 Garner, Raleigh District Conference
13 Durham, Board of Education Meeting
13-15 Mt. Gilead, Star, Troy, Visitation Evangelism
19-26 Raleigh District visitation campaign
28-March 3 Wilmington Subdistrict Visit.
March
5-10 Preaching Mission, Sunset Park
12-15 Visitation, Newport
16-18 Visitation Smithfield Subdistrict
20-25 Kenansville Subdistrict, Visitation
26-31 Visitation and Preaching Mission, Bethany, S. River

April

9-14 Visitation and Preaching Mission, Christ Church, Fayetteville
16-26 Visitation and Preaching Mission, Rose Hill

May

15 Board of Missions Spring Meeting
17 Board of Evangelism Spring Meeting

Lane's Chapel To Be Dedicated Sunday

BISHOP GARBER will dedicate the Lane's Chapel Church of the Dover Charge Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The \$57,000 structure is now debt-free. Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, will also take part in the dedication. Rev. J. C. Parker is pastor. A fuller account will be given later.

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Garber Methodist Church Is Officially Opened

Garber Methodist Church is being officially opened for study and worship Sunday, Feb. 19, at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Garber will lead the service. The Hon. Terry Sanford, Methodist lay leader and governor of North Carolina, will bring greetings, and will be introduced by Mr. Ralph Morris, church lay leader. Also participating in the service will be Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions, and Dr. A. Jarvis Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District. Lunch will be spread following the service.

Garber Church was given its first pastor at the annual conference at Wilmington in June, 1959, and was formally organized on November 8, 1959, with 57 charter members. Services were being held in the Pollock Funeral Home in New Bern. On June 12, 1960, ground was broken for the Orina Kidd Garber Education Building, work beginning immediately. The church was named in honor of Bishop Garber, and the first unit was named in memory of Mrs. Garber. The first unit was finished the week of January 1 and first services in the new building were held on January 8. The building, land and furnishings cost \$72,387 and was designed by Robert H. Stephens and Aldo B. Cardelli, architects of New Bern, and built by Godwin Builders of Warsaw. The Building Committee consisted of Robert M. Boyd, chairman; Dr. C. T. Barker, and Ralph T. Morris. Lewis A. Dillman is the pastor.

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SAINT JAMES Methodist Church, Greenville, will observe Spiritual Enrichment Week February 19 through 24 with evening services at 7:30 and morning services at 10:00. The speaker will be Rev. Robert R. Bradshaw, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham.

Executive Leadership Group To Meet In Southern Pines

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, has announced that the college will sponsor an Executive Leadership Conference to be held in Southern Pines during the period March 5-10. This specialized course in business and industrial management is being offered in connection with the new program initiated this year by the college "Education for Leadership." This is the first such conference to be conducted in the south offering to the top and middle management personnel an opportunity to acquire up-to-date methods in effective planning for their individual companies and industrial plants.

The cost of the course, including registration and course materials, is covered by the tuition charge of \$250.00 per participant. Registration closes February 20. Room accommodations can be obtained at the Mid Pines Club for this conference period. Such reservations should be made directly with the Mid Pines Club. Reservation forms will be mailed to registrants on receipt of their application.

Inquiries about the conference should be directed to Dr. Wendell M. Patton at High Point College, High Point, N. C.

First Church, Conover To Hold Lenten Services

First Methodist Church, Conover, will hold a series of Lenten services preceding Easter. They will be on Tuesday evenings, and the following ministers will speak: February 16, Rev. Jack Cooke, chaplain; February 23, Dr. John R. Brokhoff, Charlotte; March 2, Rev. Jim T. Hall, Linwood; March 9, Rev. John Miller, Statesville; March 16, Dr. Howard Powell, of Raleigh; March 23, Rev. J. W. Hoyle, III, of Granite Quarry.

In Memoriam

COX. A white Bible is being placed on the altar of Richlands Methodist Church by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in tribute and loving memory of Ethel Winstead Cox (Mrs. Marvin Cox), who served the Society, her church and the community faithfully and lovingly for a long time. Her decease December 3, 1960, was a distinct loss to all who knew her and worked with her.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service extends its sincerest sympathy to her husband and other members of her family.

Mrs. D. W. Russell, Corresp. Sec.
Mrs. Ormond Barbee, President

NATHANIEL HOWARD HESTER

N. Howard Hester passed through death to glory on June 22, 1960, and with his passing went a strong soldier of Christ and of His Church. Born February 27, 1888, in Person County, Mr. Hester joined Salem Methodist Church of the Leasburg Charge when but a small boy. It is because of his relationship with his church that we memorialize him here. After living in Roxboro, Danville, and Leasburg, he moved back to his old home and church in 1911 and there lived all his days.

He served for twenty-five years as Sunday school superintendent and for many years as Charge lay leader of the Leasburg Charge. In this responsibility he labored faithfully with many pastors through the years, many of whom he helped to get started in the first years of their ministry. He was an optimist and rejoiced in helping the work go forward. For many years he was a lay member of the annual conference, and he attended sessions every year until his death. When the 1960 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference convened in Rocky Mount last June 27, one beloved face was absent. Only five days before, Howard Hester had gone to the Eternal Conference with his God.

Signed: RUFUS H. STARK
HUBERT H. HODGIN

Asheville District Ministers Honor Dr. Walter West

The Methodist Ministers' Association of the Asheville District, in a recent meeting, offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Methodist Ministers of the Asheville District hereby wish to express their thanks to God for the life and witness of a fellow minister, Dr. Walter B. West.

It was once the custom of the Winston-Salem community of Moravians to announce the passing of a member by the playing of three chorales by the church band from the top of the church tower. So even in our loss there is the triumphant sound of faith made possible by our Lord's victory, which is Walter West's and ours. We feel that he still supports us from the more active side of the communion of saints.

As instructed by the Association, in meeting January 23, 1961.

GLENN C. MCCULLEY, President
JERRY D. MURRAY, Secretary



Six of the leaders of the third annual North Carolina Conference Music Workshop, held February 6-7 at Duke Memorial Methodist Church in Durham are shown above (left to right): Mrs. S. J. Angier, registrar, organist of the host church; Walter Ball, choirmaster of Myers Park Church, Charlotte; Mrs. William D. Miller, workshop chairman, organist at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh; Dr. J. Edward Moyer, principal speaker, professor of church music, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charles S. Sullivan, minister of music of the host church; and Dr. John I. Rudin, II, chairman of the Worship Commission of the N. C. Conference, workshop consultant, and professor of speech and worship in the Duke University Divinity School. — (Photo by Harold Moore, of the Durham Sun.)

1961 Lake Junaluska Program Is Released

The 1961 program of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction summer assembly at Lake Junaluska will have a total of about 40 conferences, institutes, workshops and training schools.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta, program director for the assembly and an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The 49th annual program will begin June 3 and run through September 5. Also, a conference is scheduled September 12-14 and another October 10-11.

The Rev. Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., is the assembly superintendent.

Founded in 1913 by Methodist laymen, Lake Junaluska, near Asheville, has grown into one of the country's largest religious assemblies.

The schedule is as follows:

- June 3-4 South Carolina WSCS and WSG Week-end Retreat
- 6-11 Western North Carolina Annual Conference
- 13-15 Western North Carolina WSCS Conference
- 16-18 Western North Carolina WSG Week-end
- 17-21 Older Adult Conference
- 19-23 Conference on Spiritual Birth and Growth
- 21-25 Bible Conference and Conference for Teachers of Adult Classes
- 23-25 Western North Carolina Young Adult Conference
- 26-July 1 Western North Carolina Senior Officers' Workshop
- 29-July 6 Jurisdiction WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service
- July 1 "A Thousand Tongues to Sing" Mason and Ruth Willis
- 2-8 Youth Activities Week (for Lake Junaluska Youth)
- 3-8 Western North Carolina Senior Christian Faith and Action Assembly
- 4 (a.m.) Patriotic program
- 7-9 Jurisdiction WSG Week-end
- 8-13 Jurisdiction Youth Conference
- 13-16 Family Life Conference
- 15 Piano Concert by Nelson and Neal
- 16-21 Ministers' Conference for Pastors and District Superintendents
- 17-21 Methodist Writers' Conference
- 21-23 Training Conference for Chairmen of Local Church Commissions on Missions
- 21-27 Missionary Conference
- 21-27 Youth and Missions Conference
- 27-30 Town and Country Conference
- 30-Aug. 4 Institute of Church Music
- 31-Aug. 11 Two-week Leadership and Laboratory School
- Aug. 3 Junaluska Chorus Program
- 4 Institute of Church Music Program
- 5 Vocal Concert by The Rondoliers
- 12 Coronation of Junaluska Queen
- 13-20 Candler Camp Meeting and Conference on Evangelism

- 13-18 Church Business Administration Conference
- 14-18 Workshop for Directors of Christian Education
- 14-18 Workshop for Local Church Directors of Youth Work
- 18-20 Western North Carolina Laymen's Advance
- 20-23 North Carolina Tuberculosis Association
- 21-25 Southern States Faculty Conference
- 31-Sept. 5 Finance and Field Service Conference
- Sept. 12-14 Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference
- Oct. 10-11 Regional Pensions Conference

DOCTOR DOOLEY

Dr. Dooley, with his heart of gold,
Didn't live to be old.
But his labor and love in his short span
Will live forever in the heart of man.

He didn't choose comfort and ease
But lived in a jungle filled with disease
That he might better serve a suffering race
And he made of his jungle a happy place.

Living he worked for a brighter tomorrow;
Dying he left a plan we should borrow.
If each of us would follow his plan
And work together for the good of man,
We would find blessed release
Of pent-up hates, and live in peace.

We wouldn't resent color or race
But try our best to fill the place
Allotted us at the time of our birth
With love for all the people of earth.

—MRS. MARY YOUNG

Asheville, N. C.

Older Youth Conference To Be Held At High Point

The Rev. G. G. Adams, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Gastonia, will preside as dean of the "Older Youth Christian Beliefs Conference" at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in High Point February 24-26.

Sponsored by the Older Youth Council in cooperation with the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, the conference is for youth ages 18-21. Conference theme is "From Belief to Faith," with Dr. Walter E. Hudgins, professor of religion, High Point College, presiding as the keynote speaker.

Other leaders include: the Rev. Reginald J. Cook, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, Gastonia; the Rev. Don Beaty (a former Belmont resident), pastor of Fairview Methodist Church, Mount Mourne; the Rev. Delbert Bynum, assistant pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point; and Mrs. I. L. Sharpe, conference secretary of youth work, Albemarle.

First Church, Rockingham Observes Youth Day

Sunday, February 5, was observed as Youth Day at First Church, Rockingham. The pastor, Dr. J. V. Early, preached at 11:00 a.m., on "We Hear Thy Voice," and at 7:30 p.m. on "We Obey Thy Voice." Young people presided, read the Scripture, offered the prayers, ushered, and occupied the choir at both services. A call to complete dedication was issued at both services. Fifty youths stood at the altar at the close of the morning service, and about eighty that night. One of the older members remarked, "I've never seen anything like this happen before in our church." Sunday, February 5, was a day to remember!



Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh received a citation February 1, for distinguished service in the activities of the North Carolina Council of Churches. The citation was presented by the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, executive director of the council which wound up a two-day meeting at White Memorial Church in Raleigh. Mr. Hood is a former vice-president of the council and Mrs. Hood has been a member of the board of managers of the United Church Women. Both have been active for many years in the work of the Council of Churches. The Hoods, who live at 911 Johnson Street, are members of Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Wellons Village Church Breaks Ground For First Unit

Groundbreaking services were held Sunday, February 5, at the Wellons Village Methodist Church (Durham). These services climaxed a year of preparation which began with a building fund drive on February 7, 1960.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District, brought the message at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. The topic of his sermon was "Accepting the Challenge."

Immediately following the morning worship service the congregation went to the site of the first unit on Gary Street between Holloway and Liberty Streets. Assisting in the groundbreaking ritual were Dr. C. D. Barclift; Dr. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions; Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., pastor; Mr. A. L. Downey, contractor; Mr. Charles A. Bridgers, chairman of the Building Committee, and other church officials.

The church was organized in September of 1957 by the Rev. S. H. Wolf under the guidance of Dr. C. D. Barclift. Mr. Wolf was succeeded in July of 1959 by the Rev. S. D. McMillan, Jr. The church has grown in membership from 50 at the time of organization to 112. The new building is expected to help stimulate growth as more facilities are available. For the past three and a half years the members have been meeting in the basement of the parsonage at 1138 Delano Street for Sunday school and worship services. The first unit will have a fellowship hall which will be used as a chapel for 150 persons. It will also have six classrooms, a church office, and a kitchen.

The Building Committee, composed of Charles A. Bridgers, Clyde E. Glenn, J. Edwin O'Briant, Harvey C. Renn, and W. R. Rogers, was elected at the First Quarterly Conference on November 9, 1959. Under their guidance a building fund campaign was begun in February 1960. John D. Latimer was secured as architect, and land was bought for the church site. The Wellons Village Methodist Church was on the November (1960) Call of the Ten Dollar Club and will receive a gift of \$15,000 from this source. In January 1961 the Division of National Missions (section of church extension) of the Methodist Church approved a \$40,000 loan for the Wellons Village Methodist Church. This group also approved a \$1,000 donation for the church. The first unit will be constructed by L. A. Downey at a cost of around \$60,000.

Groundbreaking on February 5th was followed by the beginning of construction on Monday, February 6th. It is anticipated that construction will take between five and six months. Mr. Dewey L. Casey, as associate of John D. Latimer, architects and engineers, and a member of the Wellons Village Methodist Church, will supervise construction.

The educational unit will take care of the immediate needs of the congregation for worship, study, and fellowship, but it is only the first unit of a proposed three-phase building program. In the future a sanctuary and an additional educational



Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. Harold Hutson, president Greensboro College; Dr. J. Lem Stokes, III, president Pfeiffer College; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president of the Board of Education of the Western N. C. Conference; Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president High Point College; Dr. Fletcher Nelson, executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education and Dr. Emmett McClarty, president Brevard College.

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, was host recently to a meeting of the presidents of colleges in the Western N. C. Conference, president of the Board of Education of the Western N. C. Conference, and the executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education held on the campus of High Point College.

Those educational leaders attending this meeting are as follows: Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College; Dr. J. Lem Stokes, III, president of Pfeiffer College; Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president of the Board of Education of the Western N. C. Conference; Dr. Fletcher Nelson, executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education; Dr. Emmett McClarty, president of Brevard College; and

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College.

The purpose of the meeting was for closer cooperation between the Methodist colleges in the conference; review of the obligations and responsibilities of these colleges to the conference, and the examining of ways and means by which the commission could be of assistance to the Methodist colleges.

Among the suggestions made and areas discussed during the course of the meeting were better reporting by colleges to the commission on their activities; standardized form of accounting and financial reporting; elimination of overlapping between colleges in specialized programs, and a joint program for the obtaining of outstanding speakers for assembly and chapel programs.

unit will be added which will accommodate a congregation of 500-750 members.

Friends were invited to join the members of Wellons Village Methodist Church as they observed a great moment in the history of their church—the breaking of ground for the first unit of their church building.



WSCS Study Course At Leaksville

On Tuesday evening, February 21, at 7:30, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Leaksville Methodist Church will conduct a study on the book, *Safe In Bondage*. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson will teach the book, and the Societies of the Methodist churches of Draper, Meadow View, and Spray will join in the study.

Informal Fellowship To Meet

The matter of free pulpits will be the main topic of discussion for an informal fellowship of Methodist Christians concerned about social issues. This meeting, at Duke University in 201 Flowers Building, begins at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 23.

The group has chosen this topic because it is felt to be an important concept in the growth and function of the church in today's world. At this meeting, the Reverend Ralph Fleming, Jr., will review a current book which concerns the general subject of free pulpits. Also, several ministers, who have had considerable experience in this area, will be there to contribute to the discussion their ideas and insights.

Costa Ricans Visit In Asheville District



HUMBERTO PEREZ



DANILO QUIROS

Danilo Quiros and Humberto Perez of the Methodist Mission School in Costa Rica spent a week in the Asheville District observing the physical education program of the Asheville city schools and speaking to the various churches in the section about missions and their country.

Quiros is the first Costa Rican to be sent to the United States under the auspices of the school to observe the physical education program and the teaching methods of American schools. He is a well known basketball player of Costa Rica, having been chosen by sports writers as the basketball player of the year. He has conducted workshops and seminars for referees and teachers. He is the coach at the Methodist school in San Jose. He plans to return to his post and share his knowledge in further workshops. His primary interest has been to learn all that he could about training teams.

Perez is the son of a pioneer Methodist pastor in the San Carlos Area, and a deaconess in the Methodist church. He was a scholarship student at Dakota Wesleyan University where he received his A.B. degree in 1955. He taught at Colegio Americano in Yucaton, Mexico, and at the Pan American Institute for two and one-half years before joining the faculty at the Methodist school in San Jose. He is sub-director of the school.

He is a Methodist layman, a member of the Masonic lodge, a leader in Boy Scout work, and choir director at the El Redentor Methodist Church in San Jose. He translated the major portion of the *Messiah* by Handel into Spanish for use in the churches at Christmas time. He was elected to represent Costa Rica at the World Student Christian Federation in Strassberg, Germany, and in Greece, in 1960.

He will enter Columbia University in New York to study for his master's degree, then will return to San Jose to be director of the Methodist School.

While in the Asheville area, they spoke at Methodist churches at Fruitland, Edneyville, Abernathy, Central, Trinity, Haywood Street, and Brevard.

They visited schools in Asheville, East Henderson County, and Brevard. They also attended the North Carolina Student Christian Association conference in Durham. Later they will visit other sections to observe programs of physical education.

International Conference On Family Problems

The first international conference on today's critical family problems ever held in the United States under church sponsorship will open week-long sessions in Green Lake, Wis., April 30.

The North American Conference on Church and Family will bring together more than 600 Protestant leaders, and outstanding specialists in the field in a week-long effort to formulate recommendations to the churches.

The conference was called by the National Council of Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

Conferees will seek answers to difficult problems which families bring to their ministers, as well as reviewing the entire field of teen-age sex problems, early marriages, mixed marriages, family planning, infidelity, divorce and re-marriage.

Fact-finding forums will bring the delegates together each morning to discuss major topics of concern. Small, intensive work groups will meet each afternoon to hammer out recommendations to the churches on program, materials, leadership and other subjects. Evening sessions will be devoted to exhibits and demonstrations of current successful efforts in the field.

Conference recommendations will be announced at the final plenary session, May 5. These will be used as guide lines for further study and possible adoption by various denominational bodies.

In the call to the conference, issued jointly by the National Council and the Canadian Council, leaders declared that the family is basic "for the transmission of our Christian heritage, the development of character, and the improvement of society."

The National Council of Churches is made up of 34 Protestant and Orthodox denominations whose membership is nearly 40,000,000. The Canadian Council of Churches consists of nine denominations which have a membership of nearly 8,000,000.

Students Urged To Become "Recruits For A Cause"

Lakeland, Fla.—A Michigan clergyman urged Florida Southern College's mid-year graduates recently to become "recruits for a cause" in the quest for world peace.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce, pastor of Detroit's Metropolitan Methodist Church, was the commencement speaker as 84 seniors from 15 states received degrees.

Dr. Pierce warned the graduates that they were going out into a divided world, "its parts separated by a seeming unbridgeable chasm filled with the most venomous hatred history records."

Hatred throughout the world, he said, has been "coupled to the highest achievement of the technological age—nuclear fission—and the result is a nightmare of fear with the best informed among us the most afraid."

He described democracy and communism as "two basically missionary movements" and said, "peaceful co-existence as a permanent solution is neither desirable nor possible."

The only permanent solution to the world-wide desire for peace and security, Dr. Pierce said, is the acceptance and practice of religion—especially Christian love. But he warned that lip service is not enough.

"Practically, this places some grave responsibilities upon us as individuals . . .

"It means that we must cease being customers of the institutions of religion and freedom and become recruits for a cause.

"It means we will have to erase the line drawn between the layman and the professional in the field of religion and government.

"It means we will have to make religion a full-time interest, regardless of job or profession."

Dr. Pierce stressed that his analysis was not "just a preacher's idea. It brought about the fall of the Roman Empire. George Bernard Shaw, who was not a professed Christian, said he could see no other way out of the world's troubles but the way Jesus would have found had he undertaken the work of a modern statesman.

"Bertrand Russell, hardly a defender of the faith, said if we want a peaceful world, the root of the matter is Christian love."

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

"It can't be done. We have lived here for years and know well the people in this church, how they pay and the way they respond. \$47,500 for a new classroom building just can't be raised here. I just wanted to warn you so you wouldn't be too discouraged when our church fails to reach such a goal."

The need was imperative. The community was growing rapidly. It was build or begin to die. The crusade was launched.

Results: Goal \$47,500. Subscribed: \$66,150.

Moral: Traditional attitudes often keep a congregation in a rut.

New Officers Elected For Student Movement

Miss Martha Harrison, 20, of Thomasville, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was elected president of the Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina at the annual meeting which was held at Duke University January 27-29. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harrison, members of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville. Before



MISS MARTHA HARRISON

transferring to Chapel Hill, Miss Harrison was a student at Woman's College in Greensboro.

Other officers elected were: Nolan Cogins, also of Thomasville, a sophomore at North Carolina State College, vice-president; Miss Anne Campbell, of Raleigh, a sophomore at East Carolina College, secretary; Miss Anne Barnette, of Roxboro, a sophomore at Greensboro College, treasurer; and Harry Lilly of Kinston, a sophomore at High Point College, publicity chairman.

These officers will serve during the academic year 1961-62.

The newly-elected officers succeed Jerry Barrier of Statesville and Duke, who served during the past year as president; Charles Stanley of Hillsboro and Appalachian, who served as vice-president; Miss Annie Carol Boyd of High Point College and Candor as secretary; Miss Joan Hayes of Pfeiffer College and Jamesville who served as treasurer; Miss Jane Folger of the University of North Carolina and High Point who served as publicity chairman.

The Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina embrace approximately 15,000 Methodist students in the 60 colleges throughout North Carolina.

"Pray for Those Who . . ."

New Orleans—Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana Area, conducting a service in St. Mark's Church here, prayed for vandals who desecrated its walls because the pastor, the Rev. L. A. Foreman, has continued to take his daughter to an integrated school despite jeers and threats.

"Those who strike the property of the church strike at Christ," Bishop Walton said.

The church's walls were splattered with creosote in the most recent reprisal against the minister.

Dr. E. H. Blackard Speaks At Lambuth College

The recent naming of the administration building of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, in honor of Dr. Amos W. Jones, long-time president of the institution, at which occasion Dr. Embree H. Blackard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville, was the guest speaker, has brought to light a number of interesting parallels and historical relationships between Lambuth and Greensboro College.

On this occasion was given to Lambuth a letter dated May 13, 1845, from Rev. A. Jones, Louisburg, to his son, Rev. Amos Wesley Jones, New Bern, in which the question of his son's leaving North Carolina to go to the Tennessee institution was discussed.

After the father had reported on his health and indicated "the people about here have been very sickly" and "the prospects for farming are very gloomy at present," he attempted to answer his son's inquiry as to the advisability of his accepting a position in the Jackson institution, which from its founding in 1843 to 1923 was known as Memphis Conference Female Institute.

"You state in your letter that Lorenzo Lea has written to you to come out to the west and assist him in a female institution. If you feel willing to go I think perhaps it would be the best you could do . . . you must pray to God to give you instruction for the best. I hope you and your companion will try to live in the service of the Lord. The enjoyments of this world are a mere nothing when compared to everlasting joys. Little Amos is very well. I suppose if you conclude to go to the west you will be up sometime in July."

The son accepted the position and in a few years succeeded Dr. Lorenzo Lea as president of M.C.F.I., serving as president from 1853 to 1878, and again from 1880 to 1892, and "little Amos," who became Dr. Amos B. Jones, likewise was president from 1878 to 1880 and from 1897 to 1911.

During this period Dr. Turner M. Jones was the distinguished and beloved president of North Carolina Methodism's college for women, Greensboro Female College, in which capacity he served from 1854 to 1890.

Another interesting parallel is the fact that two other North Carolinians likewise served these sister institutions as their first presidents, Rev. Solomon Lea, the president of G.F.C. from 1846 to 1847 and Dr. Lorenzo Lea, the president of M.C.F.I. from 1843 to 1853.

And then, as if continuing by some sort of providential arrangement, the historic connection between the North Carolina and Tennessee colleges, Dr. Luther L. Cobbel, who was Greensboro College's president for seventeen years—1935 to 1952—became Lambuth's president in 1952, which institution has made in the past eight years a phenomenal record of growth and development. It changed from M.C.F.I. to Lambuth in 1924 when it became co-educational.

Dr. Blackard, moreover, has a close relationship to Lambuth in that his father, Dr. J. W. Blackard, native Tennessean, and long-time member of the Memphis Conference, was for a number of years

A PARENT'S PRAYER

O Master, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say, and to answer all questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting them, talking back to them, and contradicting them. Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me. Give me the courage to confess my sins against my children, and to ask their forgiveness, when I know that I have done them a wrong.

May I not vainly hurt the feelings of my children. Forbid that I should laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame and ridicule as punishment. Let me not tempt my child to lie or to steal. So guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate, by all that I say and do, that honestly produces happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the littleness in me. May I cease to nag; and when I am out of sorts, help me to hold my tongue.

Blind me to the little errors of my children, and help me to see the good things they do. Give me a ready word for honest praise.

Help me to grow up with my children, to treat them as would those of their own age; but let me not exact of them the judgment and conventions of adults. Allow me not to rob them of the opportunity to wait upon themselves, to think, to choose, and to make decisions.

Forbid that I should ever punish them for my selfish satisfaction. May I grant them their wishes that are reasonable, and have the courage to withhold a privilege which I know will do them harm.

Make me so fair and just, so considerate and companionable with my children, that they may have a genuine esteem for me. Fit me to be loved and imitated.

With all Thy gifts, O Master, give me calm, poise, and self-control.

Author Unknown

president of the Board of Trustees of M.C.F.I., and during the period of transition into a coeducational institution, acting president of Lambuth College.

This letter came from Judge and Mrs. W. W. Herron, of Trenton, Tennessee. Mrs. Herron is the former Mary Belle Jones, daughter of Dr. Amos W. Jones.

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The Rev. Dr. Hanford H. Closson, superintendent of the Rochester (N. Y.) District, has been selected as the associate general secretary of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Clytus F. Mowry, pastor of First Church, Bradford.

Woodmont's Chancel Choir Rehearsing for Lent Service

The Chancel Choir of Woodmont Methodist Church of Reidsville is currently rehearsing for a special Lenten service to be presented on Sunday, February 26, in the auditorium of South End School during the morning worship service.

This special service, created by the Rev. Garland S. Gammon, is the portrayal of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as expressed by the hymns of the church. The entire musical portion of the service is taken from the pages of *The Methodist Hymnal*.

The service has eight phases of events in the life of Christ. "The Messiah Hope" finds the minister reading from the prophet Isaiah and the choir will render "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." The familiar Christmas story opens the door to "The Advent of the Savior" and the congregation will join the choir in singing "Joy to the World."

"The Childhood of the Master" will be portrayed as the minister reads from the scriptures the only boyhood reference to Jesus as recorded by the gospel writer, Saint Luke. Again the choir will sing "O Master Workman of the Race." The worshippers will feel themselves grow in stature with Christ as the service progresses to "The Manhood of the Master" where the teachings of Jesus are reviewed. The congregation will again join the choir in singing "Jesus Calls Us." The choir will render two hymns, "Love Divine" and "Make Me a Captive, Lord." These hymns reflect the call to discipleship, the power of love and the vital importance of commitment.

The service then reaches the stage of the Cross in the life of Christ in "The Crises of the Christ." The paramount decision of Jesus to face the Cross is felt as Mrs. James Everett sings "Into the Woods My Master Went" and the choir will sing the deeply moving hymn of the passion, "O Sacred Head."

Under the heading "The Proof of God's Amazing Love" the congregation will find themselves at the scene of the crucifixion as they sing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The central theme of Lent and the victorious Easter season is seen in "The Defeat of Death and the Victory of Life" when the choir sings "Alleluia, the Strife is O'er" and the congregation joins in singing the triumphant Easter hymn, "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today."

The final section of the service is devoted to "The Living Church" as the choir and congregation sing "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord."

In Second Place

Washington, D. C. — Methodists are again the second largest denominational grouping in the 537-member U. S. Congress. However, numbers of both Methodist and Roman Catholic members have declined from the 86th session, while those of the next three denominations have gained.

Methodists in the House of Representatives dropped from 81 to 76, according to a survey, although the figure in the Senate rose from 15 to 17, for a total of 93. At the same time, Roman Catholics declined from 103 to 97, but Presbyterians increased from 68 to 72, Baptists from 64 to 67, and Episcopalians from 63 to 67.

Carolina Briefs

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☞ A SPIRITUAL LIFE enrichment meeting was held for pastors of the High Point District at Calvary Church, Asheboro, Ash Wednesday (Feb. 15) with the district superintendent, Rev. Ralph Taylor, in charge.

☞ A SIX WEEKS study course will be held at St. Mark Methodist Church in Kinston on "Basic Christian Beliefs," Sunday evenings, beginning February 19th and continuing through March 26th, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Classes for children and for adults. Friends and members are invited to attend any or all of the sessions. This study course is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

☞ CHARLES K. McADAMS will speak to the Methodist Men's Club of the Rocky Point Charge on February 25 and will show slides of the progress of Methodist College. On Sunday, February 26, he will preach at all three services on the charge, 9:30 a.m. at Herring's Chapel; 11:00 a.m. at Jordan's Chapel, and 7:00 p.m. at the Rocky Point Methodist Church. Mr. McAdams is director of public relations at Methodist College, Fayetteville.

☞ THE COMMISSION on Membership and Evangelism of the Highland Church, Raleigh, is sponsoring an evangelistic service each Sunday evening during Lent. Speakers and dates are: Rev. W. M. Howard, of Trinity Church, Durham, February 19; Dr. T. A. Lankford of Duke University, February 26; Dr. McMurray Richey of Duke, March 5; Dr. Arthur Kale of Duke, March 12; Dr. Robert Cushman of Duke, March 26; Rev. C. S. Hubbard of Chapel Hill, March 26.

Rev. E. W. Fox Preaches On His 90th Birthday

Young Rev. E. W. Fox preached his first sermon after being licensed by the Methodist Church in March, 1894, on "Striving to Enter the Kingdom."

Yesterday he celebrated his 90th birthday by preaching on the same subject at the 11:00 o'clock service at Broad Street Methodist Church.

The text was the same: "Enter by the narrow gate: for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

And the man was the same.

But in between those two sermons were 66 years of work in the vinyard, of serving small congregations and large, of travel by horseback and later by car over much of North Carolina, of comforting the sick, cheering the sad, helping the needy, of searching for the narrow way and encouraging others to follow, and, above all, of striving to enter the Kingdom.

Time, of course, has shortened the steps of this traveler, but not his stature; age has dimmed the sight, but not the vision, and work has tested his endurance, but not his zeal. He still has his foot upon the way.

And, while he has not yet actually reached the gate after 90 years of striving, we feel that somehow he is much closer than the rest of us. And we doubt that Divine Providence will put many real obstacles along the way that remains to be traveled.

—Statesville Landmark

Notice To Ministers

Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference, please get your pictures to your district superintendent or to me to be printed in the 1961 *Journal*. Pictures not received by March 1 will not be printed.

CHARLES D. WHITE, Secretary



The above picture was made at the meeting of the Methodist Foundation in Raleigh January 18. Luncheon was served at 12:00 noon at the Young Men's Christian Association. The business meeting was held at 1:30. Mr. Gurney P. Hood is president of the Foundation, and Dr. F. Olen Hunt is director. Bishop Garber and Dr. John C. Brauer addressed the group.

Methodist College Given Noteworthy Recognition

In the very first year of her infancy the quality of work being done by Methodist College at Fayetteville has been given noteworthy recognition in educational circles.

Three new courses being offered in the second semester were approved on February 2, by the North Carolina State Board of Education as courses acceptable for certificate renewal for public school teachers.

The approved courses are Physical Science Survey, Introduction to Philosophy, and Religions of the World.

State regulations normally require that a college must be accredited before it can offer courses for renewal of teaching certificates. "But the only reason Methodist College is not accredited is that it isn't old enough to have served its probationary period," said Dallas Herring, chairman of the State Board of Education.

In making application to the State Board of Education for approval of these courses, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, pointed out that "as a four-year college of liberal arts, we select faculty members who are fully qualified to develop and carry on a four-year program. The three instructors concerned in teaching the proposed courses in which public school teachers have expressed an interest all have a Ph.D. degree in the appropriate field."

Dr. Charles N. Ott, professor of chemistry, who has a doctorate from the University of Iowa, will be instructor for the physical science course. He has taught a similar course under the auspices of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Marie C. Fox, professor of history and holding a doctorate in philosophy from Cornell University, will be the instructor for the philosophy course. Dr. Sam J. Womack, Jr., chaplain and instructor in Bible at the college, will teach the course in Religions of the World. Womack has completed all requirements for the doctorate which will be awarded by Duke University at the June commencement.

In addition to providing certificate renewal, these courses may also serve to upgrade substandard certificates toward Class "A."

Commenting on the action of the State Board of Education, Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, dean of the college, said, "We are delighted at the opportunity which this brings to Methodist College to begin serving the educational needs of this area and particularly those of our public school teachers. As the college progresses, we hope to offer comparable courses adapted to the special needs and interests of various other groups."

A Man Who Wanted An Education

Marquette, Mich. — At the age of 75, bank president Ernest L. Pearce has achieved his high school diploma.

Pearce, president of the Union National Bank of this Michigan Upper Peninsula city, was recently graduated from Graveland High School in a night school class of 18 members.

As class president, the white-haired banker made the graduating speech.

Pearce quit school at the age of 14 to take a job. He returned last fall for night classes.

Mrs. J. S. Chandler Retires After 25 Years of Teaching



MRS. RUBY PATTERSON CHANDLER

Mrs. Ruby Patterson Chandler, widow of the late Joseph Sprott Chandler, joined the staff of Hay Street Church as secretary-treasurer August 1935 and a few months later started teaching Service Bible Class. She resigned as teacher January 1 this year. However, Mrs. Chandler will continue as assistant teacher and loyal supporter of Service Bible Class and Hay Street Church. For these 25 years her life has been a very definite influence in the lives of her multitude of friends and associates. Ruby is always among the first ones to be called to announce a new birth in the family, knowing she will lend her heart in joy for this special blessing; also any wedding plans are incomplete until she is included. Often when loved ones are called to their final reward, Mrs. Chandler is called even before the minister, because of the bond of love that has grown so strong for years and sometimes generations. Her solace is truly from the heart.

During the early years of World War II, Mrs. Chandler was active with the Soldiers Town Home, which was housed in the old parsonage of Hay Street Church, and served as a recreation and religious center for service men. She is a Gold Star Mother, having lost a son, Joseph Sprott Chandler, Jr., in 1945. He was a pilot in the Air Force. Other children are Mrs. Arthur Dudley (Betty Chandler) Maxwell of Fayetteville, and a son, Rev. George Patterson (Pat) Chandler, now of Emory University Divinity School.

Mrs. Chandler has been active in all phases of the Christian life of her community and church. She served 25 years in the advisory board of the Salvation Army, worked with the Red Cross and served one term on the Board of Directors. Always active in district and conference work, Mrs. Chandler will be remembered by ladies of the N. C. Conference by her association with "Miss Lizzie Lamb," returned missionary from Brazil, when they attended spiritual life group meetings and retreats.

She is a charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, charter member of the Woman's Society of Chris-

Church World Service Rendered Much Aid In 1960

American Protestant and Orthodox churches working through Church World Service responded in 1960 to "the ravages of nature and the violence of man" in every sector of the world by sending almost 26 million dollars' worth of aid to 52 countries.

The detailed report of the CWS overseas program, country by country, was presented to its Board of Managers during their annual meeting concluded Feb. 4. Church World Service is a Central Department of the National Council of Churches.

In addition, the 200 board members, representing 35 denominational field boards and agencies, were brought up to date on the past year's achievements in immigration services, refugee and rehabilitation projects affecting some ten million men, women and children in need.

"While the facts and figures of the churches' relief programs are cold and businesslike," said the report, "they mean that last year 2,800,000 school children got hot lunches every day and 140,000 more received milk; food was made available to 800,000 refugees, to 950,000 people in institutions overseas, to some four million in family feeding programs, and to another million made destitute by the year's disastrous fires, earthquakes, floods and droughts."

The "cold" figures show that of a total of 298,605,265 pounds of relief goods, valued at \$25,623,275.41, which were shipped last year, purchased and contributed foods made up 4,278,337 pounds and U. S. Government surplus commodities another 287,491,644 pounds. Clothing, bedding, medicines, drugs, vitamins and self-help supplies made up the balance.

The "regular" project expenditures in 1960 of \$1,213,529.29 made possible rehabilitation programs in seven categories: land reclamation, self-help loans, vocational training, handcraft production and sales, medical care and therapy, diet and health training, and housing.

Undergraduates Will Work Along With Scientists

Undergraduates will work alongside scientists of more than 250 colleges and universities, including 11 Methodist schools, next summer, as a result of new National Science Foundation grants. The Foundation released \$3.2 million in grants to help build the interest of superior students in research, to widen their understanding of scientific method and to improve their ability to employ scientific investigative procedures. Schools involved include American University in Washington, D. C., Emory University, Northwestern University, DePaul University, Kansas Wesleyan University, Boston University, Drew University, Syracuse University, Ohio Wesleyan University and Allegheny College.

tian Service, and is now an active member of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Her greatest joy seems to come from serving her Master, church, and friends. A call to her any time is always answered with a glad heart, a prayer, blessings to the happy and comfort to the sad.



Woman's Activities



Japanese Rural Worker Visits Western Carolina

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Miss Michika Tonegawa, a Japanese rural worker, spent a week in Avery County visiting Miss Virginia Miller, community worker for the Avery County Larger Parish of the Methodist Church.

She observed the program of work carried on by Miss Miller and took part in practical work situations.

Miss Tonegawa is a native of Japan and is a rural church and community worker on Japan's northern island, Hokkaido. She is spending a year in the United States. Since last September she has been a student at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn.

She is a deaconess in the Methodist Church and is working under a scholarship from the Methodist Deaconess Association in the United States. Her work in her native land is done under the United Church of Japan.

As part of her training while in this country, Miss Tonegawa is spending time with various rural workers, helping in practical situations and getting new ideas for her work at home.

Those who work with her have been greatly impressed by her devotion to Christ and His Church. Miss Miller says, "It is a high privilege to have her in Avery County for a week."

*Mindolo Ecumenical Center,
Northern Rhodesia*

Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary in Africa, writes us that, "Throughout the continent of Africa, there are tensions and strife which could lead to destruction. But here at this Mindolo Ecumenical Center, there is a star, a five-point one. It, too, as it spreads its rays of light, can point people to the Prince of Peace.

"One point of this star is the African Writing Center. It was established by the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature under the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. The purpose is to develop African writers . . . Among the graduates of past courses, there are now editors, staff writers, free lance writers and one editor. At the last course, students had come from 17 countries (two were Methodists).

"Another point of the star is the headquarters of the All-Africa Church Conference. This is a new venture in Africa. The general secretary, Dr. Donald M'Timkulu, and his charming wife moved to the Center during the months we have been here.



Miss Michiko Tonegawa, Japanese rural worker, is studying a map of Avery County while Miss Virginia Miller, rural worker of the Avery County Larger Parish, explains the lay of the land, how the people work and live.

Under their leadership, we look forward to the strengthening of the Church in Africa.

"Another point in the star is the Woman's School. An excellent school giving training in Christian homemaking, with emphasis on the Bible, cooking, sewing and church service in the community, holds three terms of four months a year. Some of the Methodist women from Southern Congo have been taking advantage of this training.

"Another point of the star is translation. A specialist is sent out from London. Under her direction, African people translate books from English into their respective tongues, opening the closed book to countless minds.

"The fifth point of the star is the program of Conferences. Many groups come here from time to time to hold their meetings. In February of this year there is a conference of the World Day of Prayer. To this meeting come about twenty-five African women to enrich their lives in the study of prayer life. Miss Ruth Lawrence, our executive secretary for Africa, has been given the responsibility of leading this project.

"The clouds may be gathered over Africa but this star is sending out its rays to help strengthen the light of the myriads of others shining out from the many churches throughout Africa. Pray that the light of this star of the Prince of Peace may increase and drive out the destructive darkness and bring light to all men."

Miss Kelly concludes her letter by saying, "We are now looking forward to returning to our work in the Congo. You may write me now at my Lodja address. You may be sure we are grateful for this anticipated privilege."

Her address is M.M.C.C., Lodja, Republic du Congo, Africa.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



United Church Women Meet

"Women are here to build a world Christian community, beginning in the home and extending to the church, the nation, and the world." This was the challenge presented by Mrs. W. Murdock McLeod, of New York City, in an address before the opening session of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the United Church Women of North Carolina. Mrs. McLeod is general director of United Church Women.

The theme for the 1961 annual meeting was "The Imperative of Christian Freedom."

Speaking on the topic, "Freedom For What?" Mrs. McLeod gave as requisite for the healing of the world's ills the two words: "Come," "Go." "As God sent Christ into the world that we might come to Him, so Christ sends us out to go for Him," she said.

The United Church Women's organization is a department of the Council of Churches on national, state, and local levels. The N. C. Council of Church Women embraces 51 local councils representing 1,100 communions, including the Methodist. Mrs. Harold J. Dudley of Raleigh is the presiding officer.

In a second address at a Fellowship Dinner meeting with the men attending the sessions of the N. C. Council of Churches, Mrs. McLeod cited three things necessary if one is to "live dangerously" (her topic). They were a need for greater churchmanship than is now exhibited; more Christian statesmanship, and a need to show greater compassionate fellowship. "Our nation can not survive materially unless it survive spiritually," she declared.

The Migrant Luncheon, held at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church on Tuesday, featured an address by Mrs. Monica B. Owen of New York City, assistant director of Migrant Ministry, National Council of Churches.

"Twenty-seven nations sent missionaries to our migrant workers in 1959, and it was a humiliating experience," Mrs. Owen told the church women. The migrant worker is the largest underpaid group in America according to Mrs. Owen. The average adult makes less than \$900 per year, thus is forced to send his children to work in the fields in order to eat. Last year 15,000 migrants worked in North Carolina, and the N. C. Council of Churches was able to reach only one out of seven of that number.

On Tuesday evening the women met in joint session with the men in the sanctuary of White Memorial Church to hear Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York City. Preaching to a jam-packed congregation on the topic, "Reconciled to Reconcilers," Dr. Sockman named neglect, misunderstanding, and resentment and sin as three factors contributing to one's becoming estranged from God. "If there is to be a real revival of religion in America, I see more power in the pew than in the pulpit," he declared.

A panel discussion, "Christian Freedom: Victory at Home," was presented by several local presidents, with Mrs. W. T. Carpenter, of Lenoir, as the moderator. Among

her features of the sessions were election and installation of officers, and reports.

Immediately following the close of the annual session on Wednesday the women again assembled with the men in the church's sanctuary for the dedication of a new "Harvester" (station wagon) for migrant ministry. The closing joint luncheon at the church hall featured a citation for meritorious service to the Council of Churches to Mr. and Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Raleigh, and an address, "The Church—Reconciling Fellowship," by Dr. Carlyle Arney, pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte.

At a dinner meeting on Monday evening preceding the opening session on Tuesday, the women heard Dr. Gion Johnson of Chapel Hill in a report on her visit to Africa where she, with her husband, was engaged for some time in a lecture tour.

Officers of the N. C. Conference WSCS attending the meeting included Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Mrs. J. S. Jennings, and Miss Mary Gardner. Mrs. Newbold and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, of Durham, former conference and jurisdiction president, are serving on the National Board of Managers of the United Church Women. Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, a former conference treasurer and currently jurisdiction treasurer and member of the Methodist Board of Missions, is corresponding secretary for the N. C. United Church Women, and Mrs. C. H. Boyd of New Bern, conference secretary of promotion, was elected as member-at-large of the State United Church Women. A number of other women of the conference also attended the meeting.



MRS. DAVID CATHCART
President, SE Jurisdiction WSCS

CONDENSED PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING, SE JURISDICTION WSCS

Following is a condensed program of the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, at Trinity Methodist Church in Durham, February 21-23:

Tuesday, February 21—2:00 p.m., registration, Jack Tar Durham Hotel. 7:30 p.m., opening session. Address, "The Faith That Compels Us," Dr. Richard Bauer.

Wednesday, February 22—9:30 a.m., organization of meeting; greetings; president's message; election of officers; report of vice-president; address, "The Factors That Confront Us," Dr. Edmund Perry. 2:00 p.m., introductions; reports; recording

secretary, treasurer, supply work, panel, Crusade scholars, Duke University; reports, student work, visit to Duke Chapel. 6:00 p.m., dinner, Duke University. 7:30 p.m., (Duke Chapel), address, "Rise Up and Walk," Bishop James K. Mathews.

Thursday, February 23: 9:30 a.m., Memorial service; reports, missionary education; missionary service (foreign fields); missionary service (home fields); promotion; Wesleyan Service Guild; literature and publication. Election. Reports: Christian Social Relations; Spiritual Life. Address, "Frontiers That Call Us," Dr. Edmund Perry. 2:00 p.m., Dr. D. Trigg James. Reports, president Deaconess Association; standing committees; public relations; committee on committees; constitution and by-laws; missionary personnel; children's work; youth work. 7:30 p.m., address, "Dedication to Witness and Service," Bishop Paul N. Garber. Dedication of officers; communion meditation, and Sacrament of the Holy Communion, Bishop Garber.

All sessions are open to the public.

Bishop William T. Watkins Is Taken By Death

Nashville, Tenn. — Retired Methodist Bishop William T. Watkins, Louisville, Ky., died of a heart attack February 6 at Methodist Evangelical Hospital, Louisville. He was 65.

Bishop Watkins headed the Louisville Area of the Methodist Church for 15 years before his retirement for health reasons October 15, 1959.

He was elected a bishop in 1938 at the age of 42. He was the last bishop to be elected by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which the next year merged with two other branches of Methodism to form The Methodist Church.

Bishop Watkins was president of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church from 1948 to 1960.

A native of Maysville, Ga., he served pastorates in Middleton, Tate and Atlanta, Ga. From 1930 to 1938, he was professor of church history at the Emory University School of Theology. Also, from 1930 to 1934, he was editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

After being elected bishop, he served the St. Louis, Jackson, Miss., and Columbia, S. C. Areas before being assigned to the Louisville Area in 1944.

He was educated at Emory, Edinburgh University and United Free Church College in Scotland, and Yale.

Survivors include Mrs. Watkins and their five sons.

Watha Methodist Church Educational Building

The Watha Methodist Church is in the process of completing an \$8,647 addition to the one-room church building for educational purposes. The addition includes three large classrooms, hallway, and bathroom. In addition, the wiring and heating for the church has been completely modernized and made adequate to meet existing safety codes. Dedication of the addition is scheduled for May 14th. The Watha Church is on the Burgaw Charge. The Rev. C. F. Grill is pastor. Macon Smith is chairman of the Building Committee.

Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS To Meet In Durham

The annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church will be held February 21-23 at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham.

Attendance is expected to be about 350, including delegates, missionaries, and others.

Among the principal speakers will be the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Inter-board Committee on Christian Vocations; the Rev. Dr. Edmund F. Perry, a professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Methodist Bishops James K. Mathews, of Boston, and Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; and Miss Ruth Harris, a secretary of student work for the Methodist Board of Missions.

Theme of the 21st annual meeting will be "Our Mission Today."

Presiding officer will be Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.

Mrs. Dow Hamrick, Ellijay, Ga., is chairman of the program committee, and other members are Mrs. Cathcart; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis; Mrs. Hubert A. Davis, Raleigh, N. C.; and Miss Nancy M. Cawood, Winchester, Ky.

Hostess conference president will be Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn, D. C., president of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Ralph Cushman is president of the Woman's Society of the host church.

Local chairman of the meeting is Mrs. J. J. Jergan of Durham.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, and close after the night session Thursday, February 23.

All sessions will be at Trinity Church except a Wednesday evening dinner and session at Duke University.

Headquarters hotel will be the Washington Duke.

Business will include the election of officers and secretaries of lines of work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society. Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Bowling Green, Ky., is chairman of the committee on nominations.

Delegates will represent 16 Methodist annual conferences in nine southeastern states.

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Still The Peacemaker

This February could we walk
under the arching elms
There by the Potomac
Visiting Mount Vernon,
And in the drifting smoke
Again wreathing the budding trees
He gathered from far places . . .
Could we meet Washington
Who loved both God and country.
What message would we hear
As for eternity?
I think it would be this,
Voiced in the free and fragrant air:
"Where meet the mighty, O wage peace;
Where sit the conclave, set for Him a
chair."

—Submitted for Washington's birthday
to the *ADVOCATE* by PEARL S. LITTLE



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Bible For China

In the last half of the 1800's there lived in China a man named Samuel Isaac Schereschewsky, who had gone there from America as a missionary to translate the Bible, and who became a bishop of the Episcopal Church.

One of the things that impressed this man very much was that if you lived in one city in China, you could not understand someone from another place. In every city people spoke differently. A man from Shanghai could not understand the words of a man from Peking or from Canton.

Bishop Schereschewsky worked very hard for many years, and much of his translation work was printed and distributed among the people of China. But he was not satisfied. What he really wanted was one Bible in a language that most of the people could read. There was such a language—it was called Easy Wenli. Unfortunately, before the bishop could start on this translation, he suffered a sunstroke which left him paralyzed. Everyone thought he would never be able to work again.

But although he could not move, and had to spend his days in a wheel chair, he worked even harder than before—eight or more hours a day. He found that he was able to use the middle finger of his right hand to press the keys of a typewriter. Sometimes instead of his finger he used a stick to tap out the letters, one by one.

And this was how he worked every day, until about ten years later he had filled more than 2,500 large pages with words, and the Easy Wenli translation of the entire Bible was finished.

Shortly after, the American Bible Society undertook to publish this new Bible, and it was ready for distribution in 1902. Now at last more Chinese than ever before were able to read the Word of God in their own Bible.

Between 1949 and 1955 more than three and one-half million volumes of Scripture were distributed in China by the China Bible House. Even though

our fellowship with our Chinese friends has been interrupted, the American Bible Society continues to pray for the success of the Bible message in China.

—From *The Bible Society Record*

Eight Little Sparrows

Eight little sparrows are looking for crumbs; They often go hungry when winter comes. So you and I must help them out By throwing lots of crumbs about.

—By JANE CATHERINE TROLINGER
Age 8 years
Randleman, N. C.

Do You Know the Ten Commandments?

A defiant sixteen-year-old boy stood before the judge awaiting sentence.

The kindly, dignified administrator of justice talked with the lad about his family, his friends, and his obligations to society. He spoke about actions that were not in accord with the Commandments.

"What do you mean by Commandments?" asked the youth.

"Are you serious, son?" the judge asked. "Do you mean you never heard of the Ten Commandments?"

"No. Don't know nothin' about 'em," he replied sullenly.

The surprised judge took a Bible from his desk, turned to the Commandments, and handed it to the lad.

"I sentence you to learn God's Ten Commandments by heart, and obey them," he said kindly.

The boy took the sentence seriously, learned to obey the Commandments, and is today a respected, reliable citizen.

Beginning next week, and continuing for ten weeks, we will include on our page one of the great Commandments, and a brief explanation. We suggest that you read all of the Commandments in your Bible, in the 20th chapter of Exodus, verses 3 through 17. Then read the explanation each week, and learn that Commandment by heart.

The Voice of Music

I am Music. I am everywhere.

In winter, when the snowflakes come, I am there. On the frosty breath of a winter's night I am the merry tinkle of sleighbells.

In the spring you can hear me in the

throat of the first singing bird.

In the summer I am in the brook, and the whispering of the willows is my song.

In autumn I am the lively song rustling leaves that dance like puppets in the crisp, fall air.

And in all seasons you will hear me rejoicing in the ringing of church bell. I am calling everyone to come and sing a song of praise to the earth's Creator. This is the song that has no season, for it is sung by everyone, every day, with all the world as a choir and all of nature as the accompanist.

I am Music—and I am everywhere!
—Selected.

Let's Laugh

Laughter is the cheapest luxury we can enjoy. It stirs up the blood, expands the chest, electrifies the nerves, clears away the cobwebs from the brain, and gives the whole system a good cleansing.

Chuckle

A minister awoke one morning to find a dead mule in front of his house. Calling up the local Board of Health, he said, "This is Reverend Jones. There's a dead mule in front of my house."

The man at the Health Office thought he would be smart, and said, "I thought you ministers took care of the dead."

"We do," replied the minister, "but we always notify their relatives first."

Bible Quiz

Who Am I?

1. King David was my father, and I built the temple of Jerusalem. _____
2. One day I went up into a mountain, and after communing with God, brought down the Ten Commandments to my people. _____
3. I baptized Jesus in the River Jordan. _____
4. I have often been referred to as "the beloved physician." _____
5. I accepted money for betraying a friend. _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Joseph Genesis 37:23-34
2. Daniel Daniel 6:10
3. The Passover Exodus 12:1-14
4. Jesus Feeding the Multitude—Matthew 15:15-21
5. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—Daniel 3:8-26

Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 26

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Greensboro College
Head, Department of Religious Education

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROSS

Background Scripture: John 12
Lesson Scripture: John 12:20-36

The Cross has been spoken of as "that great rift in the sky of human history through which God's life and love are poured." That is the thought we need to keep uppermost in our minds as we undertake to study this lesson which is based upon some of the most significant words in Holy Writ. For it is not by dwelling upon the death of Christ, so much as upon the life it brings, that makes our meditation upon it fruitful in living.

The first verses of our lesson Scripture give an account of some Greeks who desired an introduction to Jesus. Paul speaks of the Greeks as being the sort of people who were always "seeking some new thing." However, there is some reason for believing that these particular men may have been "God-fearers," that is, persons who had attached themselves to Judaism because they regarded its belief in one God and its high ethical teachings as superior to the religion of their own land. In any case Philip and Andrew (both are Greek names and may suggest that these two disciples knew the Greek language) were the ones who made the introduction.

The comment attributed to Jesus by the evangelist immediately arouses our own interest: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." What does this mean? The rest of the reply (see verse 24) explains that Jesus had reference to his approaching death.

Someone has let his imagination play over the events and statements of this scene and has suggested a possible alternative reply. Suppose these Greeks had said something like this: "You are a great teacher, but these Jews do not understand you. If you stay here they may do away with you. Why not come over to Athens and open an academy such as that of our honored philosopher, Plato? Here you would be well received and assured of no interference with your teaching." If such a proposition had been made and Jesus had accepted it what would the result have been? At best, he would have been just another teacher whose lectures a few men might have read. Was it this that Jesus saw clearly when he said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified?" This, like other sayings in the 12th chapter of John was a sign that the Gentiles now were ready to accept him. But the one they were accepting was not to be "just another good man." He was to be one through whom God was to be glorified.

There is a story about a youth who said to his teacher, "I would very much like to be the founder of a religion." Said the wise teacher in reply, "All right, all you have to do is to go out and get yourself crucified." How very true of his own life were Jesus' words (see verse 24) about the seed of wheat having to die before it could bring forth new life. One of the lesson writers



HELPING CHILDREN to understand their relationships with God will be the theme of a new television series being produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFKO) of The Methodist Church for release early in 1962. The program will feature a filmed story concerning a child's relationship with God. The story will be interrupted at a critical point for a discussion by real children of the problem illustrated by the story. Then, the filmed conclusion of the story will be shown. In a premiere showing of the pilot film, "The Frog Pit," in the new children's TV series at Springfield, Mo., these children from Grace Methodist Church were featured along with their adult host, The Rev. Eugene Atkins, pastor of Kingsway Methodist Church in Springfield. The children, left to right around the table are Olen Chestnut, Nancy Rich, Deborah Pickett, Ann Chafer, and Jimmy Doran. The premiere was videotaped in the studios of KYTV, Channel 3, in Springfield, under direction of TRAFKO staff members Robert C. Glazier and Howard E. Tower.

tells of a child who, when asked why we call the day of Jesus' Crucifixion "Good Friday," said: "I suppose it was because so much good came from it." It would be hard to improve upon the child's answer.

It is a wonderful fact that the New Testament shows Jesus not only in his hours of victory, but also in his times of anguish: "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say?" These glimpses into the human side of Jesus make him more real to us men, that if we had never been permitted to see this side of his nature. How many of us have been confronted with situations in which these words perfectly describe our feelings—"Now is my soul troubled and what shall I say?" What Jesus said was "Father, glorify thy name." When we have been called upon to face bitter experiences have we conducted ourselves in such a manner that people have said, "Look how he takes it! God must be very near to him. I wish I could find that same power!" If they have said this, then we (in a small way) have glorified God.

Note that when Jesus uttered the words referred to above there was a sound coming from somewhere. Some said it thundered; others said "an angel has spoken to him." There is no space for comment here, but

we might ask this question: Is it not true that *what we hear depends upon who we are?* "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me" must have seemed a vast exaggeration to those who had heard it when Jesus uttered the words. And yet how true it has become! It is not the philosopher with his systems of thought whom men will worship and follow, no matter how grand these may be. It is the one who will die for men who evokes from them their devotion and loyalty.

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Walter B. West

MAN OF CONVICTION

The first time I saw him he was playing first base on the Rutherford College team and my eyes were wide with admiration. Clean of limb, broad of shoulder, as handsome as Apollo, he was the hero of many games. It took the arm of Zeus to get a ball past him, came it on the ground or in the air. I can yet hear the chock of the ball in his leather mitt as he snagged it in.

The last time I saw him in Asheville, now mellow with mature years, he gave yet another expression of his appreciation for others gone before. "Lon, I still miss those Charlies," meaning C. N. Clark and C. C. Weaver, who walked the trail with him many companionable miles. Without any attempt on our part, and without any undue affection, it seems that both events and affinity threw us together. Weaver-Hayes and Clark-West formed a quartet that never sang but often laughed and talked. Now the night of the day of Walter's funeral, I, too, am a bit forlorn, being the last, and only a bit the youngest of that foursome of friendly men. It suggests the nadir and pathos of mortal life—our fondest and most platonic relationships so soon fall apart; the silver cord is loosened and the veil enters in between.

Here let me register my sincere appreciation and utter a thankful prayer that they were such helpful friends and that their example shall not fade even though their faces are not seen. Having spoken by request at the burial services of two of them, I am presuming to write a word for the other one even though Robert Tuttle, his district superintendent, uttered such fitting words. In fact, the entire ceremony in Central Church was as pleasing as sad occasions can be.

It is honest to say that ours was no mutual admiration society. We did not always agree and our words could be sharp remembering that "faithful are the wounds of a friend" and that "iron sharpeneth iron" we whetted and, I fear sometimes fretted, each other. But there remained a strong bond of brotherhood and respect. Clark, Hayes and West were all former citizens of Waynesville and all had served as district superintendents here. Here let me now dare the often odious comparison: Weaver was the man of culture and restraint; Clark the man of sympathy with poise, and West was the man of fearless conviction. He played out the game of life as hard as the contest on the diamond and no umpire called a foul or false decision without his objection.

By nature he was a conservative and the traditional positions of his church were correct.

Clark, Weaver and West had one shining virtue in common: they were strong in their promotion of missions. Each served many years on the Conference and General Boards. They raised money and sought recruits for the thin red line of the Cross carried by the soldiers of the Lord in other lands.

Brethren of the common lot who have finished the fight, will you please keep the gate ajar?

If I fall on the threshold, pull me in! I know the long swift arm of Walter will

catch me. Sometimes the home plate seems far away, but I am nearer-than ever before.
Hail, farewell and Resurgam!

—L. B. HAYES

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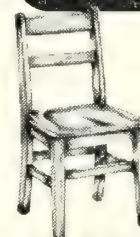
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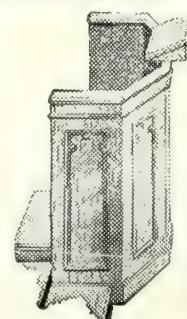
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The Origin and Meaning of Lent

The length of the Lenten fast and the rigour with which it has been observed has varied greatly at different times and in different countries. As this fast falls in the early part of the year, at one time it became confused with the season of spring, and the word Lent, which originally meant spring, was confined to this use. At one time it embraced only thirty-six days as forming a tenth part of the year and therefore a perfect number, and found wide acceptance, but the inconsistency of this period with the name Quadragesima, which was the fortieth day before Easter, and with the forty days' fast of Christ, came to be noted, and early in the 7th century four days were added, Lent in the West beginning henceforth on Ash Wednesday. In the Christian Church it is the period of fasting and preparation for the festival of Easter. During the 18th century, though the strict observance of the Lenten fast was generally neglected, it was still observed and inculcated by the more earnest of the clergy, such as William Law and John Wesley. With the growth of the Oxford Movement in the English Church, the practice of observing Lent was revived, and though no rules for fasting are authoritatively laid down, the duty of abstinence is now very generally inculcated by bishops and clergy, either as a discipline or as an exercise of self-denial. For the more "advanced" churches, Lenten practice tends to conform to that of the pre-Reformation Church. The forty days preceding Easter, the Lenten season, should be observed as a period of prayerful meditation, self-denial, and recommitment of self to the Christian way of living. This year Lent should have special meaning for Methodists as they participate in a period of spiritual enrichment as part of the quadrennial emphases,

"Jesus Christ Is Lord"

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

❏ ENGLEWOOD CHURCH, Rocky Mount, was host recently to a joint men's club meeting of the city. Ninety men were present. It was country style steak dinner, and a good program was provided.

❏ BLACK MOUNTAIN Methodist Church held the final service in the old building February 5. The building is being torn down to make room for a new modern structure.

❏ MOUNT PLEASANT CHURCH, Winston-Salem District, Rev. R. L. Young, pastor, is urging its people to adopt and practice the tihe during the Lenten season, February 19 through April 2.

❏ MR. BEN L. SMITH was the speaker at the Methodist Men's Club meeting on Tuesday evening, February 21, when the club received its charter. Rev. J. J. Powell is pastor.

❏ AT MIDWAY Methodist Church, Kanapolis, on a recent Sunday morning 207 people stood and made a commitment to total abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages. We feel every Christian should take that position.

❏ MAIN STREET CHURCH, Albemarle, under the direction of its Commission on Membership and Evangelism, conducted a visitation program Sunday afternoon, February 12. The visitation included new prospects, shut-ins, and inactive members.

❏ THE "TALK BACK" TV series was seen on Station WUNC-TV, Chapel Hill, Sunday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. This is a presentation of local churches in cooperation with the National Council of Churches. It is a contribution of the Methodist Television ministry.

❏ THE REVEREND GARLAND STERLING GAMMON, pastor of Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville, and Miss Glee Irene Boland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Einar John Boland, of Woodbury, Connecticut, were united in matrimony Saturday, February 11, in Woodbury. They will be at home, 611 Maple Avenue, Reidsville, after February 24th.

❏ REV. JOHN OAKLEY, pastor of the Peachland Charge, has set as his goal 100 subscriptions for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. And judging from his past record, he stands a good chance to make it. He has turned in 951 during his 16 years in the ministry. The editor will be preaching for him on the day of his campaign, March 5.

❏ HIGH POINT COLLEGE observed its first recognition of members of the Fellow Program on Wednesday, February 22, in Memorial Auditorium. The Fellow program is designed to give everyone an opportunity to share in the work of the college, and the advantages the college offers the community. Those so honored in this first recognition included 29 individuals and institutions.

❏ THE REV. GEORGE B. CLEMMER, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will preach in the new sanctuary of the First Methodist Church, Wadesboro, Sunday morning, February 26th. Mr. Clemmer was pastor of this church in the early nineteen thirties.

❏ REV. and MRS. W. V. McRAE are spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. McRae, a member of the North Carolina Conference, but now retired, spent many years as pastor and district superintendent in North Carolina. They maintain a home at Lake Junaluska, where they spend the summers.

❏ REV. JOHN PFISTER, a former member of the North Carolina Conference, now of Missouri, was a recent visitor at Snead's Ferry Church in Wilmington District, where he was also a former pastor. Mr. Pfister and his family spent the week-end with the Snead's Ferry church people, where he preached in a special service on Sunday morning.

❏ BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER, assisted by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, district superintendent, dedicated the educational building of the Ayden Methodist Church, Sunday, February 19, at the 7:30 service. The building was completed in 1956, and represents an investment of \$80,000. It was presented for dedication by Mr. Robert Booth, chairman of the Commission on Education.

❏ DR. JAMES S. THOMAS, of Nashville, Tenn., representing the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, will deliver the address marking the opening of the 35th annual Homemaking Institute at Bennett College on Sunday, March 5. Dr. Thomas, who is associate director of the board's department of secondary and higher education, also holds membership in the South Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction, of the denomination.

❏ DR. W. C. FINCH, president of Southwestern University since 1950, will become dean of Vanderbilt School of Religion September 1. Vanderbilt, which is located in Nashville, Tenn., is the center of the campus including Scarritt College for Christian Workers and Peabody College, and is only a few blocks from the offices of Methodism's Boards of Education and Evangelism.

❏ REV. ROBERT F. NEY, pastor of Camp Ground Charge, Albemarle District, has been attending Chaplains' School at Fort Slocum, New York, for the past few weeks. While there he became ill, and is now having a series of chest tests made, with major surgery scheduled for next week. He will probably be in the hospital for six weeks, and will appreciate hearing from his friends. His address is: Chaplain (1st Lt.) Robert F. Ney, O 2295202 U. S. Naval Hospital, E-1-236, St. Albans, Long Island 25, New York. In the meantime his work is being carried on with a full schedule in his churches.

❏ THE ZEBULON Subdistrict Christian Workers' School is scheduled for March 1, 2, 3 at the Zebulon Methodist Church.

❏ DR. MARK DEPP, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will assist Rev. Brunson Wallace in a preaching mission at Central Church, Asheboro, beginning Sunday, February 26.

❏ THE BREVARD COLLEGE choir will sing in the First Methodist Church, Granite Falls, next Sunday, February 26. The choir is made up of 30 young people, and is directed by Professor Thomas Cousins.

❏ ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Goldsboro, held dedication services for the church plant and parsonage last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. M. W. Lawrence, district superintendent, was present and conducted the service. Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., is pastor.

❏ REV. LEON COUCH, pastor of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, has just returned from Miami, Fla., where he taught the course, "Christian Beliefs," in the Christian Workers' School of the Methodist Churches of the greater Miami area. The school ran from February 12 through February 16.

❏ THE REV. WILLIAM K. QUICK, pastor of Zebulon Methodist Church, recently conducted a prayer retreat at the Louisburg Methodist Church for a prayer group at Louisburg College. The retreat was planned by the Rev. Wade Goldston and was well attended.

❏ THE SOUTHEASTERN Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has just concluded its annual meeting held at Trinity Church, Durham. The meeting was attended by ladies from the 16 annual conferences in the nine states comprising the jurisdiction, and the program, as usual, was of a high order.

❏ MARVIN METHODIST Church in Winston-Salem is now in a series of five weeks of cottage prayer meetings held on Wednesday nights. These are builders-up for evangelistic services to be held March 12-17. The Rev. Aubert Smith, pastor of Burkhead Church, will bring the messages at the revivals. The Rev. H. A. Pruyn is pastor.

❏ THE REV. CHARLES McADAMS spoke to the Methodist Men of the Zebulon Methodist Church on Tuesday night, February 21. Mr. McAdams spoke of the progress of Methodist College at Fayetteville and showed slides of the campus and new buildings. The high school juniors and seniors of the Zebulon Church were guests at the monthly meeting.

❏ READERS OF THE ADVOCATE will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. George D. Finch of Thomasville, whose son, Mr. Brown F. Finch, 30, lost his life in an auto accident February 12 near Ashland, Va., while returning from a business trip to Maryland. He was a graduate of Duke University, and was connected with the Thomasville Chair Co. His father, Mr. George D. Finch, has long been a strong and valued supporter of THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

☛ DR. ROBERT G. TUTTLE of Asheville is this week assisting the Rev. Joe Bogle in revival services at Rutherfordton. Services are held at 10:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

☛ SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY prayer groups were held at Zebulon Methodist Church for the MYF and the chancel choir. Mrs. R. D. Massey, minister of music, and the minister were leaders for the groups.

☛ DR. WILLIAM BROWN who has served as missionary to Africa will visit the Bennett College campus, February 27-March 2. In addition to holding interviews and talking to small groups, Dr. Brown will speak at the morning chapel service on February 27.

☛ THE BURKE and McDowell Counties section of the Marion district workshop was held at Glen Alpine Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, district superintendent, planned the program which ran from 2:30 till 5:00 p.m.

☛ DR. W. L. CLEGG, superintendent of Burlington District, is this week assisting Rev. T. R. Jenkins in revival services at Haymount Church, Fayetteville. This church was organized by Dr. Clegg while he was superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

☛ ACCORDING TO *The Methodist Story*, receipts for Conference Advance Specials in the North Carolina Annual Conference totaled \$451,377 during the fiscal year 1959-60. The figure is the second largest reported by any one conference for the year. It was exceeded only by Florida which gave \$662,007.

☛ THANKS TO REV. J. L. JOYCE, pastor of the Garner Methodist Church, Raleigh District, who sends us a list of 32 subscriptions, and thereby joins many other fine pastors in giving the *ADVOCATE* an opportunity to serve the church. We are receiving lists every day from over the two North Carolina Conferences.

☛ CORRECTION: It was stated in the *ADVOCATE* last week, under the picture of several college presidents and others, that Dr. Wilson O. Weldon is president of the Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. Dr. Weldon calls our attention to this error and asks that it be corrected. Dr. Frank Jordan of Thomasville is president of the Board. Dr. Weldon is chairman of the Commission on Christian Higher Education. We published the article as it was sent to us, and we regret the mistake. We are glad to make this correction.

☛ DURING THE ANNUAL missions emphasis program at Leaksville Methodist Church, Mr. Charles Hole, who spent some time in Angola and the Congo, spoke on missions on Sunday night, February 19. On Tuesday night Mrs. Lawrence Wilson taught the mission study book, *Safe In Bondage*. On Wednesday night, a covered dish supper was served, and Dr. Ernest Sundarum of India, who is doing research in open heart surgery at Duke Hospital, was the speaker. On Sunday night, February 26, Rev. Donald Funderburk will speak about the work that Triplett Church is doing in the field of missions.

Three Buildings Dedicated At N. C. Wesleyan College

by BUGS BARRINGER

Rocky Mount — The impressive ceremonies here Thursday afternoon, the formal dedication of the Classroom, Science, and Administration buildings of North Carolina Wesleyan College was held. Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area of the Methodist Church was the featured speaker at the dedication ceremony and laying of the cornerstone. These three buildings were completed in the fall of 1960 at a cost of \$1,000,000.

The Methodist-supported institution, which will be a four-year liberal arts college, began operation last fall with approxi-



L. to R.: Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. C. D. Barclift, Mr. L. W. Hill, President Thomas A. Collins.

mately 90 students in the freshman class. The sophomore class will enroll this fall.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, trustee, of Durham, presided. The invocation was given by the Rev. Leon Russell, trustee and pastor of the local First Methodist Church. Thomas A. Collins, president of Carolina Wesleyan, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the college, and Guy Barnes, vice-president of the Rocky Mount Area Wesleyan College Foundation, extended the welcome on behalf of the community.

"Wesleyan Singers," under the direction of Dr. William G. Sasser, sang an anthem.

Taking part in the litany for the laying of the cornerstone were E. E. Adkins, secretary of the Board of Trustees; E. F. Duke, member of the Building Committee; J. Curtis Ellis of Nashville, chairman of the Finance Committee; Arthur L. Tyler and Page K. Gravely, trustees and general co-chairmen of the financial campaign for the Rocky Mount community; W. Jasper Smith, comptroller of the college and first chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Allen P. Brantley of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education of the North Carolina Annual Conference; J. Nelson Gibson, Methodist Conference lay leader; Mrs. Pierce Johnson of Weldon, trustee; Dr. Jack W. Moore, dean of the college; Vann Massey, of Ahoskie, president of the student body.

Various items including a history of Carolina Wesleyan, names of the faculty and student body, names of all contributors and local and state newspapers were put into a sealed box and placed behind the cornerstone.

President Collins, Luther W. Hill, of Tarboro, chairman of the Board of Trustees,

Edenton Street Church To Celebrate Sesquicentennial

Bishop Paul N. Garber will preach at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, Sunday morning, February 26. This will be the beginning of the sesquicentennial observance of this great church. Other speakers will include Rev. Graham E. Eubank, district superintendent, Sunday, March 12; Dr. Eugene C. Few, former pastor and now superintendent of the Gastonia District, Sunday, March 19; Dr. A. J. Hobbs, former pastor, and now superintendent of the New Bern District, Sunday, April 9; Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., bishop of the South Carolina Area, Sunday, April 30; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor Christ Church, New York City, Tuesday evening, May 2; Dr. Charles Ray Goff, Temple Church, Chicago, Wednesday evening, May 3; Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of the chapel, Duke University, Thursday evening, May 4; Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., First Church, Dallas, Texas, Sunday morning, May 7. The Duke University chancel choir will sing on Tuesday evening, May 2; the Pfeiffer College choir will sing Thursday evening, May 4. For these one hundred and fifty years Edenton Street Church has had three buildings, the present structure, valued at \$1,600,000, having been erected following the destruction by fire in 1957 of the sanctuary which had become a landmark in the religious life of the capital city. Dr. Howard P. Powell is now in his 14th year as pastor of the church.

Kresge Honorary Chancellor Florida Southern College

Lakeland, Fla.—Stanley S. Kresge of Detroit, Mich., chain store magnate and eminent philanthropist, has been named honorary chancellor of Florida Southern College, a Methodist institution.

He will be the college's guest of honor and preside at the annual Founders' Week program, March 8-12, it was announced by President Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

The principal speaker will be Arthur S. Flemming, of Washington, D. C., who served in President Eisenhower's cabinet as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He is a former president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Kresge is the 26th man to be elected honorary chancellor of Florida Southern since the college began conferring the honor on outstanding leaders in various fields in 1934.

and Bishop Garber placed the stone in the building.

Dr. Walter C. Ball, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of the Methodist Church, introduced Bishop Garber. In brief remarks he commended the trustees, the Methodist Church, and the community for the excellence of their achievement. He then led in the act of dedication of these three buildings.

The benediction was given by the Rev. Clarence Godwin, president of the Rocky Mount Ministerial Association and pastor of the Lakeside Baptist Church.

After the dedication and cornerstone ceremony, open house was held with members of the faculty and students acting as guides.

EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."—Matt. 7:7, 8.

District Lay Rallies Well Attended

For a number of years the North Carolina Conference has held district lay rallies in each district during the month of February. A supper meeting is arranged by the district lay leader and the district superintendent and laymen from each church are asked to attend and have fellowship and participate in the overall program. The conference lay leader, Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, together with Bishop Paul N. Garber, both attend the ten meetings and take part on the program. An outstanding layman is invited to be the principal speaker, and thus far they seem to have made a fine selection each year. This program takes two full weeks with a meeting in each of the districts during that time. The attendance has been good through the years, but this year it seems to have gone beyond the mark set in other years. It is a thrilling sight to behold between 700 and 800 men gathered for a supper meeting, then to hear them sing the great hymns of the church and enter into the worship service. When this number is multiplied by ten, which is the number of meetings held, it is seen that some 7000 or 8000 men have been reached by these rallies, and usually they are ready to return to their church and be better Christians and more active laymen. This year the main theme was evangelism, and Bishop Garber made the initial address on "The Greatest Layman I Ever Knew." He referred to such men as Dr. W. P. Few, and the complete abandon with which he gave himself to the cause of Christ and the Church. He was followed by Mr. R. H. Bond, conference lay leader of the Memphis, Tennessee, Conference. "Red" Bond is always interesting because he has had a religious experience that thrills. He mingles enough good humor with his message to catch the imagination of every one present, and they go away feeling they have caught a new vision of what it means to be a Christian and with a challenge to be a better one than ever before. We have a feeling that every district in the conference profited by bringing the laymen together in these great rallies. They should bear rich fruitage in the days to come.

A Statement By The Bishops Concerning The Advocate

The importance of getting the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE into the homes of the Methodists is shown by the following statements from Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Bishop Paul N. Garber. These great leaders in the program of the church realize what the official church organ will mean to the churches, the people, and the conference in carrying on the work as it gives information and inspiration not to be obtained elsewhere. We give the statements of the bishops here, and they speak for themselves:

STATEMENT BY BISHOP HARMON

The time has come when we usually ask the whole Conference to get behind and renew its support for the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. The ADVOCATE means more than is realized in the support of our general causes, and indeed of the whole Methodist Church in North Carolina. All our homes ought to be subscribers, and if they are, they will be better informed about the work of the Church and can keep up in a more decisive way with what ought to be done by the Methodists of our Conferences, and what the Church over the world is doing.

This is to request that those whose duty it is to call the ADVOCATE to the attention of the ministers and people in the separate Charges shall not fail in this service; and that all of us in our various ways will do what we can to see that old subscriptions are renewed and new subscriptions are obtained. The NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is an arm of the Church and ought to be strongly supported. Let us see to it, brethren.

NOLAN B. HARMON
Bishop

STATEMENT BY BISHOP GARBER

Every quadrennium The Methodist Church has a tremendously important program. The quadrennium of 1960-1964 is no exception.

Goals cannot be realized without the full support of our people. This means that they must know what the church is endeavoring to accomplish.

There is no better way of keeping the Methodists of our North Carolina Annual Conferences informed than by getting them to read the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

We should have as one goal the placing of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in the home of every member of our North Carolina Conferences. One can only surmise as to how great would be the growth through our Conferences in membership, spiritual power and financial support if the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN

ADVOCATE would be read by all Methodist people.

I call upon our pastors and members to give strong support to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and thereby let us have an informed membership. We need this to reach the quadrennial objectives we have before us.

PAUL NEFF GARBER
Bishop

Since this is the traditional time for securing subscriptions we trust every pastor will personally see to it that solicitation is made and send us at once a minimum of six new subscriptions. The ADVOCATE undergirds every cause of the church.

We are grateful to those pastors and churches who have sent us good lists and we invite and urge others to join them. We will have a stronger Methodism if our people read the church paper.

LETTERS

Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa
February 4, 1961

Dear Sir:

I am a Nigerian boy 18 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall and weigh 130 pounds. I am desirous of making friend with American regardless of age or sex. I would also like to swap some African articles for American products—ebony carvings, Alligator skin handbags, slippers, wallets and portfolios, Tiger skins, Leopard skins, etc., in return for American pants, shirts, T-shirts, cameras and shoes.

I shall be much grateful if you could put my letter in your religious Journal.

May God be with you all (Amen).

Yours in Christ,
DAVID MOSHEBOLATAN
9 Branco Street
Lagos, Nigeria
West Africa



15 Branco St.
Lagos Nigeria,
West Coast Africa

Dear Editor:

I shall be very grateful if my name and address can be published in your newspaper.

I am a boy of 23 years, attending School of Printing under *Nigerian Daily Express*. I want pen pals from any corner of America.

My hobbies are photography, reading, swimming, and swapping of Nigerian goods for American goods, like trousers, shirts, jackets, belts, T-shirts, coats, for other things from America. To ebony carvings, Tigerskin bags, Snakeskin bags, Leopard-skin bags, and other things from Nigeria.

I shall be very grateful if you can please publish my name, and I shall be expecting the cost of the publication of my letter.

Thanks.
OLAITAN IGBOKOY



A new item, appropriating \$15,000 for training pastors who can minister to the deaf through sign language, appears in the budget of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.

Thomasville District To Hold Vocational Guidance Conference

The fifth annual Thomasville District Vocational Guidance Conference will be held Sunday, February 26, at First Methodist Church, Lexington. The conference, sponsored jointly by the Western North Carolina Conference Commission on Christian Vocations and the Thomasville District Methodist Youth Fellowship, will be for high school juniors and seniors, and adult workers with youth.

The conference will begin at 2:30 p.m., with the opening devotions to be led by Miss Beverly Melson, an officer of the Western North Carolina Conference Senior MYF. Following a period of orientation led by the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, Thomasville District director of Christian Vocations, ten interest groups will meet. Each young person attending will have an opportunity to attend two of these vocational interest groups during the afternoon. In each group a qualified representative of that vocation will lead the youth in a discussion of the opportunities, qualifications, and preparation necessary to enter that field.

The interest groups and their leaders are: (1) Church-Related Vocations, the Rev. and Mrs. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., Thomasville; (2) Teaching, Gilliam Anderson, public school teacher, Thomasville; (3) Business and Industry, the Rev. Rodney Brown, formerly in the business field and now associate pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville; (4) Medicine, Dr. Robert T. Chambers, Thomasville physician; (5) Nursing, Mrs. Nell Matney and Miss Frances Cranford, both on the staff of City Memorial Hospital, Thomasville; (6) Law and Government, Charles Lambeth, Jr., Thomasville attorney; (7) Secretarial, Miss Jewell Everhart, secretary, Thomasville; (8) Engineering, Richard H. Moore, engineer, Asheboro; (9) Public Service Vocations, R. L. Shuford, Jr., Davidson County Manager, Lexington; and (10) Adult Workers with Youth, the Rev. Paul Berrier, Thomasville District director of Youth Work, Thomasville.

The conference will conclude with a service of worship at 4:45 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Pyatt will preside, and the Rev. Philip Shore, Jr., pastor of the host church, will speak. The Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District, also will participate in this closing service.

Duke Gets \$50,000 From Allen Estate

Durham—A bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of the late George Garland Allen of New York City, chairman of the board of the Duke Endowment until his death last October 10, has been received by Duke University.

According to the terms of Allen's will, the funds will be invested and the net income used for scholarships.

The bequest brings to over \$100,000 the amount provided by Allen for scholarships. With another gift, he established the George G. Allen Scholarship Fund in 1947.

A member of both the University's board of trustees and its executive committee, Allen, throughout his lifetime showed a deep interest in the school.

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Provides Scholarships



Former President and Mrs. Eisenhower chat with Crusade Scholar Raj Kumar Michael of India, and his wife, in Denver, Colo.

Methodism's Crusade Scholarship program will be supported this year for the first time by gifts received from observance of the "One Great Hour of Sharing."

Since 1946, 1,131 scholars have been studying in the United States from 55 countries and in 116 schools.

The program continues. It will be expanded if funds permit. Money collected for Crusade Scholars will be used to pay for their travel, tuition, living costs, textbooks, medical and emergency expenses, and a small allowance.

Scholars must have a recommendation from a Methodist Crusade committee in their own country before a committee in the United States can consider them. Their study in the United States is meant to prepare them for service in their homelands. While in this country, they will study at

Methodist colleges when the specific training desired is offered.

For the school year ending June 1960, 110 Scholars from 23 countries were enrolled in 34 schools and five hospitals in the United States. During the 14 years of the program, the Scholars have studied in 67 different fields of specialization. A few of these are the ministry, education, medicine, agriculture, psychology, chemistry, journalism, religious education, music and social work.

When Crusade Scholars return to their homes, they take their places beside missionary colleagues or serve their countries as leaders in the various professions which contribute to the welfare of their people.

Methodists in the United States are asked to contribute to "One Great Hour of Sharing" and thus to Crusade Scholars.

New Resource For Young Adults

Young Adults-Young Churchmen is a new resource booklet designed to challenge young adults to take seriously the demands of Christian faith. Written by the Rev. Allen J. Moore of the Department of Christian Education of Adults, Methodist Board of Education, the leaflet suggests steps for starting a young adult group in the local church, with recommendations to help build an effective program for young adults.

Listed are suggestions and resources in areas of study, worship, evangelism, missions, social concerns, recreation and creative arts, marriage and family life, and leadership.

Young Adults-Young Churchmen (4110-B) may be ordered free from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Convocation On Concerns

Washington, D. C.—A call has been issued for each of the 100 annual conferences in the U. S. to send 10 delegates to the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns, to be held at Mt. Vernon Place Church here April 24-28.

The program of the newly-organized Board of Christian Social Concerns will be formally launched, and bishops will lead in presenting the phase of the quadrennial program involving the thrust of the church in vital social issues now inviting Christian solutions.

All boards and agencies of the church have been invited to participate. More than 1,200 delegates are expected.

The call is signed by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa, president of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, head of the former Board of Social and Economic Relations.

Raleigh District Conference Is Held At Garner

After being postponed twice on account of the weather conditions, the Raleigh District Conference was held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12, in the Methodist Church at Garner. It was convened at 2:00 p.m., by the district superintendent, Rev. Graham S. Eubank. Dr. Gunter Sommer, professor at Louisburg College, conducted the devotions. Rev. G. R. McKenzie was moderator of a panel of twelve ministers and laymen representing the various causes of the church. Dr. Allen Brantley, executive director of the Commission on Higher Education, reported that around \$2,000,000 had been paid on the \$5,000,000 goal for N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, Methodist College at Fayetteville, and Louisburg College at Louisburg. He stated that on Feb. 26 a church conference on education will be held in each of the more than 900 churches. Rev. N. W. Grant of Raleigh reported that the potential for growth is great in the Raleigh District. Three new churches are needed immediately at Cary, Garner, and Henderson. Membership in the district grew 9 percent during the 1956-1960 quadrennium. Statistics show the Raleigh, Wilmington, and Durham Districts to be the fastest growing areas in eastern North Carolina Methodism. For the first six months of the year 905 new members have been received into the 93 churches of Wake, Vance, Franklin, Warren, and Harnett Counties. Church school enrollment has increased 625.

Benevolences raised amounted to \$128,912. Amount spent on buildings and local expenses came to \$298,503. A total of \$146,172 was raised for indebtedness. Total salaries paid the 63 ministers came to \$132,593.

Raleigh District Methodists have given a total of \$298,320 to the cause of Christian Higher Education during the past two years.

In other reports the superintendent of the Methodist Home for Children reported a total of 144 children in the Raleigh Home. The Rev. Robert L. Nicks reported that ground was broken last week for two new cottages at the Home. He also said construction of a new chapel on the campus, located near Needham Broughton, would begin soon.

The need for additional ministers was brought to the attention of the delegates by the Rev. Troy J. Barrett of Warrenton.

The delegates accepted the recommendation of the Board of Ministerial Training and granted local preacher's license to John M. Dorsey of New Bern, a junior at Pfeiffer College; George William Campbell, a senior at Coats High School, and Jack Marley, of Angier. In a service of consecration by the district superintendent, the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, the young ministers were given their license to preach.

Recommended to the Conference Board of Ministerial Training as approved supply pastors were the Revs. M. S. Amspacher, J. E. Wood, L. H. Morgan, D. F. Funderburk, W. D. Moore, L. E. Keeney, I. B. Sparrow, B. H. Wilson, III, C. W. Courtoy, and L. R. Frierson.

The following persons were recommended for the renewal of their local preacher's license: Arthur J. Wilson, III, Robert D.

Did God Forget?

God gave us ears, and sounds to hear.
He gave us eyes, and scenes to view.
He gave us taste, and flavored foods.
He gave us feet, and space in which to move.

He gave us love, and those to love
He gave us compassion, and the chance to serve.

He gave us minds, and fields for study.
He gave desire for life—Eternal Life.

Did He forget?

—C. J. SCOTT

Mustain, Wallace G. Johnson, Henry T. Hicks, III, Joseph L. Ferguson, Frazier McL. Edwards, Jack M. Benfield, Robert T. Bedle, and M. S. Amspacher.

The Conference voted to have the 1962 District Conference at Spring Hill Methodist Church in Harnett County.

Governor Terry Sanford brought the closing message of the conference, and challenged the ministers and laymen to be "willing to sacrifice as did the people in early Methodism. The path wherein we sit hasn't been an easy one. John Wesley saw a need. The Church of England was not serving its mission. A great nation was decaying. And when the Church of England closed its doors to him, he took his message beyond the church to the people. Wesley was willing to sacrifice, to be a Christian worthy of the name."

Mr. Sanford encouraged the delegates to "allow their Christian concern to spill over beyond the Church."

"We have a Christian influence in the General Assembly," he emphasized, "but we also need Christian influence backing the General Assembly."

Church Vocations Workshop In Winston-Salem District

The program for the Winston-Salem District Church Vocations Workshops with senior youth will be held at Centenary Church, February 26, 2:30 p.m.

Following is the program:

2:30, Worship service in Memorial Chapel, the Rev. Henry Justice, speaker.

3:00-5:00, Workshops on the following three areas:

"Go . . . Preach"

Workshop on the Christian Ministry.

The Rev. Tom Stockton: "The Call and Response to the Ministry."

The Rev. J. Clyde Auman: "Becoming a Local Preacher."

The Rev. Douglas Corriher: "Preparation for the Ministry."

The Rev. Aubert Smith: "The Work of the Minister in the Local Church."

The Rev. George Thompson, Coordinator.

"Go . . . Teach"

Workshop on Christian Education.

Mr. Charles Vaughn: "The Need and the Call."

*Mrs. Richard Hanner: "Preparation for Directors of Christian Education."

Miss Turnipseed: "The Work of the Director in the Local Church."

(*Coordinator)

"Go . . . Into All the World"

Workshop on Christian Missions.

Dr. Horace McSwain: "Why Missionaries?"

Dr. Charles W. Clay: "The Call and Work of a Missionary."

Mr. Charles Hole: "Short-Term Missionary."

Rev. Earle Haire, Coordinator.



LAY RALLY PRINCIPALS—The five men above were principal program participants in the lay rally for the Durham District, one of the 10 held this year throughout the Conference. Left to right, are: J. Nelson Gibson of Gibson, full-time Conference Lay Leader; Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham District Superintendent; Bishop Paul Neff Garber; R. H. "Red" Bond of Dyersburg, Tenn., Memphis Conference Lay Leader and principal speaker for the rallies; and James T. Patrick, Durham District Lay Leader. Bishop Garber, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Gibson, shown above, took part in each of the ten rallies. Replacing Mr. Barclift and Mr. Patrick in the above picture would be the district superintendent and district lay leader of each of the districts.

—Photo Courtesy of "Durham Sun."

Smithfield Subdistrict Plans Visitation Campaign

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism, met with pastors of the Smithfield Subdistrict at Griffin's Barbecue in Goldsboro on Monday, February 6, to help them plan their Visitation Evangelism Campaign, to be conducted March 16, 17, and 18. Each pastoral charge is planning to have four or five teams to meet each evening at 6:00 o'clock for instruction and visitation. The teams will visit from 7:10 to 9:30 each evening, at which time they will make their reports to their home pastor.

The following ministers were present: Rev. Sam Wood, Johnston Charge; Rev. John Blue, Princeton; Rev. John D. Mitchell, Pine Level; Rev. Charles Mercer, Centenary, Smithfield; Rev. W. R. Crowder, Edgerton Memorial, Selma; and Rev. Earl Edwards, Four Oaks.

Rev. W. R. Crowder is chairman of the Subdistrict. Rev. Sam Wood was elected publicity chairman, and Rev. Charles Mercer, materials chairman.

In the weeks between now and March 16, each pastor will give his workers basic training in the beliefs of a Methodist, motives for evangelism, history and organization of The Methodist Church, and deepening prayer life. These pastors will use lectures prepared by the Conference Board of Evangelism in doing this basic training.

Dr. Harry C. Spencer Commission Chairman

The Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer of Nashville, Tenn., was recently elected chairman of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. The action was taken at the annual meeting of the Commission in session in New York. He will serve for a two-year term.

Dr. Spencer is general secretary of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission with headquarters in Nashville. He succeeds Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel of Washington, D. C., prominent churchwoman and past president of United Church Women.

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'Conformity And Apathy' Scored On TV Network

A 12-week blast at American "conformity and apathy" is being sounded in a series of dramas on the NBC-TV network's "Frontiers of Faith" which began Sunday, Feb. 5 (1:30 p.m., EST).

First play was "Rebirth," by John W. Bloch, which had a two-minute documentary spot with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. Subsequent dramas will be the "Circle of Decision," by Bernard Reines, Feb. 12; "The Bitter Cup," by Louis E. Lomax, Feb. 19; "The Guilty One," by Ben Kagan, Feb. 26; "Three Gentlemen from Africa," by Louis E. Lomax, March 5; "A Lovely Day for Peace," by Lester S. Becker, March 12; "Adam in Wonderland—A Revue," by Bernard Reines, March 19; "No Skin Off My Nose," by John W. Bloch, March 26.

Also, an Easter program tentatively titled "Meet Me In Galilee" by Sydney Lanier and Robert Blackburn, April 2; an as yet untitled show on home missions by Virginia Mazer, April 9; a show on foreign missions, April 16, and a summing-up April 23.

Doris Ann, manager of religious programs for NBC-TV, will be executive producer. Gunn will be producer for the National Council of Churches.

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TO CHARLES CLAYTON CAUDILL

(from his father)

To one who stands for all that I have loved
And serves the Master humbly day by day;
Who labors for those things which lead
above
And tangles not with that which doth betray.

To one whose life is loyal thus to God
In loving, loyal service to his Friend;
Whose works shall not perish beneath the
sod,
But live where love and beauty has no end.

To one who holds the heights of my esteem,
As on he goes in service through the years;
I pray that he may lovingly redeem
His fellow man from darkness, sin and fears.

To you, my son, I give this as my will,
That Christ, His love in you may thus fulfill.

—RUSSELL H. CAUDILL
Written Nov. 3, 1953.

(This sonnet was written to Charles C. Caudill while he was serving as chaplain at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is now Captain Charles C. Caudill, serving on the Island of Crete in the Mediterranean.)

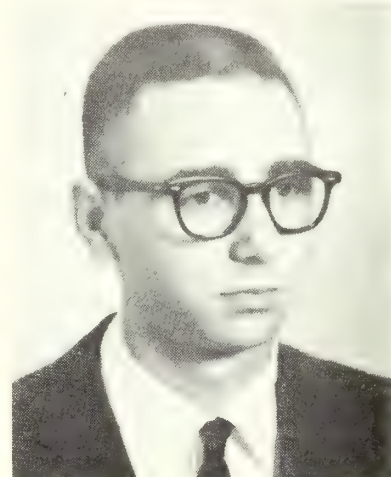
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CL SALISBURY DISTRICT will hold a district-wide conference on Christian Education next Sunday, February 26, at 2:30 p.m., at Trinity Church, Kannapolis. This is to help workers with kindergarten, primary, and junior children for vacation schools; junior high and senior and older youth workers; to help adult officers and teachers; for directors of vacation church schools, and junior day camping, superintendents of junior departments, children's division, secretary of children's workers in the WSCS.

Smithfield Youth To Go On European Travel Seminar

Harold Lee Ogburn, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Ogburn of Route 1, Smithfield, has been selected to participate in the 1961 National Methodist Youth Fellowship European Travel Seminar. The seminar is limited to 20 Methodist youths from the United States who will be American youth delegates to the World Methodist Conference which meets in Oslo, Norway, August 15-25.

The seminar will combine sightseeing with vital contacts with church and government leaders and institutions in England and Western Europe, as well as study and fellowship with youth groups in the countries visited. The four-week itinerary that precedes the World Methodist Conference begins with an orientation period in New



HAROLD LEE OGBURN

York City under the direction of the seminar counselors, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Bell. Dr. Bell is director of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church. The seminar will undertake a serious study of the life and mission of the church as it relates to all of life, with field work, study, and evaluation periods in London, Stratford-On-Avon, Amsterdam, Paris, Geneva, Zurich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Oslo. Also included is a four-day retreat with a group of Swedish young people.

Harold's pastor, the Rev. C. H. Mercer, states that he is very proud that American youth, and more specifically, American Methodist youth, can be represented on the international level by a young man from Smithfield. Harold is a senior in Smithfield High School. He is senior class treasurer, a member of the Fine Arts Club, was selected as the most ambitious boy in his class, and plays clarinet in the high school band. His most interesting hobby is the operation of his ham radio station.

Harold is a loyal and dependable young churchman. He is a member of Centenary Methodist Church of Smithfield, chairman of Christian Citizenship in the Senior MYF, treasurer of his Sunday school class, and a member of the Youth Choir. He attended the Annual Conference Session of the MYF at Duke University last August. He plans to enter N. C. State College in September to study engineering.

They've Been Elected To Important Positions

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, who served 31 years as pastor of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., has been re-elected chaplain of the U. S. Senate.

A native of Arkansas who served as an Army chaplain in Europe during World War II has been named to the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C. The Rev. Rodney Shaw of Oconomowoc, Wis., midwest director of United World Federalists since 1954, will be projects director of the board's Division of Peace and World Order. He begins his new duties March 1.

Chancellor William P. Tolley of Syracuse (N. Y.) University has been elected president of the University Senate of The Methodist Church.

Charles N. Sorenson, a Des Moines, Iowa layman, has been named to the staff of the Section on Stewardship and Finance of the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago. He will begin his new work March 1 after seven years with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

Dr. Carl C. Bracy, president of Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, has been elected president of the National Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges.

Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., has been designated by the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops to serve as its president until the spring meeting. He fills the office held by the late Bishop Bachman G. Hodge of Birmingham, Ala.

Lee A. Ranck, Washington Area director of Methodist Information, will be the new managing editor of publications for the Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C. He was in editorial work with the former Board of Temperance before taking his present post. His work will include editing the semi-monthly *Concern*.

Dr. Arland F. Christ-Janer, vice-president of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., has been named the 10th president of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He succeeds Dr. Russell D. Cole, who retired November 30 and has been named president emeritus.

Daniels Memorial Improves Church And Parsonage

Several improvements have been made at the church and parsonage of the Daniels Memorial Methodist Church, Goldsboro, with the Harvest Day offering of \$1,960 received last October. A new forced-air furnace for the parsonage is the latest improvement, replacing a small, inadequate floor furnace.

Other improvements include a new mimeograph machine, typewriter, and floor polisher for the church, as well as attic insulation at the parsonage and new metal railing for the carport, and kitchen improvements.

The Methodist Men of Daniels are sponsoring a mercury vapor area light for the church parking lot for a period of two years, and are planning to provide cooling for the sanctuary by summer. Rev. A. F. McClung is pastor.

Book Reviews

The Bible Word Book, by Ronald Bridges and Luther A. Weigle. Thomas Nelson and Sons, New York. 422 pages. Price \$5.00.

The person who has "fallen in love with words" will never be lonely, and has insured for himself or herself an unfailing source of wisdom which will increase throughout life. In **The Bible Word Book** we have 827 articles dealing with words in the King James Version, which have changed greatly in meaning since this translation was made in 1611.

In every one of these articles, the authors share with us the wisdom garnered in a lifetime in the field of teaching, enabling us to grasp readily the transition in the meaning of obsolete or archaic words, either with or without the aid of the more recent translations. It will be especially valuable to users of the Revised Standard Version since it shows what words are replaced in that Version, thereby making the transition much more understandable to the average reader. "Other modern versions are cited." There are many valuable quotations from literature, especially from Shakespeare, by way of illustration. All these features enhance the value of this fine book. Students of the English language as well as Bible students will find here a source of delightful and very valuable information. It would be hard to find a better "bedside book." A book to be read and re-read. If you are giving books, this one will be cherished and used for years to come.—V. T. Crawford.

Hands

With knife and fork and spoon I serve
My meals, some hot, some cold
Because my fingers nimble are
And do what they are told.

I wash and iron and cook and sew;
I write or type a letter
Because my fingers serve me well
By working all together.

I play the flute and organ, too,
For music gives me pleasure;
I hold the book and turn the leaves
In search for gems I treasure.

Our hands so wonderfully made!
No finger like another;
And yet, when called to do a job
Oh how they work together!

Their fine example surely proves
What full cooperation does.
In every avenue of life
The hand obeys the heart it serves.

If heart is evil then bad the hand.
In this there's no dispute.
If heart is good the hand is grand
Producing much good fruit.

For my two hands I thank Thee, Lord.
I will that they may work for Thee;
With Thy will be in sweet accord
Both now and through eternity.

—LENA H. THACKER

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After all a converted sinner is a person who at one time was a socially maladjusted person. Never under-rate the power of religion in dealing with the socially maladjusted.—DR. HAROLD M. WILLIAMS.

Evangelism In Jails And Prisons

Several weeks ago, an article appeared in the *ADVOCATE* calling attention to the evangelistic work which should be done in jails and prisons. The following letter was received by Rev. C. Freeman Heath, which shows two things: Folks are reading the *ADVOCATE*, and many churches are carrying on the work in the jails in their communities. The letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Heath:

I was interested in last week's *ADVOCATE* to learn of plans to evangelize in jails and prisons.

The Men's Club of West Nash Church in Wilson has held and is holding a service in the Wilson County Jail on the fourth Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Our pastor, Rev. L. P. Jackson, and our two lay speakers, Leon Taylor and myself, and sometimes a visitor speak. Rassie Williams is the chairman of the committee, and it is church-wide in scope, as sometimes ladies attend and take part.

I understand First Church Men's Fellowship Class has a similar service each third Sunday. L. P. Boone is the chairman of it at First Church, Wilson.

Rev. L. P. Jackson, West Nash pastor, is at 908 Corbett Avenue, and the church is on West Nash Street Extension. I am president of the Men's Club, and Rassie Williams is on 104 Pitman Drive, Wilson, N. C.

I am glad to furnish this information.

KERMIT O. CONNELL

Need To Keep Giving

Lakeland, Fla.—Florida Methodists have been urged to continue their financial support of the church's work in Cuba regardless of the "political weather."

In a pastoral letter to 550 churches, Bishop James W. Henley of Jacksonville said "Our Methodist brethren in Cuba are hard pressed to maintain their Christian witness . . . what a compounding of their burdens if we desert them, regardless of the political weather or any other factor."

Bishop Henley explained that one reason for the letter was to quiet rumors that mission funds are not getting through to Cuban Methodists since the U. S. broke off diplomatic relations with Cuba. "This rumor is false and without foundation," he said, stressing that the Board of Missions is still distributing the funds for Cuba "regularly and as intended."

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☛ **ST. MARKS CHURCH**, Belmont, is this week engaged in revival services which will run through Friday evening. Services are held each evening at 7:30, with Rev. Gilbert Miller, pastor of Park Street Church, doing the preaching. Cottage prayer services have been held in preparation for the meeting. Rev. W. R. Doser is pastor.

☛ **AN INFORMAL** fellowship of Methodist Christians concerned about social issues will meet at Duke University, in Room 201 of the Flowers Building on Thursday, Feb. 23 (today), beginning at 10:30 a.m. As a part of the program, Rev. Ralph Fleming, Jr., will review a new book on the subject of free pulpits.

High Point College Endowment And Development

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, announced this week the initiation of several new plans of aid and financial assistance to the college through its Department of Endowment and Development. A brochure giving detailed information on these programs has been sent throughout the state as a form of introduction to these programs.

This brochure describes ways to help a person make his desire to assist the college of his choice a reality. High Point College has developed a program for counseling persons in matters relating to legal and financial problems connected with their estate pertaining to gifts to schools. These programs provide benefits to the donor and at the same time to the college. Through the inauguration of these programs, High Point College furthers its desire not only to educate the young, but to also be of service to others as well.

The programs are as follows:

Giving of Principal with Retained Life Income.

Income from Specific Property Plan—This plan provides for you, the donor, to give specific income-producing securities or properties to the college the dividends from which are paid to you or someone designated by you for life. When those with a life interest are no longer living, these securities or other properties will be available to High Point College for a perpetual memorial created by you.

Giving Specific Property Subject to Use for Life.

Giving Outright from Income or from Capital—Outright gifts from Current Income: This is an outright gift to the college. *A Gift of Property that has Increased in Value:* Property of this type given to the college benefits the donor in two ways: (1) the donor receives certain deductions on the full market value, and (2) avoids gains that would have to be paid if the property were sold. *Property which is Valuable But Not Readily Salable:* By giving this property to the college your estate is not subject later to financial responsibility for such property.

Giving by Will—Remembering the college in your will.

High Point College desires to assist you in your desire to aid the college of your choice. The college will be happy to provide further information on these new college assistance plans and welcomes your inquiries.

Makes First Report

Chicago—Receipts for World Service for the past seven months (June through December, 1960) were 14.66 per cent ahead of the same period last year. Several other general funds showed marked gains. Four showed a loss.

In his first report as the new general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke paid tribute to his predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, who retired December 31. Dr. Cooke is a member of the Florida Conference, where he served several pastorates and as district superintendent.

Materials Available For National Family Week

New materials are available to help churches plan for the observance of National Family Week May 7-14. The Methodist theme this year is "The Family's Ministry in God's World."

It is hoped that during National Family Week, local churches, adult classes, and youth groups will take a look at family life in their churches and communities and see what can be done to strengthen family living.

The Methodist Church is one of thirty-five major Protestant denominations which observe this week. Plans are made through the National Council of Churches Committee on Family Life and carried out through the various denominations.

The Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education announces these materials now available:

Family Week Posters, 10 cents each, three for 25 cents.

The Family's Ministry in God's World (3034-C), 12 for 20 cents, 100 for \$1.00.

Our Family Stewardship Card (3033-C), 12 for 20 cents, 100 for \$1.00.

The Earth Is the Lord's (Children's Day program) (191-61-C), 15 cents each, two for 25 cents, ten for \$1.00.

Plans for National Family Week (3005-B), single copies free.

These materials may be ordered from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Brother And Sister Get Honor At Louisburg

Carolyn Joyce Wynn and Gerald Martin Wynn, of Henderson, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wynn, are included in the list of students who received honorable mention for academic work done at Louisburg College for the first semester, according to a report released by Dean John B. York. A student must maintain an academic point average of between 2.00 and 2.99 to be included on this list.

Carolyn, a second year student, is enrolled in the liberal arts curriculum and plans to go into full-time church work. Gerald, a first year student, is enrolled in the pre-engineering curriculum.

Hymnal Revision Committee At Work

The Hymnal Revision Committee of the Commission on Worship of The Methodist Church is carrying out the directive of the 1960 General Conference to revise the church's Hymnal during this quadrennium.

The committee is receiving manuscripts of new hymn texts and tunes. Manuscripts should be addressed to the Methodist Hymnal Revision Committee, the Reverend Carlton R. Young, editor, The Methodist Publishing House, 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

All manuscripts will be acknowledged, but none will be returned unless accompanied by return postage.

Bishop Harmon Leads Church In Cornerstone Ceremony



On Sunday, February 5th, after delivering the sermon at 11:00 o'clock, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon led the Jonesville Methodist congregation in the rites of the cornerstone-laying service, and then laid the cornerstone. He was assisted by Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, of the Winston-Salem District; Dr. Garland Stafford, of the North Wilkesboro District; W. H. Dyar, the pastor; Dr. Joe

Hiatt, and Mr. R. G. Boles, chairman of the Building Committee of Jonesville Church. Jonesville Church was removed from the Winston-Salem District when the re-districting was done at the last Annual Conference. Consequently, during the building program of the new church, it had been partly supervised by both the above superintendents.

Conference-Wide Conferences To Be Held In Every Church Sunday, Feb. 26

By DALLAS MALLISON



A Student Interest Group at Work, Methodist College, Fayetteville



One of the New Dormitories at Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount

For the purpose of reviewing the present status of the North Carolina Conference program to aid its colleges, and especially its two new ones, a conference-wide church conference is to be held in every church in the conference on Sunday, February 26, it is announced by Dr. A. P. Brantley, executive director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education.

Dr. Brantley said that the conference-wide simultaneous event is planned to take place immediately following the morning worship hour in each church. Each individual church conference will be presided over by the local pastor who that morning during the regular worship period will preach on Christian Higher Education.

At the start of the church conference the local official board chairman will briefly review the capital funds pledges made by the local church, the amounts that have been paid to date on these pledges, and the balances still due. Both the pastor and the chairman will stress the urgent need of completing payments on the pledges with the utmost speed. Each local church is being urged to make adequate plans to insure the early payment of unpaid pledges.

Other Opportunities

Dr. Brantley pointed out other opportunities which will be afforded by the individual church conferences. Those who did not make contributions or pledges during the initial capital funds campaign will be given a fresh chance to do so. Some of those who did may be able now to increase their contributions or pledges. Those who met their pledges for only the first year will now be encouraged to resume or complete their payments.

He also referred to the thousands of members who have moved into the local church community during the past two years or those who have become members of the church during this time.

An Urgent Necessity

The two new colleges at Rocky Mount and Fayetteville—N. C. Wesleyan and Methodist Colleges—have been forced to borrow money to continue their construction programs, the director said. This has been made necessary in order that the colleges be ready this September for a second class of freshmen while taking care of a new sophomore class. Methodist College

has a total of 132 students enrolled in its first year class and N. C. Wesleyan has 90 freshmen, Dr. Brantley said. Both new institutions opened last September for beginning college students. They plan to add the sophomore year this fall. Louisburg College has a record enrollment of around 500.

Concerning the overall campaign for the entire period Dr. Brantley released some interesting and revealing figures.

He said that a total of \$3,572,886.97, or about 72 percent of the original goal of \$5,000,000 was pledged two years ago. As of January 24 a total of \$1,873,439.53, or about 52 percent of the total amount pledged had been collected.

Indicating how payments have been lagging during 1960 or the second collection year, a total of \$1,120,073.51 or 31.4 of the total amount pledged was collected during the first 11 months of the collection period or up to December 1, 1959. Thus, during the succeeding nearly 13 months (from December 1, 1959 to January 24, 1961) about 21 percent was collected as compared with over 31 percent for the first 11 months.

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Forgive Them, Father

Forgive them, Father, they who caused
The death of Thy dear Son . . .
They, who smote and crucified
Knew not what they had done.

Forgive them, Father, they who cause
The death of other sons . . .
They with blood of countless
Claim freedom to be won.

Forgive us, too, dear Father
For the errors we have made . . .
That within our weaker moments
Thy loving care did trade.

Within all hearts let there not be
Room for hate or scorn,
Just the joy of living
On this newest Easter morn!

—ADELAIDE D. WUNDERLICH

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

Strong church. New building needed for years. Much discussion. Little action. Many members impatient. Some tension. Many failures to reach decision. Ministers came and ministers went.

Climax: New minister who sensed the situation told officials, "If you want to do something about the building I will back you 100 percent; if you just want to sit down and do nothing, I am the best sitter you ever saw. But let's *decide* one way or the other and let the vote be final."

Leading for the affirmative were numbers of substantial, influential young adults plus a few progressive older members. The vote? Majority approved.

A thorough-going, systematic, well-organized financial crusade resulted in securing more than 100 percent of the estimated need.

Moral: Any church can do anything that ought to be done.

Board of Education to Conduct Five Seminars

The Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference will conduct five Area Consultation Seminars on Church School Buildings and Equipment March 3-17, 1961, according to Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary. The resource leader for these seminars will be Dr. Glenn S. Gothard, staff member, Department of General Church School Work, General Board of Education, The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

The purpose of these seminars is to help pastors, members of local church building committees, official boards, and commissions on education, church school officers and teachers, and architects to:

1. Understand the program of Christian education and recommended methods of teaching in Methodist church schools.
2. Show how method and program relate to building and equipment.
3. Discover basic steps in the planning of educational facilities.
4. Review preliminary drawings of educational buildings.
5. Understand consultation services available to local churches.

Dr. Gothard is perhaps the best qualified person in The Methodist Church to give help and guidance in this area. He was born on an Illinois farm, educated at DeKalb Teachers College, Northwestern University School of Education and Garrett Biblical Institute, taught in a one-room rural school, directed the rural group ministry of the North-East Ohio Conference, served as pastor of Wesley Foundation Parish at Urbana, Illinois, and of Kempton-Campus Methodist Churches, Bloomington, Illinois. Since 1955 he has been a staff member of the General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn., with responsibility for building and equipping for Christian education. In this capacity he has traveled throughout the United States, conducted numerous workshops, met with local church leaders and directed the consultation service of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

The schedule of these area seminars is as follows:

Monday, March 13, 3:00 p.m.—Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham.

Tuesday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.—Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

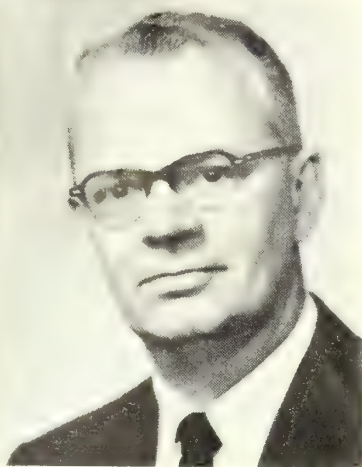
Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 a.m.—Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington.

Thursday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.—Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern.

Friday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.—First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

Dr. Gothard will also speak at a joint meeting of the Bishop's Committee on Church Architecture of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences at Duke University, Durham, on Monday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Local churches are invited to bring preliminary sketches of proposed new or renovated educational buildings for review and study by Dr. Gothard. Churches desiring a special period of consultation with reference to their educational needs or to consider preliminary drawings in connection with these seminars should contact Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary, Board of



DR. GLENN S. GOTHARD

Education, North Carolina Conference, P. O. Box 6667, College Station, Durham.

These seminars provide a marvelous opportunity for local church leaders to obtain the basic information needed in planning adequate educational facilities. Every church now in the process of building or remodeling or contemplating doing so within the next ten years, should be represented at one of these consultation seminars.

Leaflets and Booklets On Christian Education

The annual catalog of *Leaflets and Booklets on Christian Education in the Local Church* (542-B) is ready for distribution to local churches.

Materials listed in "542-B" are intended to give practical guidance to all persons engaged in the program of Christian teaching in local Methodist churches. Included are leaflets, booklets, manuals, and audio-visuals produced by the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

The catalog may be obtained without cost by writing to the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Out of Congo Again

New York—For the second time in seven months, all Methodist missionaries have been evacuated from the seven stations of the Central Congo Annual Conference, in northern Kasai and Kivu provinces.

Word of the evacuation of the 30 missionaries to Usumbura in Ruanda-Urundi recently was reported by the Board of Missions. The second evacuation came within a few days after an announcement by Bishop Richard C. Raines of Indianapolis, Ind., board president, and Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Elisabethville Area that 26 missionaries had returned to the Congo in the last month.

Missionaries are still at work at all Southern Congo stations. In mid-July last year all Methodist missionaries were evacuated from the Central Congo and all but seven from the Southern Congo.

Bishop Booth, due to return to the Congo within a month, said the Christian program is in the hands of able African church leaders.

Joint Missionary Rally To Be Held February 25-26

A missionary rally is being planned by five neighboring Methodist churches, including Calvary in Greensboro; Moriah and Tabernacle, both south of Greensboro on Liberty Road; Bethlehem in Climax, and Pleasant Garden in Pleasant Garden. The Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is chairman of the Planning Committee and Mrs. Clyde Wilkerson, secretary, are from Tabernacle Church.

Dates for the rally are February 25-26 with the program beginning with a banquet at Pleasant Garden Saturday evening. Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, who is secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, will be the featured speaker for this occasion.

On Sunday morning at 7:30 breakfast will be served at Moriah Church. It is hoped that Hi Ting Ping, a native of Borneo, who is studying at Greensboro College, will be breakfast speaker. A visiting missionary will be assigned to each of the participating churches to speak at the morning services.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Sundaram have accepted an invitation to be present. Dr. Sundaram is a medical doctor returned from India who is now studying at Duke University.

Persons wishing to attend the banquet may secure tickets from their respective churches. The meal will be prepared and served by the Pleasant Garden Wesleyan Service Guild while Bethlehem will do the decorating.

The Planning Committee is composed of the pastor and at least two others from each congregation. The pastors are the Revs. J. J. Powell, Calvary; Harold Schram, Moriah; H. L. Blackwelder, Tabernacle; J. R. Duncan, Bethlehem; and Paul Bruton, Pleasant Garden.

Do You Have An S. S. T. Degree?

Charles H. Spurgeon was once asked, "Mr. Spurgeon, do you have any degrees?" He replied, "The only degree I ever coveted was that of 'S.S.T.'—Sunday school teacher!" . . .

That many in our day have been reached but not "taught" is a fact that is sorely evident in many of our churches. Could it be that those whom God is calling have no sense of importance of earning the degree of S.S.T.? . . .

A soldier lay dying in a field hospital tent. "Have you a message for anyone?" the chaplain asked. "Yes," replied the dying soldier, "please write to Miss———, my Sunday school teacher. Tell her I died a Christian; that I never forgot her teaching." The chaplain did write, and a few weeks later received a letter in return. "God have mercy on me! Only last month I gave up my class. I felt that my teaching was doing no good and scarcely had I given up my task than I received your letter telling that God had used my teaching to lead a soul to Christ! I am going back to my pastor and tell him that I will try again in Christ's Name — that by His grace I will be a faithful Sunday school teacher."

—JEANETTE W. LOCKERBIE, in
The Sunday School Times



Woman's Activities



Mrs. Ward Thanks Women

By MARY GARDNER

The new nurses' home at Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital, La Paz, Bolivia, and a soon to be established girls' high school at Taipei, Taiwan, were recipients of the love offerings placed on the altar of Grace Methodist Church, Wilmington, during the Service of Holy Communion at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference WSCS last April.

Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, a former missionary to China, and one of the principal speakers at the annual meeting, sailed last July for Taiwan, where she is helping to establish the first girls' school in the Island. In a letter to the women of the N. C. Conference, dated last December 29, and expressing her appreciation for the \$1,438.99 from the Communion Service for the girls' school, Mrs. Ward writes, in part:

"My heart is deeply touched by the actual arrival of this money in Taiwan for I remember vividly the annual meeting at which time this splendid love offering was given at the time of the Communion Service. Hence this letter, to let you know our joy in receipt of this gift. It is being used for our girls' school equipment.

"The architect for our school died of a sudden heart attack about a month ago. Plans were not quite completed, so this has delayed our schedule somewhat. But now building operations will begin soon and the school will then be ready to open in September. When I returned to Taiwan in August we were in the process of securing land for the school. But plans had not been drawn up for the buildings. Each step takes time, but September 1961 is our scheduled opening date. Excitement runs high when we think of that date and all of its potential. Our Christian friends on the Island eagerly anticipate the opening of this Christian school. Many have indicated that they hope their daughters can be enrolled.

"The two T-3 girls who arrived this fall are studying Chinese for three months before starting out on other work. It is good to have youth in the WDCS home. Both are making fine adjustments in these months of orientation."

Fayetteville District Has New WSCS

The women of Little River Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District have recently organized into a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Officers of the conference's newer society include president, Mrs. George Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. B. W. Brookshire; recording secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Warner; secretary of promotion, Mrs. Joe Sneed; missionary education and service, Mrs. Colin Hoover; Christian social relations and spiritual life, Mrs. Robert Bowles;

Children's work and youth work, Miss Edna Sheppard; literature and publications, Mrs. J. P. Kearns; student work, Mrs. Robert Warner. All addresses are Route 3, Mount Gilead.

Little Rock Methodist Church is on the Mt. Gilead Circuit. The Rev. W. G. Pullen is the pastor.

Two District Committees Meet

The executive committee of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, in session at the First Methodist Church, Rockingham, on February 1, voted to contribute \$111.00 toward the burning of a World Bank Candle during the annual meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS to be held at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 11-13. This amount will uphold the work of a Woman's Division of Christian Service project for five minutes.

In other actions the committee voted to underwrite the expenses of the district secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. J. A. Waugh, to the 11th Annual Conference on World Affairs, scheduled to be held in Chapel Hill on March 9-11; also recommended an increase of \$50.00 in the district's pledge for 1961-62. The treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Gilbert, reported an increase in giving for the 1959-60 conference year.

Mrs. F. J. Duplissey, district secretary of spiritual life, led the group in opening and closing meditations. Mrs. H. R. Odom, district president, presided.

Mrs. J. A. Waugh, Mrs. M. W. Warren, Mrs. J. A. Richey, and Mrs. W. B. Easterling were hostesses to the committee at a luncheon. Mrs. J. V. Early, wife of the pastor of the host church, and Mrs. Barbara McLean were guests at the luncheon.

New Bern District

Officers of the New District WSCS met recently at the Trenton Methodist Church, with Mrs. Albert Venters, district president, presiding.

Dates of several ensuing meetings were announced, including the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, February 21-23; the annual meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS, Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 11-13; and the New Bern district meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, April 20. The five sub-district meetings will be held during April and May. The dates and places of meeting are Jacksonville subdistrict, April 25, at Swansboro; Greenville, April 27, Vanceboro; Kinston, May 2, Trenton; New Bern, May 4, Rhems; Morehead City, May 11, First Methodist Church, Morehead City.

Mrs. W. B. Rouse, secretary of spiritual life, told of plans for a district retreat to

be held at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, March 14-18, with Dr. John Biegeleisen, of Kansas City, Mo., as the leader. Dr. Biegeleisen is a Christian Jew with deep spiritual convictions. Born in an Orthodox Jewish home in Lodz, Poland, he began his studies to become acquainted with the content and spirit of the New Testament and the claim of Christ upon him. When forced to leave his home because of his conversion to Christianity, he went to Germany and studied at the University of Erlangen in Bavaria and Leipzig in Saxony.

On the eve of World War I, Dr. Biegeleisen came to the United States where he continued his higher education at Washington University and Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. Following ten years in the active ministry he returned to Eden as instructor of Old Testament Religion and New Testament Literature. Dr. Biegeleisen has authored two books, *Morning Dew*, and *Glimpses of Truth*.

Dr. Biegeleisen's journey from Judaism to Christianity, and his later life of dedication and devotion to the way of Christ make him a spiritual leader of great depth and understanding.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Winter Clothing Needed At Cherokee Center

There is an urgent need for warm winter clothing at the Cherokee Methodist Center—especially clothing for babies and children.

Word was recently received from the Center that there is a critical need for baby sweaters, coats, shoes, and other garments, and for children's shoes, coats, caps, dresses—in fact, everything and anything that one might wear to keep warm in winter.

The winter has been long—the ice and snow and bitter cold have been so hard on the families in the coves and mountains. Any garment that is wearable for warmth would be welcome at the Center.

There is a good supply of spring and summer clothing, but the need for winter clothing is *now*!

Boxes of clothes may be sent by motor express or mail to Cherokee, N. C., or by freight to Whittier, N. C.

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MRS. ARNOLD KIRK, Conf. Sec.,
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Wesleyan Service Guild Report

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference made contributions amounting to \$8,498 during its second quarter of work.

Miss Mary Bright, Conference treasurer of the Guild, published an itemized statement in a recent issue of the *Guild-O-Gram*, covering all departments of its work.

The largest contribution went to mission pledge, \$6,462, then \$857 for the Week of Prayer offering, and \$719 for cash for Supply Work. The amount given for salaries or missionaries during the second quarter was \$162, but this fund swells to a total of more than \$3,000 for the year.

The Charlotte District Wesleyan Service Guild stands at the top of the list with contributions amounting to \$1,223 and Winston-Salem next, with, \$1,065.

A new Methodist church is being organized in the Asheville District. It is to be located at Oteen on Highway 70, just across the road from the United States Veterans Hospital, eight miles east of Asheville.

Four acres of property have been purchased, the tract adjoining a new residential subdivision, where there are 170 new brick homes in the process of being built.

A meeting was held in Asheville on Monday, February 13th, at the Groce Methodist Church to work out plans to make a survey of the territory and start working for new church members. The Rev. Glenn Lackey of Statesville, secretary of Church Extension for the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke to the group of Methodist ministers and selected laymen working on the project.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, district superintendent, was in charge of the meeting. The district missionary society is sponsoring the project. Roy Cagle of Central Church, is president; Hugh Stevens of

Groce Church, secretary; and Gudger Cabe of Montmorenci Church, treasurer.

Carl Hyatt, district lay leader, also assisted. The Rev. Gordon Keeler and his congregation at the Azalea Methodist Church were helpful in finding available property. Judge Guy Weaver, district trustee, handled the legal transaction.

The Rev. Lackey spoke to the entire group of Methodist ministers and their lay delegates at a meeting held prior to the one about the Oteen church. There was a discussion of a general survey of the Asheville District to determine if there is a need for another new church to be established.

Has Not Missed Sunday School In 56 Years

Mr. Fred Driver of Kannapolis, a member of the Memorial Methodist Church of that city, was recognized recently by the church for his record of perfect attendance at Sunday school for 56 years without missing a Sunday. When Mr. Driver was to be out of town he would always attend a Sunday school class in some church.

Even though his wife, Mrs. Julia Mills Driver, has been in ill health for more than ten years and has spent many weeks in the



FRED DRIVER

hospital and confined to bed at home, always Mr. Driver would make arrangements for her care and he would be at his church.

Mr. Driver is 62 years of age, and timekeeper at the Cannon Mills. He has two daughters, Mrs. Bill Drum, a member of Gay's Chapel Methodist Church, and Mrs. Wade Allen, a member of Trinity, Kannapolis. The Drivers have three grandchildren.

Mr. Driver is also a member of the official board and assistant teacher of the Adult Sunday school class of his church.

The pastor, Rev. W. C. Crummett, says he is delighted to make this public recognition of one who loves his church as does Mr. Fred.

Dr. R. E. Goodrich, Jr., On Methodist Protestant Hour

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., minister of the Dallas, Texas, First Methodist Church, will be the speaker on the Methodist series of the Protestant Hour radio program beginning February 26.

The Protestant Hour is broadcast over a 375-station network each week and is dis-



DR. ROBERT E. GOODRICH, JR.

tributed to American military personnel throughout the world.

Emory University's Candler Choraliers and the Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, La., will provide the music for the ten week series.

This 16th annual Methodist series of the program will mark the Rev. Dr. Goodrich's third engagement as a speaker on the network. He is president of the South Central Jurisdictional Council and chairman of the Television, Radio, and Film Commission of the same jurisdiction.

The Texas minister's sermon topics and their broadcast dates are as follows: Feb. 26—"Who Cares?" March 5—"Hide It In Your Heart;" March 12—"The Cross in My Pocket;" March 19—"On the Other Side of Sorrow;" March 26—"Take Good Care of Friendship;" April 2—"I'll See You Again;" April 9—"How to Handle Your Load;" April 16—"What For?" April 23—"In the Middle of a Muddle;" and April 30—"How to Look for God."

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Three Cheers For Ray!

Harry M. Savacool

A group of boys were walking along the river bank on their way to Brick Pond to skate.

"Look, fellows," said Steve, "why should we walk a mile or more to the Brick Pond? Look at that beautiful ice on the river. Why don't we put on our skates and skate right here? The Brick Pond is small and always crowded with little kids, anyway."

"Oh, no, Jack," said Ray. "We've all been warned never to skate on the river, as it's dangerous. There's open water out there right now."

"Aw, come on, Ray, I'm sure it's safe," persisted Steve. "I've seen men fishing through the ice out there all the past week."

"So have I," added Jack.

"I'm in favor of skating here," echoed Skip.

"You can skate here if you want to, but I can't," said Ray quietly. "My father has told me never to skate on the river, and I think I should honor my father."

"There he goes again with some more of that Sunday school stuff," sneered Steve. "I'm sure glad I don't go to church all the time, and get ideas that take away all of my fun."

"I think he's just a sissy, anyway," said Jack with a giggle.

"Sunday school is all right on Sunday," chimed in Skip. "I go once on Sunday myself, but I don't expect to let it spoil my fun."

"Ray is a pretty good guy except when he gets off on religion," said Steve. "But Ray, you can't expect us to do only what your Sunday school teacher says."

"I'm proud that I go to church and that I'm a Christian," replied Ray with a smile. "I'll wait for you here on shore."

Quickly the three boys put on their skates and were soon gliding about on the ice. Ray stood quietly alone on the shore. As he shivered with cold and watched his pals zip back and forth, he was really tempted to join them.

"Dear God, help me," he prayed. "Help me to do what I know is right."

Suddenly he heard a shout, and saw to his horror that Steve had broken through the ice and was floundering in the water. Jack and Skip skated to where Ray stood, their faces white with fear.

"Get those skates off and follow me," shouted Ray.

Quickly he grasped a limb of a tree lying on the shore and dragged it out on

the ice. He hung on to one end and shoved the other out to Steve. Steve grabbed hold of it.

"Hang on to the limb and climb out on the ice," commanded Ray. But even though Steve tried again and again, the ice kept breaking off and he couldn't make it.

"I can't hold on much longer," said Steve. "My hands are too cold."

"You two hold on to this end of the limb and I'll help him," said Ray.

Grasping the limb he dropped into the icy water. His teeth chattered with the cold, but he hung on with one hand and grasped Steve's collar with the other. He tried to push Steve up on the ice, but the boy was too cold and weak to help himself. Ray was beginning to get numb with cold.

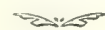
"O God, help me to hang on until help comes," he prayed.

Just then there was an encouraging shout, and down the bank came the firemen with a ladder. A woman had seen the accident from her kitchen window and had phoned the firemen for help. In a few minutes Steve and Ray were dragged out of the water and wrapped in blankets.

That evening the fire chief, accompanied by Jack and Skip, called on Ray, who was in bed at home. "Ray," said the fire chief, "you are the town's hero. These two boys have told everyone how you risked your life to save Steve."

"Yes," said Skip, "and Ray, Jack and I want you to know we are glad we had a Sunday school boy with us today. We know now that you are no sissy. And we want to go to Sunday school and church with you next Sunday."

From My Pleasure



So Busy!

He ruffles through his hymn book,
He fumbles with his tie,
He laces up his oxfords,
And overworks a sigh.
He goes through all his pockets
In never-ending search;
There's no one quite so busy
As a little boy in church.

—THELMA IRELAND



The First Commandment

Exodus 20:3

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

In the long-ago days when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to give to the people, there were those who

were worshiping many different gods. Some worshiped the sun, or the moon, or the sea, or even birds and animals. They either didn't know about the one true God, or they refused to recognize and worship Him because He didn't approve of their evil ways.

So God gave the people the first Commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." And this Commandment means the same today as it did then—that God is over all, and is the only one whom people should worship.

We don't worship the sun or the moon or the sea, but there are those, you know, who sometimes worship other people, or who put their love of money and fame and pleasure ahead of God. These are actually little gods which He says must not come between us and Him.



Chuckle

Mother: "Why don't you take your little sister fishing with you today?"

Junior: "No. The last time she tagged along I didn't catch a thing."

Mother: "I'm sure she'll be quiet this time."

Junior: "It wasn't that she made any noise. She just ate the bait."



Bible Quiz

Who Am I?

1. Once I took a missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas, until these two quarreled about me; then I went with Barnabas. _____
2. Before following Jesus, I used to be a customs officer near Capernaum. _____
3. Once I dreamed of a very long ladder extending up into heaven. _____
4. One day I slew my brother in a fit of jealousy. _____
5. My name is often coupled with that of John who was my brother. _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Solomon
2. Moses
3. John the Baptist
4. Luke
5. Judas



The road to the recovery of radiance requires moral and ethical integrity. We must do what we proclaim. We must take unpopular stands, participate in unpopular causes, challenge the materialism of our day by the quality of our life. We cannot say, "Father, save me from this hour, save us from nuclear war, but don't involve me in sacrifice and discipline."—BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES, Indianapolis.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 5

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Greensboro College

Head, Department of Religious Education

A TEST OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Background Scripture: John 13

Lesson Scripture: John 13:1-5, 12-17,
34-35

With this lesson we begin a unit of four sessions on the general theme "The Meaning of Christian Discipleship," the Scriptural basis of which are to be found in the Gospel of St. Luke, chapters 13-19.

As we read the suggested verses for this session we can easily see that the call to discipleship is a call to love. In other words, the call to Christian discipleship is an invitation, even a command, to make love the law of our lives. We are told that Jesus, "having loved his own which were in the world, loved them to the end." To enforce this lesson Jesus used one of the "enacted signs" which are already familiar to us from our previous lessons in this gospel. "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from the supper and girded himself with a towel . . . and began to wash the disciples' feet."

When we reflect upon this statement its amazing character grows upon us. "Knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands . . . he took a towel (the symbol of menial service) and began to perform a slave's work! Can the reader imagine such an act performed by the god of any other religion? Here, if anywhere in all religious literature, is the most nearly perfect portrayal of the divine completely identifying itself with human need. Jesus did for his disciples what they ought to have been doing for him. Is it not this way with us, too? We "save ourselves" when we ought to be spending ourselves in service to others. When Jesus at last was undergoing the throes of crucifixion the crowd at the foot of the cross jeered: "He saved others; himself he cannot save." They didn't know they were uttering a profound truth. Jesus could not "save himself" and perform the mission God intended him to perform. Neither can we.

Jesus said to his disciples in the upper room, "Do you understand the meaning of what I have done to you? (referring to the washing of the feet). "I have given you an example," said he. This means that the test of discipleship is not only to know the doctrine, but to do the will. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

There is a story that comes from the last meeting of the World Council of Churches about a man who not only knew the doctrine, but knew also how to serve. It is said that early arrivals at the morning worship services saw an elderly man going from place to place in the chapel, tidying things up, and seeing that all was in readiness for the service. One delegate said to a friend, "Who is that man?" His friend replied that he was one of the most distinguished scholars of world Christianity, a man known to millions for his books and sermons. Surely here was a disciple who was following his Lord in humble service!

From a book entitled *The Church in Disrepute* by Bernard I. Bell (a book, incidentally, which the writer strongly recommends) we find a definition of the church

in terms of its ability to love and continue to love: "The church is the inner company of those who, under the leadership of Christ, and empowered by Him, insist on living, and if necessary dying, rather than surrender to the selfish, hateful folly of a perishing race of men. The church is the compassionate co-partnership of redemptive lovers, builders and re-builders of the social fabric, doers of the will of Him who creates and sustains and judges. The church is the company of those who love without the demand of love, love because it is so decreed by heaven, because it is God's demand on men." No one needs to be told that this is no easy assignment! We are all hard to love a good deal of the time. But we are commanded to care.

Dr. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, said something in a sermon at Lake Junaluska which the writer has not been able to forget. It sticks like a burr in the conscience, and is a constant corrective to any pretensions of goodness we may have. This is the sentence: "*You are never any closer to God than you are to the person for whom you care least.*" Let's think about this, and let its truth humble us until, like the Master, we may perform the sacrament of the towel for those who are in need—including ourselves!

Pittsburgh Will Entertain 1964 General Conference

Pittsburgh will be the meeting place of the 1964 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

No churchwide legislative body of Methodism has met in this city for more than a century. General Conferences were held here in 1828 and again in 1848.

The session will probably be the first convention of a major religious body to be held in the mammoth hemispherical arena now nearing completion in the heart of the city. This new facility is part of eight major redevelopment projects in progress in Pittsburgh.

The Commission was assured that most of the 3500 hotel rooms promised would be within two or three blocks of the arena. Unusual parking space will be available both on the surface and underground.

The Pittsburgh decision was made by the Commission on Entertainment of the General Conference at a meeting held in that city January 12. Invitations and presentations from Louisville, St. Louis, Detroit and Kansas City had been given exhaustive consideration in several sessions of the Commission. "The choice was not a hasty nor an easy one," the chairman of the Commission stated. "It was arrived at only by careful elimination."

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A Living Revival

By KEY W. TAYLOR

Grace Methodist Church, a 300-member suburban church in Roxboro, had a real revival last October. The pastor, W. A. Seawell, served as the evangelist. The preaching theme was: "The church's role in the individual's life, and the individual's role in the church's life." The revival was characterized by inspired preaching, many "amens," some shouting, joyous singing, and the largest crowds in the 45-year history of the church.

The revival was preceded by extensive lay visiting, and by a 24-hour prayer vigil in the church. During the vigil, three lists of names were on the communion table, serving as prayer lists. The lists contained: (1) names of all the members of the church, (2) names of the inactive members, and (3) names of prospective members.

During the revival, about 100 persons went to the altar for rededication of their lives. During and after the revival, 24 persons (mostly adults) united with the church. Of these, 11 joined by profession of faith and 13 by transfer of membership.

Since the revival, giving has increased (over pre-revival period) about 20 percent. Sunday school and church attendance have increased about 30 percent. At mid-week prayer meeting attendance has tripled.

The revival spirit pervades the life and activities of the church. Harmony and enthusiasm are among the fruits of the Spirit. A businessman-member of this church recently said: "Previous to the revival I attended church irregularly. Now, I can hardly wait for any service or meeting."

Note: The writer suggests that this brief account of a real revival could, with profit, be read from pulpits. Thus, seeds of belief in and faith for revival would be planted in local churches.

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Winston-Salem District Board of Lay Activities Workshops

Following is the program of the Winston-Salem District Board of Lay Activities Workshops to be held at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, February 26, with the district lay leader, Ira G. Shamel, presiding:

2:00-2:30 Registration.

2:30-3:00 Inspirational Service: Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King." Prayer, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent, Winston-Salem District. Message, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, bishop of the Charlotte Area.

3:00-3:10, Announcements and instructions.

3:10-4:30, Workshop session (rest period at leader's convenience).

4:30-5:00, Closing session (reports and summary of workshops).

Workshop Groups

Commission on Stewardship and Finance:

Chairman, W. J. Miller, Jr., associate district lay leader; leader, Rev. Edward M. Heath, pastor of Grace Methodist Church.

Commission on Missions:

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The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Methodist Board of Education and the Department of Christian Education at Searritt College. Dr. Leo Rippy, Jr., of the Searritt faculty, and the Rev. Lewis E. Durham of the Methodist Board served as the leadership team for the seminar.

"The teaching machine is useful for the slow or fast student and can be used without the presence of the teacher," said Dr. Rippy. "It is the most effective way devised to guarantee that a student will learn a certain body of factual information."

This is the first time that such a seminar has been held by the Methodists for the express purpose of discovering new ways to improve youth work in the local church. The seminar was limited to experienced and mature workers with youth. They came from 13 states, from North Dakota to Texas. Nine of the participants were Conference Directors of Youth Work and eight were professional workers in local churches.

Catawba Church To Have School of Missions

Catawba Methodist Church will conduct a school of missions February 26 through March 19. The program for February 26, under the direction of Mrs. Delmar Cagle and the WSCS; March 5, a film, "To Your Health," directed by Dr. R. O. Crawford, a physician of Claremont; March 12, directed by Methodist Men, and Dr. Horace McSwain guest speaker at 7:00 p.m. March 19, 6:30 supper meeting, Mrs. Glenn Simon, director, with deaconess, Miss Mary Floyd, and Miss Bethea of Pfeiffer College. The public is invited to attend all these meetings.

Methodist Bishop Meets The Queen

The senior Methodist bishop in India, Bishop Shot K. Mondol of the Delhi Episcopal Area, and Mrs. Mondol were accorded a singular honor January 26, when they were formally presented to England's Queen Elizabeth, and her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

The occasion was a reception at the residence of India's President Rajendra Prasad. Bishop and Mrs. Mondol were official guests at the reception. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were in India for several days later in January on a state visit.

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Things We Can't Afford

We can't afford to win the gain
That means another's loss,
We can't afford to miss the crown
By stumbling at the cross.

We can't afford the heedless jest
That robs us of a friend,
We can't afford the laugh that finds
In bitter tears an end.

We can't afford the feast today
That brings tomorrow's fast,
We can't afford the farce that comes
To tragedy at last.

We can't afford to play with fire
Or tempt the serpent's bite,
We can't afford to think that sin
Brings any true delight.

We can't afford with serious heed
To treat the cynic's sneer,
We can't afford to wise men's words
To turn a careless ear.

We can't afford to feed the flame
And make it fiercer burn,
We can't afford for hate to give
Like hatred in return.

We can't afford to lose the soul
For this world's fleeting breath,
We can't afford to barter life
In mad exchange for death.

But blind to good are we, apart
From Thee, All-Seeing Lord,
O, grant us light that we may know
The things we can't afford.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

☛ A CHRISTIAN WORKERS' School will be held at Andrews March 19-21. It will serve the local church and surrounding charges, and will have classes for all.

☛ SPECIAL HOLY WEEK services will be held at the Hayesville Methodist Church March 26-31, at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Young, Jr., will bring the messages.

☛ KILGO METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, will have as the visiting minister during revival services March 19-24 the Rev. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem.

☛ CALVARY MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Snow Hill, Rev. F. Owen Fitzgerald, minister, will conduct revival service March 12-17 with Rev. Wallace Kirby, of Wallace, as visiting preacher.

☛ DR. D. E. EARNHARDT, pastor, evangelist and member of the N. C. Conference, will be the visiting preacher in revival services at First Methodist Church, Havelock. Morning services will be held at 10:00 and evening services will be held at 7:30, March 5-10.

☛ BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH on the King Charge had Open House February 5th following the evening service. The open house was to inspect the new addition to the present building, which includes two large new classrooms, rest rooms, and new heating facilities.

☛ THE WASHINGTON-TYRELL Subdistrict Annual Christian Workers' School was held the past week. Rev. V. E. Queen taught the course on Christian Worship; Rev. Harold Minor led in the young adult work; Rev. J. A. Auman was instructor in Methodist Youth Fellowship; and Mrs. V. E. Queen gave the course, Teaching Children.

☛ GREENSBORO DISTRICT Board of Missions is featuring a special program at Centenary Church, Greensboro, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Carl R. Stewart, missionary to Cuba, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Stewart has done extensive work through MCOR in relief work and works closely with refugees coming to this country.

☛ REV. JOHN A. MCHENRY, SR., district superintendent of the Danville, Va., District, will assist Rev. Joyce V. Early in revival services at First Church, Rockingham, the week of March 12-17. He will preach each evening at 7:30 o'clock and will give morning devotions over Radio Station WAYN at 8:45. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

☛ CHURCHES OF ROWLAND united in observing World Day of Prayer on Friday, February 17. The service was held at the Methodist Church, of which Rev. J. H. Parrish is pastor. Cooperating were four churches—Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian. The merchants of the town gave full cooperation by closing their places of business from 3:30 to 4:30 and attending the service. It was estimated some 250 persons attended the service.

☛ SOUTHERN PINES CHURCH, under the leadership of Rev. R. C. Mooney, pastor, conducted a church-wide mission study course during January and February at the Sunday evening hour. Leaders included Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., Mrs. R. E. Adams, Jr., and Mrs. Maxwell Grey. Also Dr. J. S. Hiatt, Jr., and Patrolman Hight spoke to the adult groups.

☛ ANGIER MEMORIAL Methodist Church has just completed a Leet Crusade. The revival was very successful. Ninety-six persons made a commitment to tithe time, talent, and influence. On Victory Sunday the active resident membership of the church and church school were present 100%-plus. The Leet team went from Angier to Chadbourne for its 335th crusade.

☛ DR. JOHN BIEGELEISEN, professor emeritus of Eden Theological Seminary, will preach in revival services at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, March 14-18. He is of Jewish ancestry and has been a Christian for many years. His work in spiritual life retreats has been very effective through the years. Rev. J. W. Lineberger is pastor of Centenary Church.

☛ DR. EUGENE N. PARKER, of the Enrico Fermi Institute, University of Chicago, will serve as a visiting lecturer at Pfeiffer College on Wednesday and Thursday, March 1 and 2. Dr. Parker is an outstanding lecturer in the field of physics. He will lecture, hold informal meetings with students, and assist faculty members with curriculum and research problems.

☛ FOREST HILLS CHURCH, Concord, under the leadership of Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor, is engaged in a fund-raising campaign to expand the educational facilities and make other improvement on the church plant. Estimated cost of the first unit is \$140,000, and the minimum goal of the present crusade is \$101,000. Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, of the Conference Board of Missions, is the crusade director.

☛ A SCHOOL OF MISSIONS was held by the Pelham, Hickory Grove, and Ruffin Methodist Churches February 12, 15, and 19. The text used was "Stumbling Block." Taking part on the program were Rev. J. P. Greene, Rev. L. E. Barden, Rev. E. F. Bradley, and Judge Allen Gwyn. The approach was given from the viewpoint of the alcoholic, the minister, and the legal point of view.

☛ MR. GEORGE T. WILSON of the Department of Municipal Recreation and Adult Education for the Milwaukee, Wis., public schools, will head the list of state and nationally recognized authorities in the field of camping for the Family Camping Weekend Workshop to be conducted on April 22 and 23 in High Point, and sponsored jointly by High Point College and the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of High Point. A great deal of interest has already been expressed by many throughout the state in this workshop and a number of applications have been received.

☛ A RELIGIOUS CENSUS will be conducted by the churches of Burlington Sunday afternoon, March 5, 1:30 to 4:30. This will be the first such census taken in ten years.

☛ DR. ALAN K. MANCHESTER, dean of Trinity College at Duke University, spoke to the Guilford County Duke Alumni Association at a luncheon held at the Mayfair Cafeteria February 23. His subject was "Conditions in South America."

☛ LAFAYETTE STREET CHURCH, Shelby, of which Rev. R. W. McCulley is pastor, held a Father-Son, or Daughter banquet Saturday night, February 18, at 7:00 o'clock. Each father attending brought either a son, a daughter, or both. As part of the program a film on highway safety was shown.

☛ THE REV. GRAHAM S. EUBANK, superintendent of the Raleigh District, will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Men's Fellowship Club of Jerusalem-Zion Charge February 27th. The pastor of Zion Methodist Church, Norlina, is John C. Andrews.

☛ ANTIOCH METHODIST CHURCH on the King Charge has just received a shipment of memorial church plates which directs the attention of all the membership to the celebration of the 130th anniversary to be observed July 30th of this year. Plans are being made for a full day of activities on that date at Antioch Church.

☛ REV. G. HOWARD ALLRED, pastor of the Maylo Methodist Church, Gastonia, will assist Rev. Dermont J. Reid in revival services at Davis Street Church, Burlington, beginning Sunday, March 19, and running through Friday, March 24. This is a return engagement, Mr. Allred having preached in revival services at Davis Street two years ago.

☛ THREE NATIONALLY known business consultants will serve in the Executive Leadership Conference being sponsored by High Point College, and held at Southern Pines March 5th through the 10th. They are Dr. Edward A. Murray of Raleigh, serving as supervisor, and on his staff will be Mr. Jack D. Hughes and Mr. Malcolm E. Shaw as conference directors.

☛ REV. LOUIS W. FOXWELL, pastor of Christ Methodist Church for the deaf in Baltimore, and the church for the deaf in Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, spoke at the Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, recently. Mr. Foxwell is the son of deaf parents, and of course uses both the sign and oral language. He has been instrumental in organizing churches for the deaf in several American cities.

☛ MRS. MINNIE JANE PETRIE WILSON, widow of Rev. Beverly Wilson, who died in 1950 after a number of years in the Methodist ministry in the Western North Carolina Conference, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Nichols, of Catawba Tuesday, February 21, at the age of 83. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday at Catawba Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. M. C. Ellerbe. She is survived by four sons, six daughters, two sisters, 27 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

☛ DR. C. E. ROZZELLE spoke to the Peacock Bible Class at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, last Sunday. Dr. Rozzelle is a former pastor of the church.

☛ DR. AND MRS. SUNDARAM attended services at Calvary Church, Greensboro, last Sunday, where Dr. Sundaram delivered the message. He is studying at the Duke Medical School.

☛ NORMAN METHODIST CHURCH, of which Rev. James W. Hamilton is pastor, is again on the "Every Family Plan" of ADVOCATE subscribers. We have just received the list of renewals. For several years this has been their plan.

☛ REV. JOHN L. MCWHORTER, pastor of the Methodist Church at Black Mountain, will be the preacher for Holy Week services at the Asbury Church, Durham. Mr. McWhorter served as assistant pastor at Asbury when he was in Duke Divinity School.

☛ THE REVEREND EARL GIBSON will be the guest minister for a week of preaching at Trinity Methodist Church, on the King Charge, March 5-10. The Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr., is the minister, and Mr. Gibson is a former pastor of this church.

☛ WORK IS MOVING forward satisfactorily on the addition to the Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. It will give extra educational facilities to the church when completed. A number of memorial gifts are expected to be made to the building by members and friends.

☛ DR. F. S. LOVE, a former pastor, took part in the worship service at the Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, last Sunday morning. This was the beginning of the sesquicentennial observance of the church. Bishop Paul N. Garber delivered the sermon on the topic: "The Landmarks of Methodism."

☛ DR. HENRY M. BULLOCK of Nashville, Tenn., editor of Church School Publications of the Methodist Church, spoke at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, last Thursday evening, February 23. Groups from surrounding churches were invited to attend.

☛ TWO COSTA RICANS recently spoke to the Wesleyan Service Guild at Cary Methodist Church. Senor Perez, assistant principal of the Methodist high school where Rev. and Mrs. Rene Bideaux are serving, and Senor Quiros is athletic director of the school, and is studying YMCA programs as well as other athletic programs in this country.

☛ MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST Board of Publication of the two conferences held their regular meeting in the ADVOCATE office Friday morning, February 24, at 11:00 o'clock. Present were: Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Charlotte, president; Mr. N. E. Edgerton, Raleigh, vice-president; Mr. W. B. Hall, High Point; Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern; Mr. J. N. Hackney, Wilson; and Dr. Charles E. Jordan, Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville, Mr. L. W. Routh of Greensboro, and Rev. O. Kelly Ingram of Durham were unable to be present. Mr. T. C. Hoyle of Greensboro was absent because of illness, and Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville is on a cruise to South America.

☛ REV. R. C. TUTTLE, former pastor, will preach at First Church, High Point, next Sunday, March 5. This will mark the formal opening of the new educational building. Participating in the services will be Dr. J. Clay Madison, former district superintendent, and Dr. Ralph Taylor, present superintendent.

☛ A BIBLE CONFERENCE will be held at Ann Street Church, Beaufort, on the nights of March 6, 7 and 8. Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount, will lecture each night, and Mrs. T. S. Newbold, of Rocky Mount, will serve as group leader. Theme of the conference will be "Understanding the Message of the Bible."

Northampton Subdistrict Christian Workers' School

The Northampton Subdistrict will hold its Christian Workers' School March 12, 13, and 14 at Conway Methodist Church, Conway, N. C. Our aim is that every church school worker and member will be helped to grow in knowledge and practice of the Christian faith through this training experience.

The courses and the instructors are as follows:

Christian Beliefs, Rev. T. A. Collins, of Rocky Mount; *Guiding Youth*, Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton; *Teaching Children*, Mrs. T. A. Collins, Rocky Mount; and *Understanding Ourselves*, Rev. E. C. Shoaf, Durham.

We feel that this training school offers something for every person in our church schools. It is our desire to make this school a real adventure in learning. Through the active participation of each person in each church school, this will be the finest Christian Workers' School and greatest opportunity for learning, inspiration, and fellowship in our subdistrict. Chairman of the Board of Managers is Rev. Angus Cameron of Jackson, and Rev. W. Eugene Tisdale of Conway is dean.

Senator Sparkman Speaks At Wesley Seminary

Washington, D. C.—The goal of "a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family" was reiterated by U. S. Senator John Sparkman of Alabama at the Urban Renewal Institute of Wesley Theological Seminary here January 12-14. Senator Sparkman, a Methodist, noted the goal as the answer to "Why urban renewal?" for the 40 representatives of churches involved in urban renewal efforts across the nation. The program was to afford information, give consideration to human needs, interpret how the church can participate and develop ideas on planning for urban churches.

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A new Methodist church serving a strategic academic community was dedicated recently by Bishop Fred P. Corson of Philadelphia in a suburb of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The \$250,000 church in Rio Piedras represents the culmination of several years of planning and work by Methodists in Puerto Rico and the United States.

Durham District Conference Held At Asbury Church

Around 400 laymen and ministers attended the Durham district conference held at Asbury Church, Durham. The program featured reports on various phases of the district program, and inspirational messages. Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, presided over the meeting and conducted a brief devotional service. Rev. L. C. Vereen, host pastor, welcomed the delegates, and the response was made by Rev. J. E. Sponenberg.

A brief memorial service for three ministers of the district who died during the past year was the opening feature of the session and it was in charge of Dr. Barclift. The men honored were the Rev. Carl A. Johnson, pastor of Carr Methodist Church, and the Rev. Hubbard B. Porter and the Rev. Ernest G. Cowan, Sr., both of whom are retired preachers.

The conference sermon was preached by Dr. A. P. Brantley, executive director of the North Carolina Conference Commission on Higher Education, Raleigh.

Reports were presented during the day by a number of the district leaders. They included: Dr. C. P. Morris of Durham, secretary of the Board of Education; James T. Patrick of Durham, district lay leader; J. Nelson Gibson of Gibson, conference lay leader; Dr. F. Owens Hunt, director of the Conference Department of Gifts and Wills, Raleigh; Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, president of the Division of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Durham; the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, Raleigh; the Rev. R. L. Nicks, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, Raleigh; the Rev. J. F. Coble, superintendent of the Methodist Retirement Home, Durham; the Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Golden Cross Committee, Durham; the Rev. C. S. Hubbard, Christian Social Concerns Committee, Chapel Hill; the Rev. P. D. Midgett, III, Town and Country Work chairman, Oxford; Alison Simonton, district evangelism chairman, Durham; and the Rev. C. F. Heath, conference director of evangelism, Clinton.

Reports showed \$89,312 paid on benevolent apportionments of \$145,848 for the year. Percentages paid on total budget for the year was 43.1. Including specials the total amount paid thus far was \$97,837.74. A number of new churches also have built or are in the process of building first units or adding to their facilities. Evangelism is being stressed, and a goodly number of additions were reported both by profession and transfer. The concluding feature of the program was an evangelistic message delivered by the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of McMannen's Chapel Methodist Church, Durham.

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The Rev. Donald Kuhn of Evanston, Ill., will return to Washington, D. C., April 1 as director of communications for the Board of Christian Social Concerns. He will succeed Roger Burgess, who was recently made associate general secretary, directing the board's Division of Temperance and General Welfare. Kuhn is a former staff member of the Board of Temperance.

EDITORIALS

Do We Believe

Jesus Christ Is Lord?

The General Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting in Denver, Colo., last April, adopted as the quadrennial theme for the next four years "Jesus Christ Is Lord." This theme has a two-fold emphasis. The first is toward spiritual renewal—a fresh experience of Jesus Christ as Lord in our individual life, a fuller appreciation of His judgment and grace, a New Testament experience of fellowship in Christ, a complete commitment to obedience. The second emphasis is spiritual outreach—making concrete and specific our obedience in carrying out His commission in nine areas of human need and opportunity for witness. The question we raise in the title of this article may well be asked by each of us as we examine the depth of our religious convictions. Whether or not we achieve the second goal will depend upon the thoroughness with which we give ourselves to the first. Let us not be led into thinking that all we need to do is "whoop it up" by becoming more enthusiastic in building churches, and raising money and adding numbers. These are important and should be attended to, but to undertake these things without a spiritual concern for ourselves and for others will be to invite defeat. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." The church has declared that once again we are coming to recognize that our most sacred privilege as Christians is to share with our family and friends the inestimable blessings which we have received in Christ, and we are called upon to join in an evangelistic outreach by personal witness. And if we know anything about evangelism the most effective means is by personal witnessing. This is the foundation stone upon which all the other phases of this great program rest. The leaders of our church have set before us a challenging venture, and if we would seriously endeavor to achieve it we need to begin at the beginning—with self. We are called upon to serve Him in evangelistic outreach in organizing new churches; by starting new church schools; by moving into the center of our cities with power; through meeting the challenge of our small churches, whether rural and open country or urban; by recruiting youth and adults to listen for and to heed God's call to the ministries of the church, including all its agencies and institutions; by proclaiming the Lord Jesus Christ to

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

—Phil. 2:9, 10, 11.

the university and college students of our generation; by bringing Him into the home and making life of such Christian character that it is a natural step from the love, understanding, sacrifice, and consistent discipline of an earthly parent to the experience of God's grace and judgment. We are to serve Him in public and private morality, thereby giving expression to our Christian social concerns; by intensifying our missionary obedience and going into all the world with the gospel of redemption; then we are to serve Him by becoming faithful stewards. Between the first of these challenges, which is spiritual recommitment of self, and the last, which is living as good stewards, lies the whole field of Christian endeavor, beginning and ending with the individual. Do we believe Jesus Christ is Lord? Then let us take more seriously our relationship to Him, and prove by our living that our faith is not a mere profession but is a living reality . . .

Rise up, O men of God!

Have done with lesser things;

Give heart, and mind, and soul, and strength

To serve the King of kings.

Over \$14 Million Sought For "One Great Hour of Sharing"

One Great Hour of Sharing is the principal observance of the annual United Appeal for Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction through which major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States seek funds to carry on both denominational and interdenominational programs of assistance to people in need throughout the overseas world.

In the 1961 appeal—the thirteenth annual cooperative effort—most churches will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 12.

More than \$14,818,000 is sought through the 1961 United Appeal to sustain worldwide programs in more than 40 countries to help people stricken by disasters, wars, political upheaval or economic disparity.

Contributed in special One Great Hour of Sharing observances in tens of thousands of churches throughout the United States and in other offerings throughout the year, these funds will be used to send food, clothing, medicines and other relief materials overseas—to allay suffering among victims

of floods, famine, fire, earthquake and other natural disasters and to provide worldwide programs of assistance to poverty-stricken people in areas of endemic need.

They will sustain the SOS program under which foods from U. S. surplus stocks—dried milk, wheat, corn, flour, corn meal, rice—are distributed free to the needy.

Rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees also is aided through the United Appeal.

Assistance to orphanages and hospitals, tuberculosis and other health projects, programs of self-help and vocational training will continue a vital part of the churches' ministry abroad.

The funds also will make possible widespread programs of social welfare and agricultural and community development—in partnership with our sister churches overseas—in the areas of most acute human need, particularly among the newly emerging nations.

Many educational projects, too, are supported by the funds realized—assistance to schools, student exchange programs, the training of young people in institutions of higher learning, both here and abroad, for leadership and service in their homelands.

Through our sharing, these and many other ministries—all carried on without question of race, color or creed—give witness of our friendship for our neighbors across the seas and spread the light that is the love of Jesus Christ among "the least of these our brethren."

LETTERS

To the Editor
Dear Sir:

I think it should be the policy of a Christian publication to fight, or at least point out to its readers the evils of the present day, since crime has increased 128 percent since 1940 in the United States, where we have more preachers and more churches than any other country in the world.

If the preachers would only warn the people about the crime depicted on the television shows, the dirty and questionable moving picture shows, the publication and reading of the dirty and questionable literature, I am sure there would be a great change in the conditions of this country.

Of course, I am no preacher, and do not claim to be an authority on the subject, but it seems to me that the greatest fight against Communism is to fight the enemy within our house. The liquor traffic, the Western television shows of murder, robbery, and other forms of outlawry; the showing of dirty movies are some of the present day evils that weaken the moral fibre of this country. This of course is what the Communists wish and perhaps in many instances are Communist-inspired.

Now I am not dictating as to what policy the ADVOCATE should have or what course it should follow, but I think these issues deserve more consideration than the building of more churches, organization, finances, social gatherings, church conferences, etc.

Yours truly,

—J. P. Mock

Pfafftown, N. C.

Fountains of Truth

To be inspired by beautiful, wonderful truth may make one's life sparkle in usefulness.

The most beautiful, wonderful, priceless gem in all the world is the gem of a Godly, spotless character.

He who serves Christ out of a sincere, tender heart faithfully and fervently means more to his country than material wealth.

A law, a set of rules, a constitution, a government is no stronger than those who back it up.

You may be entitled to the best that God has for you, but it won't do you any good until you accept it.

He who thinks everybody else is wrong but himself never makes a good, wise leader.

Those who criticize the Bible ought to be able to write something better, or keep their mouths shut.

If you can't make as little thing as a real, living flower, don't oppose the God who made the earth and the universe.

He who boasts of his piety would get much farther with God if he would deeply repent and plead with Him for mercy and pardon.

He who measures his life by dollar signs (\$\$) may have no trophies—souls—to present to God when his money is left behind.

If you cannot lead your class in the highest grades you can purpose in your heart that no one can stand higher in deportment than you. After all, this is the crowning climax.

Don't fret and worry because the other fellow gains the praise, whether he is worthy or unworthy. You can have the pure grace of God in your heart which is more desirable than rolling tides and waves of praise.

If you can't leave but one thing behind to live after you when you depart to meet God, let it be a life of unselfishness, generosity and wonderful Christian influence.

Better be careful what you say and do against the man who gets his prayers through to God. If he can't pray you into salvation he might pray you into eternity. "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." (Psalm 105:15).

—WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Taylorsville, N. C.

Worth Quoting

If the purpose in supporting philanthropy is solely the avoidance of taxes, where is philanthropy? We come face to face with the problem of so taking advantage of tax positions that we shall give to our capacity and at the same time do it in the spirit that embraces the Master's injunction that we give so humbly that our "left hand doesn't know what the right hand is giving."—BISHOP FRED G. HOLLOWAY, Charleston, W. Va.

Florida Governor Praises Church-Related Colleges

Lakeland, Fla.—A tribute to church-related colleges was paid by Florida's Governor Farris Bryant when he visited Florida Southern College here February 10.

"I have a great appreciation for the important role church-related institutions are playing in American higher education," the governor said. "My first year of college was at Emory University, and I consider it the greatest experience of my life."

An active Methodist, Governor Bryant was here to receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Florida Southern, a Methodist college.

Announce Work Camps

Four work camps and a travel seminar will give about 70 Methodist college students an opportunity to participate firsthand in the mission of the church next summer.

As in past summers, students will combine physical work with study, worship and recreation. The work will range from helping to build a Methodist church in Brasilia, the booming new capital of Brazil, to renovating a social center serving Spanish-speaking persons in El Paso, Texas. The summer service projects are under the joint sponsorship of the Methodist Student Movement and the Boards of Education and Missions.

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The Rev. Dr. Donald Redmond, San Antonio (Texas) district superintendent, will be the new director of the Department of Advance for the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, New York.

Take Steps To Increase Church School Members

Nashville, Tenn.—Steps recommended to pastors and local church commissions on education by the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, to increase church school membership and attendance:

1. Organize more study groups in the local church and strengthen the home and extension services of the church, giving special attention to families of infants, small children, homebound mothers, etc.

2. Organize more church schools. This is one of the major "thrusts" of the Quadrennial Emphasis.

3. Emphasize evangelistic concern by seeking new members for the church school, endeavoring to create in the school and church an atmosphere of real Christian fellowship through which persons may be won for Christ.

The recommendations grew out of findings presented by the staff at the recent annual meeting of the board. The division requested its staff in Nashville to continue the research and to develop more effective means of communication to implement the program of Christian education.

The rate of membership growth in Methodist church schools has been declining slightly for about three years. In 1960 the membership decreased by about a half of one per cent to a total of 7,127,940. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, said this "gives us grave concern and demands our best insight, thought, and planning."

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Whatever is bad during Lent is bad the rest of the year.



ON DEAN'S LIST—Twelve honor students in the first freshman class at Methodist College, Fayetteville, have made records in the first semester which place them on the first Dean's List at the new College. They are from left, seated: Mrs. Virginia Kern, Fayetteville; Harold Teague, Fayetteville; Elaine Barbee, Fayetteville; Paul Gorski, Fayetteville; Patricia Jackson, Hope Mills; Ralph Hoggard, Fayetteville. Standing: Mrs. Alice Smith, Fayetteville; Margaret Weston, Fort Bragg; Donald Parsons, Fayetteville; Mrs. Louise Council, White Oak; Louis Spilman, Fayetteville; Mrs. Karin Shepherd, Fayetteville. To be eligible for the Dean's List, according to Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, Dean of the College, a student must have earned a minimum of two quality points per semester hour carried.

"Discipleship In This Decade"

SERMON . . .

DR. WILSON O. WELDON, Minister
Myers Park Methodist Church

Text: Luke 5:11—"They left everything and followed Him."

Relatively speaking, you and I are in the early stages of a new decade, the "decade of the sixties." You are aware of how popular it is to make predictions about the trend of human events and of experiences to occur in this decade. This minister does not plan to engage in such predictions; he does remind you of the likelihood that some of our better moments can come within the decade of the sixties. As professing Christians we have a perfect right to ask ourselves: What about this discipleship we claim? What about our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in this adventurous, uncertain and unsure decade into which we come?

In thinking thus I remind you of that last verse of the scripture which was read, when after those men, those fishermen, had seen the tremendous power, effect and potency of the Lord Jesus Christ upon their lives, they came pointedly and decisively to follow Him. The writer says very simply: "And they left all and followed Him." With in the compass of those words we find a suggestion about the basic qualities of Christian discipleship and particularly as it will relate to you and me in this new decade.

I.

In analyzing this text you will see that it involved an element of *danger* to be a disciple of Jesus in that first century, and I am equally sure that to be a real Christian in the 1960's it will involve danger. There are pressures, tremendous pressures which are being brought to bear upon the professing Christian in this day.

On many college and university campuses both students and faculty are avidly and openly talking about religion and the post-Christian era, saying that we have passed beyond the Christian era, that we have entered into a post-Christian time. And there are statistics to support that claim. You have heard it said so many times that more people have become Communists in the last twenty-five years than have become Christians. If we had the time we could cite other illustrations to point up the truthfulness of this observation about the post-Christian era. This alone proclaims that to stand up and claim to be a believer in the Lordship and the Divinity of Jesus Christ will involve some measure of danger both to the mind and to the body.

Here is another illustration: In a magazine a short while ago was this little item, clearly indicative of a trend: "World Brotherhood, Incorporated, which has had its offices in mid-Manhattan, New York, has changed its name to the Council on World Tensions, Incorporated." World Brotherhood now named World Tensions!

About seventy-five years ago it is said that a man got on a crowded street car in one of our cities in America. He didn't find a seat. Very loudly he shouted, "I am an atheist!" The driver stopped the street car and about twenty-five people got off. That wouldn't happen today. The few who might

get off in consternation and amazement at a man who would make such a declaration would be looked upon by most people as being the queer fellows.

A man, whom I have never met but whose writings I have read, an Englishman, wrote a short time after World War II in reference to his fellow countrymen:

"Most church people today think that they are Christians. They were baptized in church. They were married in church. They send their children to Sunday school. One day they will be buried in church. So they 'belong' to the church, though you rarely see them there, except on Easter and Christmas. And that's about as far as it goes. Really, it is a conventional respectability and nothing else. Possibly it is an insurance policy against the chance that there may be a sort of something somewhere, and they have to reckon with that other chance that death is not the end."

Whether or not he was right about England I do not know. I think he would have less reason to apply those words to our land, but there is enough truth in them to cause us to ask: "What about the dangerous element in our discipleship?"

II.

And I notice in the response of these early disciples something else. You can't read those words, "And they left all and followed Him" without feeling the note of *decision*. There was something positive and decisive about it!

It must be more than *talk*! Some of you are smiling perhaps, saying, "Well, don't you say anything against talking, because you will be talking against yourself. You preachers do a lot of it." Talk has its place. In our district conferences, in our annual conferences, in our general conferences sometimes both the laymen and the preachers get rather excited over working out the fine formula of a statement, a resolution. Some of our delegates at the general conference last April became rather eloquent in saying, "We've got to pass a resolution here, because the ears of the world are listening and the eyes of the world are focused upon The Methodist Church." I had the feeling then and I still have the feeling that the great masses of the world never have known, have cared very little about the finely-worded statement of a resolution.

What I am saying is that oftentimes we mistake the *saying* of a thing for the *doing* of it. The decisiveness of a disciple must not stop with mere talk, and it ought to be more than criticism.

Discipleship must ever transcend and go beyond that kind of criticism. It ought to be more than "officialism." It is so perilously easy for a clergyman, for a layman to accept attendance at a committee meeting, a commission meeting, a class meeting, a prayer group meeting, a board meeting as the expression of basic discipleship. And it isn't that!

The late Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbet, declared a short while before his

death that in his judgment one of the great weaknesses of our time is the fear of responsibility. What about the decisiveness, the positiveness which must come with the acceptance of responsibility to give a witness for what we believe and for what we stand?

I have not entertained the interpretation of these words as meaning that you should leave your law practice, that you should leave your salesmanship, or your working in a department store, or your teaching school, or your house work, and go and become a full-time disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. We do say that in this decade of the sixties there must be some kind of *completeness*, *some kind of definite decision*, that wherever we go and whatever we try to do, we shall keep in mind the fact that we belong to Christ and we want others to know it.

III.

There is a third quality. Not only must there be this definiteness; not only must there be this element of danger; but there must be the mark of *discipline*. It calls for discipline in three areas.

If you have not read Matthew 18 in recent times, I hope you will read it before this day is over. There Jesus was describing the responsibility placed upon people who would offend a little child. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea." That's for the sake of others our disciplined lives ought to be lived. "It is better for us to go into the Everlasting Life maimed and mangled or crippled rather than to have all of the organs of our body and yet lose our souls." Then finally in the 14th verse: "So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish." And that's for the sake of God.

For the sake of others, for the sake of our ourselves, for the sake of our Father in heaven our lives ought to be more disciplined. That, as you know, is not a popular word. One of the perennial problems dealing with young people and with adults is that whenever the church comes to say, "Here is a *standard*, here is an *ideal*, here is a *goal*, so many of the reactions come to be road-blocks, road-blocks in which any idea of discipline or control is frowned upon.

And yet, I say it as pointedly and as simply as I can, you and I must live lives which are disciplined by the Holy Spirit. *We must give God a chance to do something with us.* How can we believe God to be trustworthy in the hours of sorrow and sadness, if we don't trust Him? How can we expect to have faith if we do not use the faith we now have and if we do not in prayer ask God to give us more faith?

Henry Thoreau, about a hundred years ago, wrote these lines: "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer, but let him step to the music that he hears." One more recently has added these words: "Each man's drummer is invisible but his music is strong and compelling. Some of us hear the tom-tom and march to the rhythm of passion. Some of us march to the steady banging of that big bass drum of ambition. Some of us can hear only the monotonous

one-two, one-two, one-two routine. The destiny of your life and mine will be largely determined by the music to which we listen, by the drummer in our lives.

So may our discipleship be marked—in this glorious decade of the sixties!

*"To talk with God,
no breath is lost—
Talk on!*

*To wait for God,
no time is lost—
Wait on!*

*To walk with God,
no strength is lost—
Walk on!"*

Serving More Persons

Kansas City, Mo.—The number of institutions affiliated with the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes increased last year from 236 to 244, Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago, general secretary, reported at the board's annual meeting here recently.

These institutions ministered directly to 1,622,581 persons—101,668 more than were served the previous year, he said.

Dr. Oeschger told the board that activity in the development of more homes for older persons "continues at a tremendous pace," with 24 retirement homes now under development. He also cited a definite trend toward upgrading the educational program of the schools of nursing, which now enroll 4,742 students.

First Church, Forest City Has Study on Alcohol

For four Sunday evenings in January and the first Sunday evening in February, First Methodist Church, Forest City, devoted the worship hour to the church-wide mission study, "Alcohol and the Christian's Responsibility." The pastor, Rev. Charles G. Beaman, Jr., assisted by a committee from each commission, planned the study under four phases of the problem: Alcohol as it affects society from the theological, physiological, sociological, and psychological areas of life.

Speakers treating each of the four topics were authorities in their respective fields. Parts of the study were highlighted by films, filmstrips, and appropriate bulletin boards for each topic from week to week.

Additional sessions for primaries, juniors, junior highs, and seniors were held the hour preceding the church-wide session. Entire families joined in the evening study hour which followed.

The climax of the study came on Sunday morning, February 5, when each church school class, junior high through adults, signed Commitment Day cards and turned them in at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

Each organization of the church and church school kept attendance records on its members during the five weeks. A total of over 500 persons participated from time to time. Ninety-five credit cards were issued to those having perfect attendance and to those having missed only one session.

Notice To The WNC Conference Ministers

Within the next sixty days, a representative from Hospital Care Association, Inc., of Durham, will attend the various district ministers' meetings and bring information concerning extended benefits which can be purchased along with the basic hospitalization policy which many of our ministers already have. Also he will be authorized to enroll any new members who will want to purchase both the basic policy and the new extended benefits coverage. This presentation has the official sanction of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and the WNC Conference cabinet, as well as the backing of the executive committee of the WNC Conference Brotherhood, which has been the sponsoring group since the hospitalization plan was organized in 1955. Any minister who might fail to attend his district meeting may obtain further information about these matters by contacting Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., P. O. Box 483, Gastonia, N. C.

Mount Carmel WSCS Sponsors Three Services

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Reidsville, sponsored three services at the church over the week-end.

Friday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m., World Day of Prayer was observed. Sunday, at 11:00 a.m., Dr. Horace McSwain of Statesville, Secretary of the WNC Conference Mission Board, was guest speaker. At noon the ladies of the Society served a bountiful dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Sunday at 7:00 p.m., a study class on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility was given by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Shelton. Mr. Robert Montgomery of Reidsville, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, told of the wonderful work this organization is doing.

Members of the W.S.C.S. of the Reidsville Circuit were guests.

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Shown in the picture above are those taking part in groundbreaking exercises for the Wellons Village Methodist Church, Durham, which were held February 5. This is a new church with 112 members, and growing. Dr. C. D. Barclift preached on "Accepting the Challenge" and then proceeded with the groundbreaking ceremonies. Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr. is pastor. Reading left to right are: Mr. Clyde E. Glenn, Church Lay Leader; Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Pastor; Dr. C. D. Barclift, District Superintendent; Mr. Charles A. Bridges, Chairman of Board and Building Committee; and Mr. Robert Downey, Contractor.

WNC District Conferences On Christian Education

A District Conference on Christian Education will be held in each district of the Western North Carolina Conference during late February, March and April. These meetings for leaders in the educational program of the church will give valuable guidance to adults with responsibilities for summer activities for children (vacation church school, junior day camping, etc.) and youth, and to leaders in the young adult program of the local church.

The dates for these conferences are as follows:

First Series: February 26-March 3

Salisbury: Trinity, Kannapolis, Sunday, February 26, 2:15 p.m.

Winston-Salem: Centenary, Monday, February 27, 7:15 p.m.

Greensboro: West Market Street, Tuesday, February 28, 7:15 p.m.

Thomasville: First Church, Lexington, Wednesday, March 1, 7:15 p.m.

High Point: Wesley Memorial, Thursday, March 2, 7:15 p.m.

Charlotte, First Church, Friday, March 3, 7:15 p.m.

Second Series: April 16-25

North Wilkesboro: First Church, Sunday, April 16, 2:15 p.m.

Waynesville: First Church, Monday, April 17, 7:15 p.m.

Asheville: Central Church, Tuesday, April 18, 7:15 p.m.

Gastonia: First Church, Thursday, April 20, 7:15 p.m.

Statesville: Broad Street, Friday, April 21, 7:15 p.m.

Marion: First Church, Morganton, Monday, April 24, 7:15 p.m.

Albemarle: Central Church, Monroe, Tuesday, April 25, 7:15 p.m.

Resolution of Respect

CHARLES A. HOEY

Whereas, Charles A. Hoey was a life-long member of Central Methodist Church in Shelby, one-time chairman and long-time member of its official board, long-time church treasurer and chairman of its board of trustees at the time of his death; and

Whereas, the Christian witness of this splendid man stemmed from his heart and was reflected not merely in his official capacity but in his personal life, moving him to loyal and regular attendance upon the services of his church and participation in all of its Christian activities; and

Whereas, Charles Hoey was a Christian business man of high integrity whose community life was characterized by many acts of personal charity and helpfulness; and whereas his personal faith was reflected daily in his quiet optimism and cheerful disposition; and

Whereas, Charles Hoey died suddenly on January 27, 1961, at the age of 58;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the official board of Central Methodist Church, do hereby express publicly our deep esteem and love for our brother, and our great sense of personal and community loss upon his passing, and that we express to his wife, Mary Hoey, and their children our sincere sympathy and prayers in their experience of loss. We shall sorely miss the wise counsel and Christian help of Charles Hoey in our church, our community, and in our personal lives.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, a copy sent to Mrs. Mary Hoey, and a copy entered in the minutes of the official board of Central Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WILBUR BABER
MRS. THAD FORD

TRAFCO and Garrett to Conduct Mass Communication Workshop

An advanced-level workshop in the principles and techniques of effective communication through television, radio and audio-visuals will be conducted June 26 to July 14 at the Garrett School of Theology, Evanston, Ill., by members of the staff of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) of The Methodist Church.

The workshop will explore basic communications theory as related to the tasks of the church. Through actual experiences in production and presentation of radio, TV, and audio-visual projects, participants will learn potentialities and limitations of each of the media. Included among the workshop's participants will be ministers, directors of Christian education, mass communications specialists in the church and in church-related organizations, and other interested in learning more about the use of mass media and audio-visuals in the work of the church.

Co-directors of the workshop will be two TRAFCO staff members, the Rev. Mr. James C. Campbell, coordinator of audio-visual training, and Mr. Robert C. Glazier, director of training in the field of television and radio. TRAFCO is the Methodist agency to which the church has delegated responsibility for production, utilization, and training in television, radio and films.

A limited number of scholarships are available for the two and a half-week workshop. For information on scholarships, candidates should write to chairmen of annual conference Television, Radio and Film Commissions or to TRAFCO, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Qualified students may earn four hours of graduate credit from Garrett in the workshop.

Workshop registration is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, June 26, at the Garrett School of Theology on the Northwestern University campus in Evanston.

College Honor Society Admits New Members

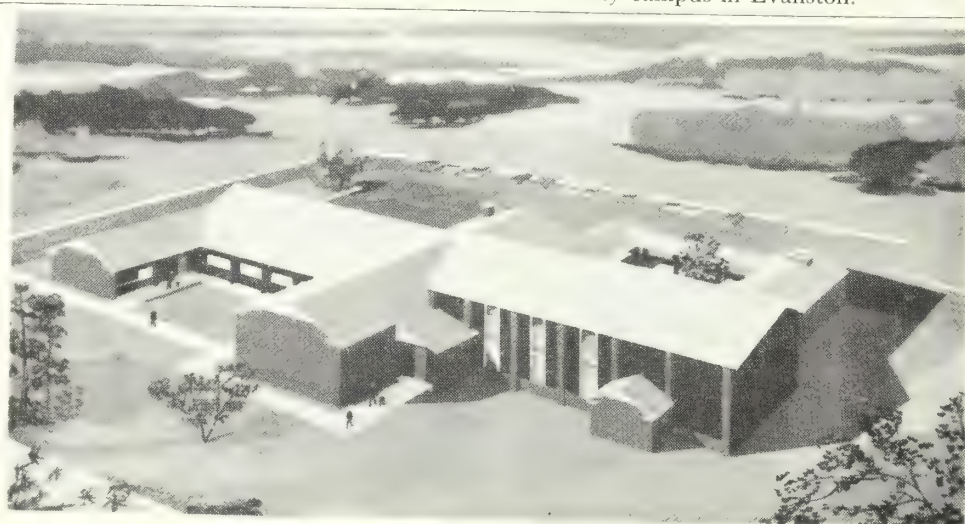
The Order of the Lighted Lamp, High Point College honor society, held its annual tapping ceremony for new members at the Wednesday, February 15, assembly. This local honor society is the oldest of its kind at the college, having been organized in 1935 under the guidance of Dr. C. R. Hinshaw.

Students selected for this honor must have been at High Point College at least five semesters with a 1.75 quality point average. Any student, to be eligible, must possess outstanding scholarship, leadership, and exemplary character.

New members inducted into the Order of the Lighted Lamp this week include: Denise Melissa Brown, High Point; Miriam Jane Modlin, Jamestown; David Leigh Pancoast, High Point; Rebecca Imogene Jarvis, Burlington; Ruby Ellen Julian, Randleman; Ernest Randall Lanier, Lexington; Emma Louise Noell, Charlotte; Charles Fred Price, Shelby; and Ethel Gayle Wall, Knightdale.

At Wednesday's ceremony, Dr. Hinshaw presented the new candidates to Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, who in turn administered the oath.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Dr. W. Kenneth Goodson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Charlotte.



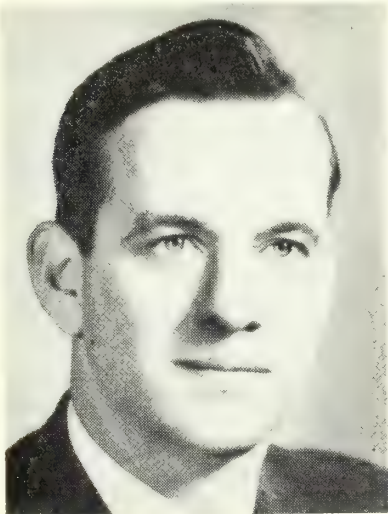
NEW HOPE METHODIST CHURCH, GOLDSBORO

New Hope Church, Goldsboro, was organized in August 1956, while Rev. H. M. McLamb was superintendent of the Goldsboro District. It now has 102 members and 169 Church School members. It has set as its goal between now and annual conference 125 church members and 200 in Sunday school. It has 34 members in the Men's Club, and an active WSCS. It is located two miles Southeast of Goldsboro in the Pinewood Sub-Division, a community of lovely homes. The possibilities for growth are fine. This small congregation raised some \$8,000 last year. The erection of an educational building is now in progress, and the church will be heated with electric heat. Rev. C. R. Holloway is pastor, and the Rev. Mark W. Lawrence is district superintendent. It is expected the new addition will be completed in May or June. Mr. Ben R. Boyette, Sr., is the contractor, and the plans were drawn by Mr. Billy Griffin of Goldsboro.

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey In Revival at Wilson

Plans for the forthcoming evangelistic services at the First Methodist Church, Wilson, have been announced by the Rev. R. Grady Dawson, minister, and the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the church. The series of meetings will begin March 5 and extend through March 10 with a service scheduled each morning except Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock and evening services at 7:30 o'clock throughout the week. Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will conduct the services each day.

Preparatory classes in Church Membership for Youth were begun February 19. Visitation of the entire church membership



DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY

through the Shepherding program was observed February 19-21, and on February 27 and 28 visitation of newcomers, and prospective members by Fisherman's Club.

Other events in the church's pre-Easter program of evangelism are:

March 1: Evening prayer service at the church.

March 2: Cottage prayer meeting.

March 3: 24-hour prayer vigil.

March 6: Preparatory classes in Church Membership for Children begin.

March 5-10: Revival services by Dr. A. Purnell Bailey.

March 8: Business Men's Breakfast with Dr. Bailey as devotional leader.

March 26: Palm Sunday — Membership service.

March 30: Holy Week Communion Service.

April 2: Easter Sunrise Service. Morning worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock.

Will Meet In Boston

For the first time in more than a decade, the Council of Bishops will hold its meeting in Boston April 4-7.

Bishop James K. Mathews of the Boston Area will be host for a dinner to be given April 5 at Boston University, with President Harold C. Case serving as toastmaster. Preceding the dinner will be a fellowship hour in Oxnam Lounge of the School of Theology.

Book Reviews

The Holy Bible From Ancient Eastern Manuscripts. By George M. Lamsa. A. J. Holman Company, Philadelphia. 1243 pages. Price \$6.75.

Bible study has been enriched and its interest greatly increased by the recent translations of the Bible. Dr. Lamsa's translation from the language Jesus spoke—the Aramaic—is indeed unique and will commend itself as truly interesting to a host of Bible scholars throughout the English-speaking world. From first to last it reveals a scholarly, sincere and dedicated effort to portray the true meaning of the Scriptures as found in the Aramaic, "the language of Semitic culture, the language of the Hebrew patriarchs."

The text presents no difficulty to the average reader, but is written in simple English, flowing smoothly along like a limpid stream. Perhaps it would be safe to say that no translation has been more delightful for reading and study, and also for revealing clearly the meaning of certain difficult words and phrases, thus affording a fresh view of the entire Bible.

The average reader will be delighted with the beauty, clearness and charm of this translation, and teachers and preachers who profit so greatly by a comparative study of translations will find here a daily companion that breathes the spirit of reverence and devotion, and sheds a vast amount of light on "the life we must most surely live, and the life we are supposed to give."—V. T. Crawford.

Benevolent Funds Show Gains Over Last Year

Chicago—Two-thirds of the way through the fiscal year, receipts for seven out of 10 general funds of The Methodist Church showed gains over the same period last year, it was reported February 3 by the Rev. Dr. A. Cooke of Chicago, general secretary and treasurer of the church's Council on World Service and Finance.

World Service, the denomination's basic benevolent fund, was up 14.23 per cent over the first eight months of last fiscal year. Dr. Cooke's eight-month report (June 1, 1960, through January 31, 1961) showed World Service receipts at \$7,267,543.25. January receipts alone totaled \$1,242,443.74. The annual apportionment for World Service is \$15,000,000.

Other funds showed the following receipts for the eight-month period and the comparison with a similar period last year:

World Service Specials, \$39,575.90—down 3.41 per cent; General Advance Specials, \$5,135,939.72—up 18.89 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing, \$72,448.02—down 3.72 per cent; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$538,063.45—down 21.72 per cent; Methodist Television-Radio Ministry, \$140,550.47—up 5.09 per cent; Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief, \$877,226.21—new fund; Episcopal Fund, \$1,011,850.94—up 2.22 per cent; General Administration Fund, \$420,258.15—up 42.37 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$258,194.27—up 16.16 per cent.

Calling attention to the fact that the Fellowship of Suffering and Service is lagging behind last year and that the eight-month report shows it to be down more than 21 per cent, Dr. Cooke urged pastors to follow the Disciplinary provision of taking regular communion offerings and to send these offerings in to their conference treasurer for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

Television, Radio and Film Commission to Meet March 9

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission will have its annual meeting March 9 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago.

The commission (TRAFCO) will review its work of the past year and plan ahead.

TRAFCO, with national headquarters in Nashville, is primarily a production agency of The Methodist Church. It serves Methodist boards and agencies in producing motion pictures, filmstrips and other audiovisuals. It produces television and radio programs and has served several other functions.

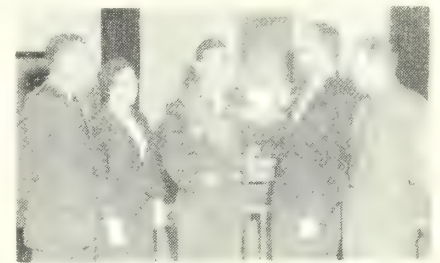
The Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, Nashville, is general secretary of TRAFCO.

Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco, is president of the 30-member commission. Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., is first vice-president, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York City, second vice-president. The Rev. Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, is recording secretary.

Two Churches on Aulander Charge Schedule Revivals

Beginning on March 6 and extending through March 10, revival services will be held each evening at 7:30 in the Aulander Methodist Church. The visiting minister will be the Rev. Ernest K. Emurian, pastor of the Elm Avenue Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Va. Mr. Emurian is a native of Philadelphia and received his B.A. degree from Davidson College, his B.D. degree from Union Seminary in Virginia, and Master of Theology from Princeton Seminary in New Jersey. He is a member of the Virginia Conference, the author of thirteen books, the composer of hymns and sacred and secular songs, and for the past 14 years has been pastor of the Elm Avenue Methodist Church. Mr. Emurian is a member of the Lions Club, the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and the American Guild of Organists. He was chosen Portsmouth's First Citizen in 1953.

The Colerain Methodist Church has scheduled a revival for the period of April 10-14. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. C. G. McCarver, pastor, First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C. Prior to the revival there will be a prayer vigil held in the church. It is hoped that the revival will be a community affair and patronized by other denominations.



In services held at Singletary Church at Dublin February 12, Charles Edwards, who has already received his Eagle Scout award, was given the "God and Country Award." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards. Shown above are: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards, Charles Edwards, Rev. C. H. Lancaster, pastor, and Mr. D. C. Waller, scoutmaster.

Clinic in Preaching To Be Held at Duke

The fourth annual Clinic in Preaching, under the direction of Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of the chapel at Duke University, will be held at Duke during the coming summer from Monday, July 3, through Friday, July 14.

With an application deadline of April 1, the clinic is limited to 20 ministers of any Protestant denomination who are now in the active ministry and who graduated from any theological school before 1956.

In addition to a series of five lectures, to be given each week, clinic participants will be required to preach two sermons, "of normal length," one of which has been delivered in his own pulpit and the second on a subject to be assigned during the first week.

The guest lecturers for the clinic will be Prof. H. H. Farmer, distinguished English theologian and preacher and a Norris-Hulse Professor Emeritus of Divinity at Cambridge University in England, and Dr. Stuart Henry, associate professor of American Christianity in the Duke Divinity School. Dr. Henry will speak on an aspect of the value of literature in preaching.

Professor Farmer, also noted as an author in the theological field, has been a Warrack Lecturer at Cambridge and has delivered the Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale and the Gifford lectures at Glasgow University in Scotland.

Each morning and evening the clinic will be divided into two sections of ten members each, during which the sermons will be delivered and discussed. These sections will be under the direction of Dr. Cleland and Dr. James W. Carlton, associate professor of preaching in the Duke Divinity School. The afternoons will be free for recreation, study and counselling. At the conclusion of the day's activities the whole group will meet informally to discuss pertinent problems.

There will be no tuition fee for the clinic and no academic credit will be given. Members will stay in the University dormitories, which will cost \$5.50 per week, with roommate, and \$7.00 per week, without roommate. If the University supplies linen, a fee of \$4.50 each is added to the double room charge and \$8 to the single room fee.

Applications for the clinic are due April 1. A registration fee of \$10 (payable to Duke University—the Clinic in Preaching) must accompany the application. This fee also will cover an initial dinner, a mid-session picnic and a closing luncheon. The fee is not refundable unless the application is rejected. Correspondence should be sent to Dr. James T. Cleland, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

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Bishop Marvin A. Franklin was honored recently on the 50th anniversary of his entering the ministry. Representatives of the Jackson, Miss., Area paid tribute to his leadership at a dinner in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson. A native of Georgia, Bishop Franklin served churches there and in Florida and Alabama before he was elected a bishop in 1948 and assigned to the Jackson Area. He is a past president of the Council of Bishops.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

Previous minister transferred at end of one year—church divided—feelings ran high—bickering and ill will rampant.

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(3) "Being new here I present certain data about myself that applies to any Methodist preacher:

(a) "I, like you, am a human being with certain training and abilities, but nevertheless subject to making many mistakes. I assure you that any mistakes I do make will be honest errors of judgment and will not in any way be acts of vicious intent.

(b) "Owing much of all that I am to the Methodist Church which nurtured me from childhood and all through my whole life, I am deeply indebted to my church. Being then committed to her for Christ my Lord I believe in a positive manner the program of our beloved Methodist Church."

Once there was an old man from Crew
Who found a mouse in his stew.
The waiter said, "Don't shout
And wave the thing about,
Or the rest will want one, too."

Christian Amendment Bills Introduced In 87th Congress

The proposed Christian Amendment to the United States Constitution has again been introduced in Congress.

On January 4 Congressman Eugene Siler of Kentucky introduced H. J. Res. 103 in the House of Representatives, and on February 2 the Hon. Katharine St. George of New York introduced H. J. Res. 189. These bills propose that the Constitution be amended to state that "this nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

Five other members of the House of Representatives plan to introduce the Amendment; and eleven additional Congressmen, together with a Senator, and have it under consideration.

Congressman Siler has introduced the Christian Amendment in every session of Congress since 1955. Shortly after his first introduction he said: "In my way of thinking this is the most important and far-reaching legislative program now pending in our lawmaking body."

Guest Speakers At Union Grove Charge

Cedar Grove Church, in Chatham County, on Union Grove Charge, will have several guest speakers between now and Easter Sunday. In observance on the No Silent Pulpit program, the schedule is as follows:

Sunday, February 26, 11:00 a.m., Mr. Alden Hemingway.

Sunday, March 5, 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Ernest Durham, retired.

Sunday, March 12, quarterly conference at Union Grove, Dr. C. D. Barclift, presiding.

Sunday, March 26, 11:00 a.m., Mr. Ralph Howard.

Speakers in Union Grove Church during this program include Mr. Ray Yount, on March 5th, Dr. C. D. Barclift, March 12th, and K. K. Box, on March 19th. Rev. Henry E. Riley is pastor of the charge.

Rate of Growth Drops

Nashville, Tenn.—The rate of Methodist church school membership growth has been slackening for about three years, and in 1960 the membership decreased by about a half of one per cent to a total of 7,127,940. Circulation of church school literature increased slightly during 1960, but stayed at approximately 7,000,000.

These facts were reported at the annual meeting of the Board of Education January 4-6.

In referring to the "slight recession" in church school membership, the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville, said, "This gives us grave concern and demands our best insight, thought and planning." He is general secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church.



Miss Loureta Lamb, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Lamb, Winston-Salem, has taken part time duties at First Methodist Church, Asheboro. In June when she graduates at Pfeiffer College she will be the full time director of Christian education.

Seeking Suggestions For Methodist Hymnal


Nashville, Tenn.—Twenty-two thousand ministers in charge of local churches across the country have received a questionnaire about revision of *The Methodist Hymnal*.

The questionnaire, produced by the hymnal committee of the Commission on Worship, is said to be the most comprehensive of its kind ever developed. Results of the findings will help guide the committee and its consultants in proposing a revision of the present (1935) hymnal. The Commission on Worship was authorized by the 1960 General Conference to propose a revision of the hymnal and report its findings in 1964.

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Founder of Casa Materna Passes Away at Age 90

On Ash Wednesday, February 15, the Reverend Riccardo Santi, founder of Casa Materna, passed away at the age of 90 years. His health was good up to the end when his heart simply ceased beating. Near his death bed were his beloved children to whom just a few hours before he had given words of encouragement in their pursuit of the Christian way of life.

Riccardo Santi was very well known in Protestant circles, having been a Methodist preacher since 1898. For 55 years he relieved the suffering of orphaned and abandoned children and he welcomed into the portals of Casa Materna over 9,000 children throughout the years. His work for children started on June 12, 1905 when he took the first two orphans into his home. The number increased rapidly through the years and he rendered great service in caring for the children through the first and second world wars.

It was first in 1918 when Rev. Riccardo Santi came to the States as a representative of Italian Methodism to the centennial celebration of the Methodist Church. As a result of his visit interest was created for the Home and the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church bought a fine and large estate in Portici on the Bay of Naples for the furtherance of the Home.

In the work of construction after the last war, besides rebuilding his home, Rev. Santi added new buildings and equipment, making it possible to raise the number of children in the Home to 500. In recognition of his work the American Overseas Association granted him the International Humanity Service Award in 1958 for years of faithful service that he had rendered to children in distress.

His motto through life had been, "In front of a child I do not ask who he is, I become that child." All visitors to Casa Materna have been impressed by the words he put on the front of the main building: "Let the little children come unto me." Riccardo Santi passed on to his own children, Luisa, Rev. Emanuele Santi, a member of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Teofilo, M.D., the enthusiasm and the spirit of real devotion for the furtherance of such an important task.

The funeral service was held February 16, conducted by the Rev. Mario Saffi, president of the Methodist Church in Italy, and the Rev. Sante Umbarto Barbieri, a presiding officer of the World Council of Churches.

World Day of Prayer at Goshen-Keener Churches

On Friday evening, February 17, at 7:30, Goshen and Keener Methodist Churches observed the World Day of Prayer in a joint worship service at the Goshen Church. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Wooten, presided at the service, and the sermon of the hour was brought by Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro district superintendent. Special music was presented by a trio which was made up of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Wooten and Mrs. Frank Wiggins, with Mrs. E. H. Crumpler at the organ. About 75 people attended the service.

Dr. Howard Powell to Preach at Lillington

"FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD" have been set aside by the Lillington Methodist Church beginning Sunday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m., and continuing Monday at 7:30 p.m., through Wednesday, March 1st. These four meetings will be led by Dr. Howard P. Powell, the great spiritual stabilizer and inspiring pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Mr. Bud Bedle, minister of music at the Edenton Street Church, will also be present to lead the singing and bring special music on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

This series of meetings is the highlight following a week of mass visitation with the inactive members and locally uncommitted. As Andrew brought his brother to see and hear Christ, so dozens of active members are going out to bring others to see and hear Christ speak through Brother Powell.

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Woman's Activities



Miss Anita Benoy Tells of Work

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Miss Anita Benoy, rural church and community worker in the Greater Mt. Airy Parish, tells of some of her "treasured experiences" in the February issue of *The Parish Enterprise*. She says:

"September began the sixth year you have had a church and community worker in your communities . . . Visit with me into some of the treasured experiences and moments in the life of a rural worker. Not all rural workers are privileged as I am to work with four of the most dedicated and understanding ministers. Our relationship is truly that of a partnership. I assure you that we do not always agree, but our disagreements have resulted in a greater discussion, thinking and studying together. Each of us has his or her own ideas and shares these ideas and we try to put them together for a greater and more effective work.

"The rural worker is sent into a rural community to work for a given period of time (one year period), during which her responsibility is to cooperate with the ministers, church school leaders and Woman's Society of Christian Service, and all other community agencies in developing a wholesome community life.

"The things which are most rewarding to a rural worker is to see Sunday school teachers who are prepared and attend class every Sunday possible; a youth group enthused over drawing other people into its fellowship; a Woman's Society concerned over its giving to missions; teachers attending a training school without being asked; children in vacation church school bringing their gifts to help a missionary in establishing a school abroad; a young person who makes a statement, 'I'd like to be a rural worker like you; a whole church joining in real Christian fellowship in a family night program; a young person setting aside part of free time in camp for Bible study and prayer; young people around the altar taking communion on New Year's eve.

"The Christian life is such a good life and God needs so many more Christian leaders. We have so many capable leaders, some who are not doing all they could for their church. If they were we would not have any trouble getting MYF counselors, teachers, and Woman's Society members.

"Maybe we should ask if we have put forth every effort ourselves and are we really appreciative of the help we have been given. It has been a joy serving God and the churches through you people the past two years."

New Society in High Point District

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service has been organized at the Maple

Springs Church on the Coleridge Charge of the High Point District.

There are 13 charter members of the Society.

The officers are: Mrs. Peggy Davis, Route 1, Ramseur, president; Mrs. Guye Albright, vice-president; Mrs. Charles York, recording secretary, and Mrs. Thad Ellis, treasurer.

The secretaries of lines of work are: Mrs. Everett Moffitt, children's work; Mrs. Don Brown, Christian social relations; Mrs. G. W. Simmons, literature and publications; Mrs. Cecil Gardner, missionary education and service; Mrs. Odell Brown, promotion; Mrs. Willie I. Moffitt, spiritual life; Mrs. Cladie Cain, student work; Mrs. Clifford Cain, supply work; Mrs. Fred Beck, youth work, and Mrs. Don Brown, local church activities.

Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point is district president, and Mrs. Reid Rich of Randleman is district secretary of promotion.

Thomasville District WSCS Increase Pledge

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of the Thomasville District voted to present a recommendation to its annual district meeting to raise the district pledge to missions \$1,000 a year—from \$10,000 to \$11,000—for 1961-62.

This action was taken at the executive meeting held in February at Memorial Methodist Church in Thomasville.

Plans were made to have their District Quiet Day service on March 23rd at Bethel Church in Thomasville.

Mrs. Rudolph Hiatt of Thomasville was elected secretary of children's work to succeed Mrs. C. Ray McCrary of Lexington. Mrs. Carl Brinkley of Ebenezer Church was chosen secretary-elect of student work.

A definite plan was worked out to have each district officer visit at least two societies within the next two months.

Mrs. Ned Gibbs, president, was in charge of the meeting.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Annual Meeting Registration Plans Told

Plans for the twenty-first Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service are nearing completion, both on the conference and local levels.

Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Enfield, chairman, and the other members of the Annual Meeting Program Committee, as well as the

various committees of the hostess society the Hayes Barton Methodist Church, have worked diligently toward the success of the meeting. It is scheduled to get underway April 11, and run through the luncheon hour April 13. An enlarged executive committee meeting and a service of spiritual preparation will be held on the evening of April 10.

Serving with Mrs. Dunn on the program committee are Mrs. H. C. Turlington, of Dunn; Mrs. H. W. Doub, Aberdeen; Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, and Miss Mary Gardner, of Raleigh.

Mrs. D. K. Fry, president of the hostess society, is the general chairman of the local committee. Chairmen of other local committees include Mrs. C. M. Hamilton, registration; Mrs. E. D. Stevens, homes; Mrs. Travis Tomlinson and Mrs. John Upham, flowers; Mrs. Herbert Mathews, transportation; Mrs. Oran Cottle, ushers and pages; Mrs. Donald Rabon and Mrs. John Treadwell, meals; Mrs. R. H. Carson, hostesses; Mrs. B. B. Mitchell, communion service; Mrs. Tyler Presson, signs and placards; Mrs. C. B. Abernathy, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Ligon, Jr., information, and Mr. James Clyburn, organist.

Registration cards have been sent to the local societies. They are to be returned by March 20, along with registration fee of \$8.00 to Mrs. C. M. Hamilton, 1428 Banbury Road, Raleigh.

Guild's Standing Committee Hears Mrs. Davis

"The point of concern of the Wesleyan Service Guild is to reach the multitude of women who are going into the business world and who are not members of the Guild," This observation was voiced by Mrs. H. A. Davis in a talk before the Standing Committee of the North Carolina Conference WSG in session at the S&W Cafeteria in Raleigh February 11. Mrs. Davis of Raleigh, is a former treasurer of the N. C. Conference WSCS, and currently member of the Methodist Board of Missions.

"This is a new day for the Guild," Mrs. Davis declared. "The time has come when we must talk about the Wesleyan Service Guild as a part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service—yet it has a uniqueness which has a definite place in the church program."

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, conference secretary of promotion, told the group that recruiting new Guild members must begin in the local Guild. She cited the importance of each Guild sending a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the conference WSCS—the delegate to be either a Guild member or its co-ordinator.

The treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Durham, emphasized the need for giving to World Bank and urged gifts of \$111.00 to burn the World Bank Candle during the Conference Guild's Annual Meeting. This sum will uphold the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for five minutes.

The group voted to direct the love offerings placed on the altar during the Service of Holy Communion at the Guild Annual Meeting to the Minga Baby Fold in the Congo. The Annual Meeting will be held

the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 8-9.

Mrs. J. M. Carraway was elected a delegate to the ensuing World Affairs Meeting Chapel Hill, March 9-10.

Mrs. Harriett Fralix, Fayetteville, Conference Guild secretary, presided.

State Legislative Council Program Vital

The 19 member organizations composing the N. C. Legislative Council and representing more than 350,000 citizens have adopted a vitally significant proposed legislative program for 1961.

The four-point proposals, which will be directed toward urgent passage of legislation by the current General Assembly, include: (1) Increase substantially the allotments for one year's support of the widow whose husband dies without a will and raise the age of children eligible for these allotments from 15 to 18. (2) Clarify the present law relating to licensing of day care facilities. (3) Provide enforceable safety measures for the transportation of migrant workers. (4) Support the elimination of residence restrictions on health and welfare services for needy people.

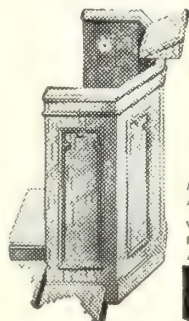
Members of the N. C. Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild should study these proposals and speak for and promote legislative action on them.

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The new great hall in the First Methodist Church, Boulder, Colo., has been named Hippett Hall, in honor of Bishop Donald H. Hippett, San Francisco, who grew up in that church.

Progress Is Being Made By Asbury Memorial Church

Asbury Church of Lincoln, under the pastorate of the Rev. Grady Dulin, has made fine progress in the past two years, when the church became a station work. Comparison of a few facts will indicate the growth the church has experienced and the progress it has made. Two years ago the church paid a salary of \$2100; for World Service \$523; for Advance Special \$50; for district missions \$150; and other items in like proportion. This year the salary is \$5,300; World Service \$840; Advance Special \$260; District missions \$296; and other items in proportion. The church accepted more than \$3,900 on Higher Education, and has paid approximately half that amount to date. The congregation is looking toward doing greater things next year. The one thought seems to be Forward, Onward, Upward. This church has paid off \$4,300 parsonage indebtedness, and bought and paid \$1,000 cash for four more acres of land in planning for future growth.



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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Stair Cleaning Secret

By Mabel Nohden

Saturday was cleaning day at the Clark household. Eva and little Dolly helped their mother in as many of the smaller duties as little ones can do, though not always as willingly as might be. This was the case this morning.

"Dolly, you may sweep the stairs, and be sure you don't forget the corners," said Mother.

"Oh, I just hate to sweep the stairs," pouted little Dolly, fretfully.

"Mother, I'll do it!" cried Eva quickly. Dolly turned a surprised look toward Eva.

"No, I would like for you to dry the dishes," Mrs. Clark answered.

Eva hesitated for a moment, then turning about, exclaimed, "Come here, Dolly, and I'll tell you a secret."

Dolly was only too fond of secrets, and was all ears as she listened to Eva explain why she enjoyed sweeping the stairs.

"You see," began Eva, "I play like each step is a fine room in a rich lady's house; and because I'm working for her I must be very careful how I clean them, so she will be pleased with me. I always name each step a certain room. Don't you see?"

"Sure!" cried little Dolly, joyfully. "I'll do that too!"

Dolly was soon armed with broom and dust pan, and busy as could be. What sounded like short bits of conversation could be heard coming from the direction of the stairs.

"Now then, this is the hall . . ." and so, with a satisfied air, she would pass on to the imaginary parlor, and to each room in her make-believe mansion.

From that time on Mrs. Clark had no trouble getting the stair cleaning done.

—From *Sunshine For Little People*

May 1911 Issue

Let's Add Something for Lent

No doubt all of you have heard folks talk about "giving up something for Lent." If so, you probably know that they decided to give up excess sweets or coffee, cigarettes, or perhaps the movies. And if they thought a bit deeper, perhaps they decided to give up anger, profanity, selfishness, jealousy, etc. All this is fine, and it's good to give up some things and our bad habits for the Lenten

period, provided we don't let them get control of us again after Easter. It's wonderful if giving them up for Lent means the beginning of giving them up entirely.

But perhaps we forget that the Cross on which Jesus died is the divine **plus** sign, and that in giving His life upon it he made it possible for us to **add to** our lives those graces and good habits which He taught, as well as to **give up** those that are wrong. In fact, He said that if we add enough good, there won't be room for the evil habits, so we won't have to worry about giving them up.

So, during these wonderful 40 days before Easter—these days in which we should prepare our spirits for the blessed Easter season, let's add to our faces smiles, to our thoughts purity, to our words kindness, to our deeds gentleness, to our hearts love, and to our whole personality happiness and good will. If we do this, our lives will be a **plus** sign for Jesus.

All Kinds of Days

We thank You, God, for the days of rain,
And for the sunny days again.
All through life things come this way—
Days of sunshine and days that are gray.
We know that both kinds come from above,
Gifts from You that speak of Your love.

Amen.

—LUCY GRAY KENDALL

The Second Commandment

Exodus 20:4-6

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

At the time the Commandments were given, the heathen nations, and even some of the Israelites, were making wooden or stone images of birds and animals and men, and some were made of silver and gold and brass. They were setting them up in their temples and their homes, and bowing down to them.

In some countries of our world there are still people who bow down to hid-

eous images or idols that are horrible to look at, and that can do nothing to help them.

In this Commandment God says it is all wrong for people to substitute an image for Him, and that any object that keeps a person from worshiping Him is an idol, and must be done away with. And He goes on to say that if people continue to put other things ahead of Him, He will punish them generation after generation. And this has been happening ever since.

Today we have statues and pictures of Jesus, replicas of the Cross, and other symbols of our Christian faith. But these are merely symbols and reminders of the true God and Christ whom we worship.

Chuckles

Guide (conducting group of children through art gallery): "This picture is by Sir Joshua Reynolds. It is said that with one stroke of a brush he could change a smiling face into a frowning one."

Small Boy: "That's nothing. So can my mother."

Aunt Eve: "If you dislike Mary's boy friend so much, why are you encouraging them to marry?"

Mom: "I'm just looking forward to being that young man's mother-in-law."

Bible Quiz

Give the names of the other persons with whom these are associated in the Bible:

1. Adam and _____
2. David and _____
3. Elijah and _____
4. Ruth and _____
5. Paul and _____
6. Aquila and _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Mark
2. Matthew
3. Jacob
4. Cain

TREASURED UP ON PURPOSE

Some day, perhaps in some gray-haired December

The muted word will come that I am dead.
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That I worked hard today for daily bread.
And yet

I know it will do me good some way
Just to recall that I worked hard today.

—SNEED OGBURN

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 12

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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CHRIST IS WITH US

Background Scripture: John 14-16

Lesson Scripture: John 14: 1, 15-27

When Samuel, the father of John and Charles Wesley, lay dying, he said to John, "The inward witness, son, the inward witness — this is the proof, the strongest proof, of Christianity." To Charles he said, "Charles, be steady; the Christian faith will surely revive these Kingdoms. You shall see it, though I shall not." The last words of John Wesley are said to have been: "The best of all is God is with us."

Such affirmations of faith as these (and we could multiply them by the thousands) must arise from the truth that is taught us in these chapters of John which have been called "The heart of the Gospel." The same thought is echoed by Paul in Romans 8:16: "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God." If Methodism has a distinctive emphasis it is this doctrine of Assurance.

H. F. Hall in his book *A Faith for Today*, says concerning the early church's experience of a certain Presence in their midst, of something greater than themselves: "They thought of it as the divine Spirit, or Holy Spirit, as the spirit or presence of Christ, or simply as God among them and within them . . . it was the life that belonged to them as the family of God, the body of Christ." As the Abingdon Commentary puts it: "In I John 2:1, it is evident that the Spirit's presence is not a *substitute* for Christ's, but only makes that presence, and the Father's presence in him *more real*."

Our lesson Scripture begins with an exhortation to belief as the best cure for worry—"believe in God, believe also in me." The times were soon to come upon the followers of Jesus when they would need to remember his words. Discouragement, persecution and even martyrdom were waiting for the church down the stretch of years. To their everlasting glory many of them did remember, and stood firm when the troubles came.

In verse 16 we have an amazing statement, namely, that Jesus prays for His church! How many of us have ever thought seriously about that? "And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor (Comforter) to be with you forever." What is the nature of this Spirit who is to be with the church down through the ages? Dr. John Gossip, the eloquent Scottish preacher, has reminded us that the Spirit God will send us is a strong Spirit, one that will not pamper us but will call us to great tasks, and will put new heart and courage onto us, "rallying the broken ranks," enabling us to "snatch victory out of defeat." This, indeed, is the picture of the Holy Spirit which we have in the Book of Acts. So often it is referred to that someone has remarked that we might just as well call Acts "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." We see it welding into a unit the men from many lands and of many languages (read the second chapter of Acts). We see men attempting feats of strength, endurance and

courage because they lived and moved in "the power of the Spirit."

Twice in our Scripture lesson we are reminded of the conditions upon which true obedience can be expected. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (verse 15) and "If a man loves me, he will keep my word (verse 23). Furthermore, there is the promise of the continued presence of the Spirit with the obedient disciple: "We will come and make our home with him." The Divine Presence taking up its abode in human hearts? That is the promise; and we have known people of whom it might be said that they had made their hearts worthy of such holy guests. To be such a person is a spiritual ambition worthy of the greatest efforts of our lives!

Summer Preaching Schedule At Hay Street Church

Rev. J. W. Page, pastor of Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Page will serve as adult counsellors to the European Caravan for the North Carolina Conference this summer. In the absence of Mr. Page, the following persons will preach in the Hay Street Church during the summer:

June 11, 18, 25: Dr. A. P. Brantley, executive director, Commission on Higher Education.

July 2: Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive director, Conference Board of Missions.

July 9: Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Conference lay leader.

July 16: Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor, NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

July 23: Rev. Joseph F. Coble, superintendent, Methodist Retirement Home.

July 30, and August 6: Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive director, Board of Evangelism.

August 13 and 20: Rev. Walter Smith, Fayetteville.

◇ ◇ ◇ LOVE

I taught my children in Sunday school, "Jesus loves the little children: red, yellow, black, and white. Therefore, we love them, too." And they agreed. One morning Bertie came to work at our house. Bertie, that was our cook's name. She had six children and a no 'count husband. She had it pretty hard, and I was sorry for her.

Remembering what I had taught my little children, I loved her and wanted to help her, I thought. I gave her some of my old clothes for one of her girls. "Now I know what Jesus meant." Yet, in receiving the clothes, her hand touched mine . . . and I shrank.

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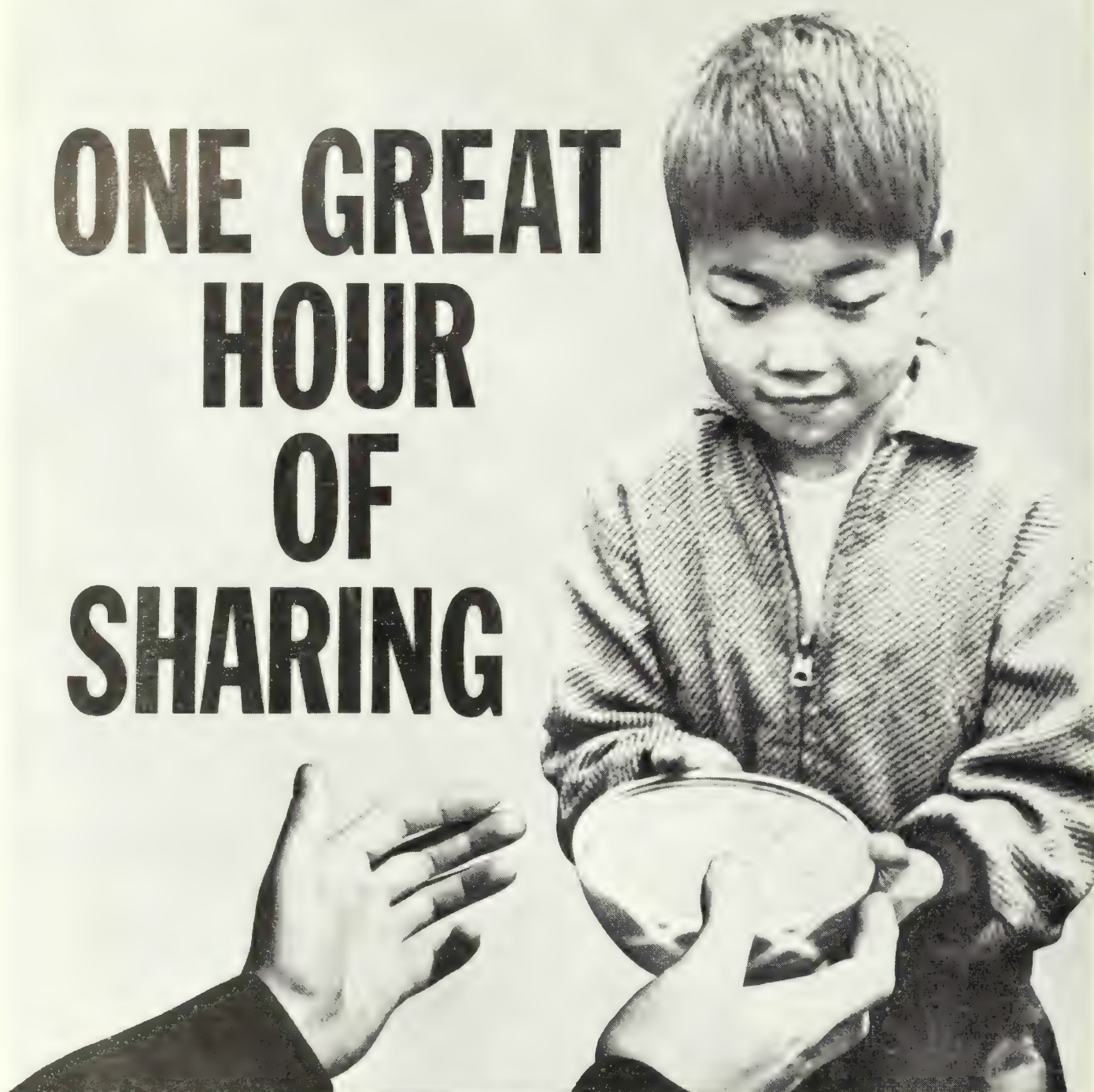
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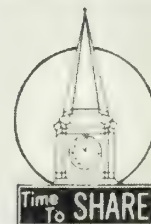
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New Officers, Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society



New officers and secretaries of lines of work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service are (seated left to right) Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., Wesleyan Service Guild secretary; Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala., treasurer; Mrs. George Shiplett, Vidalia, Ga., recording secretary; Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va., president; Mrs. Ralph B. Shumaker, Walterboro, S. C., vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Carter, Prattville, Ala., secretary of literature and publications; (standing left to right) Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, N. C., youth work; Mrs. Thomas H. Fore, Natchez, Miss., missionary service in home fields; Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Clarksville, Tenn., missionary education; Mrs. R. F. Roy, Richmond, Va., spiritual life; Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Miami, Fla., student work; Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt, Charlotte, N. C., missionary service in foreign fields; Mrs. C. G. Sledge, Louisville, Ky., children's work; Mrs. C. C. Cranford, Asheboro, N. C., missionary personnel; Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, Maryville, Tenn., Christian social relations; and Miss Mary Lena Wisheart, Fort Thomas, Ky., supply work. Mrs. H. M. Russell, Greeneville, Tenn., secretary of promotion, was not present for the photo. All were elected for four-year terms at the organization's annual meeting February 21-23 in Durham, N. C.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ REV. JAMES MCCHESENEY, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, spoke at Wesleyan Chapel on Tuesday, February 28. His lenten message explored the theme, "What Is Faith?"

☛ REV. AND MRS. EDGAR F. PEPPER, JR., of Waynesville announce the birth of a son, Edgar Fletcher Pepper, III, who was born in Asheville February 24, 1961. Mr. Pepper is pastor of the Delwood Charge.

☛ THE REV. ROBERT F. LUNDY, a Methodist missionary who has been a pastor, chaplain, and editor in Malaya for ten years, addressed upperclassmen at Pfeiffer College on Tuesday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the college chapel.

☛ RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK is this week being observed at Brevard College. Rev. R. H. Nicholson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Waynesville, is the preacher, and services are being held in the Brevard Methodist Church each evening March 5-9.

☛ VASS METHODIST CHURCH will hold revival services March 12-17, with the Rev. Robert Drew of Silk Hope, preaching each night at 7:30. A prayer vigil will be held on Friday, March 10, from 12 noon until 12 midnight.

☛ REV. W. B. PETTEWAY, pastor of First Church, Henderson, is this week assisting the Rev. Sinclair Lewis in revival services at Rehobeth Church, in the Raleigh District. The services, which began March 6, will continue through March 10, with services each evening at 7:30.

☛ THE METHODIST churches of Davie County are sponsoring a Davie County Evangelistic Crusade May 21-28. Dr. Harry Denman will be preaching, and the Rev. Kenneth Johnson will be the song leader. The services will be held at the Arbor at Center Methodist Church on U. S. 64 west of Mocksville.

☛ DR. AND MRS. E. L. HILLMAN of Durham will leave New York next Thursday, March 9, by jet plane for a one-month visit to the Middle East including Cairo, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jerusalem, Jordan, Jerusalem, Israel, and other places. They will return by plane around the end of March.

☛ THE REVEREND J. L. PETERSON, JR. is serving as the minister of youth at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Wilmington, and is supervising an extensive program for the youth of the church and community. Mr. Peterson came to this position in February and will serve in this capacity until late June.

☛ A STUDY COURSE entitled "Basic Christian Beliefs" is being held February 28, March 2, 7, and 9 at First Methodist Church, Henderson. It is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church. The Rev. William D. Moore, pastor of White Memorial and Wesley Churches is conducting the study.

☛ WESLEYAN COLLEGE, Rocky Mount, would be glad to secure back numbers of THE NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE to add to its files for the library. Anyone having excess copies or an extensive collection of such are invited to contact Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president, Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.

☛ REV. TOMMY TYSON of Goldsboro, an approved evangelist of the North Carolina Conference, is this week conducting revival services at Lowe's Methodist Church between Reidsville and Burlington. Services began last Sunday and are held each evening at 7:30. The music is under the direction of Rev. James S. Gibbs of Winston-Salem.

☛ METHODISTS OF GASTON County are conducting their annual school for Christian workers. It is being held at First Church, Gastonia, March 5-9, and has thirteen outstanding leaders in their fields teaching the various courses. Rev. William Brantley is serving as dean. The school was planned under the direction of Dr. E. C. Few, district superintendent, and the pastors of the area.

☛ MRS. MARVIN J. COWELL, wife of the treasurer of the North Carolina Conference, died in Raleigh last Friday. Funeral services were conducted from the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Paul Carruth, assisted by Rev. O. L. Hathaway and Rev. Hiram K. King. Burial was in Memorial Park, Raleigh. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two grandchildren.

☛ ANY CHURCH interested in securing the services of an undergraduate girl for the summer, who is majoring in Christian education with some basic experience in service, should contact Miss Clarice Bowman, High Point College. Miss Bowman, a professor in this field, has several girls who are interested in securing summer work as assistant directors or as youth workers, at a nominal salary.

☛ NORTH CAROLINA Methodists will be glad to learn Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges, former governor of the state, and a prominent Methodist layman, has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Southern Region Education Board. Hodges was given the award along with seven other prominent Southerners for leadership in education. Secretary Hodges was chairman of the Southern Regional Education Board in 1957-58.

☛ A ONE-DAY workshop for leaders of nursery and kindergarten schools will be held in Statesville on March 11, conducted by the Methodist Board of Education of the Western North Carolina Conference. Miss Annie Mae Murray, an outstanding leader in the field of nursery and kindergarten education, will serve as the resource leader and main speaker for the workshop, which will be held at The Methodist Building, 828 Wesley Drive, Statesville, from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

☛ DR. ALBERT C. OUTLER, former professor at Duke University, now professor at Perkins School of Theology at Dallas, Texas, delivered the tenth anniversary lectures at Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest this week.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are in progress this week at Wallace Methodist Church, with Rev. W. M. Howard, pastor of Trinity Church, Durham, preaching each evening at 8:00 o'clock, Sunday through Friday. Rev. Wallace Kirby is pastor.

☛ WE HAVE JUST received 111 subscriptions from the Fallston-Clover Hill Charge. This is an increase of six over last year. Rev. Ralph Jacks is pastor. They know how much the ADVOCATE will contribute to their work. May others do likewise.

☛ REV. GRAHAM S. EUBANK, superintendent of the Raleigh District, will be the preacher at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, next Sunday morning, March 12. This will be the second of the sesquicentennial services being held at Edenton Street.

☛ DURING THE PAST week Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, conducted a Visitation Campaign for four nights—Tuesday through Friday. Some 15 ministers were engaged to visit with laymen. During this week the Rev. C. Freeman Heath is preaching in revival services at Sunset Park, assisting the Rev. Paul Browning, pastor.

☛ THE MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM's traditional presentation at this season, "Easter The Awakening," opened at Chapel Hill Tuesday night, March 7, at 8:30 o'clock. This is the 12th consecutive year the presentation of the reverent events recorded in the Bible and a scientific inquiry into the aspects of the Easter season has been given at the Planetarium.

☛ BECAUSE OF UNFORSEEN circumstances it became necessary for both Bishop Garber and Mr. R. H. "Red" Bond to miss the Fayetteville district laymen's rally Friday evening, February 24. Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham was called upon to "pinchhit" for these brethren and did a magnificent job, as always. It is said that 1000 men filled the sanctuary of Hay Street Church for the meeting.

☛ THE WESLEY MEMORIAL Methodist Church of Wilmington will hold a series of evangelistic services during the week of March 12-17. The Rev. Mr. W. Junius Neese of the First Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids will be the preacher for the week. Both the Men of the Church and the MYF groups will carry out extensive programs of visitation in preparation for the week's services.

☛ THREE NIGHTS of visitation evangelism will be conducted by laymen of the Johnston County area Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, March 16, 17, 18. Cooperating churches will be Centenary Smithfield, Selma, Pine Level, Johnston, Princeton, and Four Oaks charges. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, director of evangelism, will meet with and instruct laymen at a supper meeting to be held each evening. Teams of two each will visit from 7:00 till 9:30.

☛ JORDAN MEMORIAL CHURCH, Rainsville, will conduct an Every Member Visitation March 12 through 21.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Taylorsville, will have as the visiting minister during revival services March 19-24 Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer College.

☛ DR. CARL STEWART, veteran missionary to Cuba, now MCOR Administrator to the Cuban refugees in Miami, Fla., preached last Sunday morning at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro.

☛ DR. BERNARD BOYD, of Chapel Hill, will deliver a Bible lecture at a supper meeting at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, at 6:00 p.m., March 9. Everyone is invited to attend.

☛ REV. J. HILLARY BRYANT, pastor of the Sea Level Charge, New Bern District, will be guest speaker at the Trinity Methodist Church in Marshallburg Monday night, March 13, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Tracie Var-num is the pastor.

☛ DR. JAMES W. MAY, Assistant Professor of Church History, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., preached at the Central Methodist Church, Monroe, March 5. Dr. May is teaching a course for adults, "Teaching of the Prophets" and "Basic Christian Beliefs" in the Christian Workers' Training School of Union County during this week.

☛ THE MOREHEAD CITY and Beaufort Sub-district held a Bible Conference March 6, 7 and 8 at the Ann Street Methodist Church in Beaufort. Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, was the Bible lecturer, using as the theme, "Understanding the Message of the Bible." Mrs. T. S. Newbold, also of Rocky Mount, assisted as group worker. Rev. John Cline is the pastor.

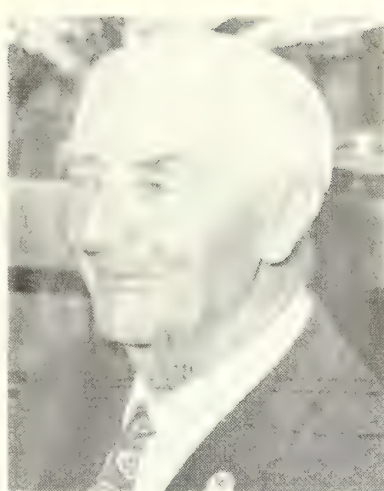
☛ THE EDITOR was with Rev. John Oakley last Sunday morning in services at Mount Moriah Church at New Salem, at 10:00 o'clock and at Hopewell at 11:00 o'clock. Brother Oakley is doing a good work on the Peachland Charge. He has set as a goal 100 subscribers to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and says he thinks he will have no trouble in going beyond that number. It was a high privilege to enjoy the noon lunch with Brother Oakley and his family in the parsonage.

Rev. Robert Regan, Jr. Given New Assignment

A North Carolina native, the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., has been elected director of organizational activities for the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The post is an extension of his previous assignment with the Board of Temperance, one of three Methodist boards which recently merged. It involves liaison work with 100 annual conference (regional) boards and some 600 district directors in training conferences and special seminars.

A Methodist minister's son, the Rev. Mr. Regan is a member of the N. C. Methodist Conference and formerly was associate pastor at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville. He directed work among college students and camping for the conference. He is a graduate of Duke University and Duke Divinity School.



Above is a picture of Mr. George Hatsell, of Swansboro, who has a perfect attendance record at Sunday School and Church for the past 44 years. He has loved his church and has participated in its program through the years.

Labor Secretary Goldberg At Methodist Convocation

Washington, D. C. — Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg will be a highlight speaker for the Methodist Convocation on Christian Social Concerns, slated here April 24-28, the church's first national social action gathering of the 1960-64 quadrennium.

Designed for inspiration-training-action, its theme will be "The Social Witness of the Church," according to the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., director of the convocation for the sponsoring General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

More than 1,000 persons, an average of 10 per annual conference, are expected to attend. Most of them will be leaders in jurisdictional conference and district Christian social concerns committees and boards and Woman's Society of Christian Service committees on Christian social relations.

Secretary Goldberg will speak on "The Current Economic Situation" and then will be questioned by Irvin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. John McConnell, dean of the School of Industrial Relations at Cornell University.

Regan said the convocation, in Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, has the purposes of inspiring Methodist leaders to apply Christian principles to political action, training leaders in techniques for Christian social action, and giving them opportunities to talk with congressmen and government agency personnel regarding specific issues.

Changes In Appointments

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the following changes in appointments in the Elizabeth City District:

Rev. C. W. Guthrie, retired, of Wanchese to serve as the supply pastor of the Kinna-keet Charge.

Mr. Richard D. Shinkle of Havelock to serve as the supply pastor of the Ocracoke Charge.

R. L. JEROME, Dist. Supt.

Trinity Memorial Church Is Free From Debt

The Trinity Memorial congregation of Trinity was made to rejoice on Sunday, February 26, when it was announced that the church property had been cleared of all indebtedness. To celebrate this event a Victory Fellowship Supper was enjoyed by members of the church on the following Tuesday in the fellowship building. After an enjoyable meal, the pastor, Rev. Robert Oakley, spoke about the progress Trinity Memorial has made within the last eleven years. Among a number of accomplishments the total budget of this eleven-year period was noticed. In 1949 the church budget was \$6,000, however, in 1960 it was over \$19,000. Even though the membership of this congregation is small compared to many, a notable work is being done by the 285 members which make up its enrollment. After these remarks the burning of the note took place with the following taking part: the pastor, Rev. R. L. Oakley, C. J. Morgan, R. K. Tribble, Mrs. John Payne and Mrs. Dallas Younts. It was stated this was another visible sign of what working and planning together can accomplish. The church is grateful to God for His leadership in this victory.

Rev. Robert F. Nay Undergoes Surgery

The Rev. Robert F. Nay of the Camp Ground Charge, Albemarle District, Route 1, Waxhaw, underwent major chest surgery on March 2 at the U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York. A coin lesion was removed from the left lung, and the first pathology reports have been read as negative for both cancer and tuberculosis. Further studies will be made to determine the exact nature of the lesion, but a complete and rapid recovery is expected. Mr. Nay will probably remain at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Ward E-1-214 for a period of four to six weeks before returning to North Carolina. The work of the Camp Ground Charge is being carried on by Mr. Leon Atkinson of Charlotte, a former pastor of the charge.

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EDITORIALS

Let Us Seek Unity Rather Than Division

We are glad that the women of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, in session in Durham last week, sent a message to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret that the Congress of the United States has authorized a five-year centennial commemoration and observance of the Civil War." It may be recalled that the *Advocate* expressed the same view in a recent editorial. We had just received a copy of the proclamation for use in the *Advocate*. We promptly relegated it to the waste basket because we did not consider it worthy. It appears to us that whoever conceived the idea certainly demonstrated a lack of understanding of what is necessary in promoting good will. We see no good purpose to be served in bringing up and keeping alive in the minds of our citizens the tragic experiences of a hundred years ago which brought division, death, and destruction to our fair land. It is a thing to be regretted and the sooner we forget it the better. Instead of trying to keep alive the ill will which brought about those unpleasant experiences, it seems we should be endeavoring to heal any breach that may have resulted. It isn't even good sportsmanship, to say nothing of good religion, for the victor to be constantly waving the red flag of hatred before the victim. With the tensions between nations around the world, this is no time to cultivate internal divisions. Rather than to glorify our national tragedies, we should be singing "Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

One Great Hour of Sharing

Let us not forget that Sunday, March 12, is the day when a large number of denominations join in "One Great Hour of Sharing." An offering is taken, and is to be used to help finance emergency and continuing relief and reconstruction services around the world. The Methodist church is glad to be numbered among the group who cooperates in relieving human need wherever it may be found. From those to whom much hath been given shall much be required. We Americans certainly fall into this category. It remains to be seen whether or not we shall prove ourselves worthy of, and grateful for these blessings. This is an opportunity for compassionate love to express itself in concrete deeds. Remember, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us." — Psalm 67:1.

Editor Spends Week-End In Asheville District

It was a delightful and, we trust, a profitable week-end for the editor to visit and have the privilege of preaching in the Asheville District last Sunday. Leaving Greensboro Saturday afternoon, we arrived at Burnsville during the snow storm about 6:00 p.m. After a long drive through the 200 miles of beautiful country, we were ready for the bountiful evening meal served at the Nu-Wray Inn in Burnsville. Mr. Wray operates there one of the most famous eating places to be found in western North Carolina. Both quality and quantity are there, and we were delighted to have the privilege of being numbered among the group that enjoyed it. The night was spent in the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. L. Brown, pastor of the Burnsville Church. They are gracious hosts, and our stay was a pleasant one. On Sunday morning we preached to an appreciative congregation at the Methodist church. Brother Brown has done a magnificent job in leading his people in the building of a commodious and attractive educational building and remodeling the sanctuary to make it very lovely and worshipful. The Burnsville Church now has a wonderful plant. At the parsonage for noonday meal we were privileged to have as dinner guests with the Browns, Mrs. Tillie Brooks, Miss Michiko Tonegawa, and Miss Elizabeth Motsinger. Mrs. Brooks is working with the Yancey County group ministry and larger parish project, supported by the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference. Miss Tonegawa, a Japanese student doing work at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., is preparing to do the same type of work in her native Japan and is working temporarily with Mrs. Brooks for experience and first-hand training. Miss Motsinger has built a lovely home near Burnsville, and is a member of that church. It was a fine fellowship in the parsonage. And to add to our pleasure, the Rev. Mr. C. B. Trammell, pastor of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Trammell, both of whom we had known when he was pastor at Troy and we were at Mount Gilead, came around for a visit in the afternoon. From Burnsville we traveled to Asheville where we preached at the Biltmore Methodist Church at the 7:30 service, and had a pleasant visit, though brief, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Lowder and their four fine children. It was an "after church snack" so pleasantly served by Mrs. Lowder. It was a joy to spend the night in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Tuttle. Dr. Tuttle is superintendent of the Asheville District, and is leading in a great program. Under his direction the Asheville District is making fine progress. Mrs. Tuttle is the former Lillian Allen of Durham, sister of Ambassador George V. Allen. She is a gra-

cious hostess. On Monday morning Brother Tuttle and the editor attended the monthly meeting of the ministers of the Asheville District, held at Central Church. It was our privilege to speak briefly about the *Advocate*, and the group gave assurance that they were going to send us a good list of subscribers. We are really expecting fine results from the churches of the Asheville District because the district superintendent and ministers know the importance of getting the church paper into the homes of the people. After a luncheon fellowship at the S&W Cafeteria, the editor made his way back down the mountain and into Greensboro. A few weeks ago we preached at Beaufort on the sea coast; the past week-end was spent with the churches in the beautiful mountain section; next Sunday will find us again in the Piedmont section. So we are literally covering the territory from the extreme east to the extreme west, and are finding the people of every section most gracious and responsive. It is a rewarding experience.

LETTERS

Franco Mot
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Lagos, Nigeria

Hon. Editor:

I want to tell you that with all that I've seen and heard about America I've been greatly impressed about her and I have sought to select my friends from that great country. I have been directed to forward my article to you for publication, and if my request is granted, I shall very much appreciate it as that is just the only means of connecting pen pals in your country.

I am Francis Mot of Lagos City College. My age is nineteen and I am interested in writing pals all over the world, especially in America. I am very anxious to have friends from America. So write to Francis Mot, 7 Tarton Street, Lagos, Nigeria. If only it could be done I shall be very much grateful. Thanks in advance. Cherio.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS MOT

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ERIC ASIODU
45 Baddeley Avenue
Yaba-Lagos, Nigeria
February 24, 1961

Hon. Editor:

I shall be obliged if you can lend me the hospitality of your columns to publish this my few lines that I decided to have Christian pen-friend in America of any age, sex, and especially the ministers of the churches in your widely-read magazine.

Moreover, as we Nigerians are now independent, we shall like to have greater relationship and be in same brotherhood with Americans. So I will be more than glad if you can publish this my humble request. I am 18 years old, a student of Lagos City College in my fourth year secondary. My hobbies are general, but interested especially in meeting a new people, exchanging African articles with wonderful American things and music.

I shall be thanking you in anticipation for your early information.

I beg to remain
Yours in Christianity,
ERIC

North Wilkesboro District Institute On Lay Speaking

More than a hundred persons were present for the second North Wilkesboro District Institute on Lay Speaking held at First Church, North Wilkesboro, Sunday afternoon, January 22. District lay leader, Fred C. Hobson, Yadkinville, was in charge.

After an address on "The Purpose of the Lay Speaking Program" by Conference Lay Leader Robert M. Smith, three presentations were made on "The Importance of Preparation in the Lay Speaking Program;" Dr. James Rhodes, West Jefferson, spoke on "Preparation the Church Should Make;" Rev. John H. Christy on "Preparation the Speaker Should Make;" and B. G. Collins, Elkin, on "The Responsibility of the Church Lay Leader."

Following a refreshment break there was a panel discussion on the speaker's problems: "Selecting the Text and the Topic," J. Van Caudill, Miller's Creek Charge; "Preparing the Message," Dr. Max Dixon, Boone; and "Delivering the Message," Roy Mason, Yadkinville.

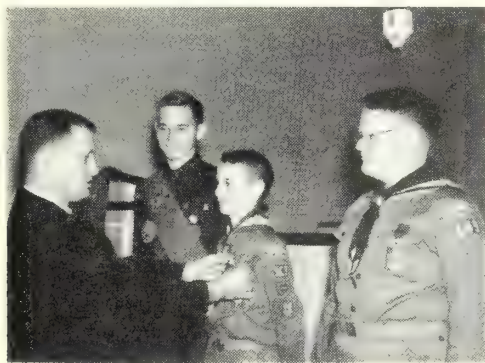
Several lay speakers are filling circuit pulpits throughout the North Wilkesboro District every Sunday in Lent.

America Is Of The Heart

America is not a thing of the earth, but of the heart. It is bounded not by oceans, rivers, or degrees of latitude, but by principles and ideals more precious than life itself. America is a stairway of opportunity, open for all to climb from the first step to the top. It is a vast melting pot in which is being produced a richer and more varied culture than the world has ever known.

But at the same time it is a solemn warning that anyone who debunks the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount is preparing for himself a hell on this earth, to say nothing of the next.

—DR. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS, chaplain of the United States Senate.



Scouts William C. Adams, Jr., Virgil Huffman and William D. Parker, Jr., received their God and Country awards Sunday, February 26, at the morning worship service at Trenton Methodist Church, of which all three are members. William Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Adams; Virgil Huffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huffman; and William Parker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Parker, all of Trenton. These boys are members of Troop 109, sponsored by the American Legion. J. R. Franck is their scoutmaster and also their Sunday school teacher. Walton N. Bass is pastor.

Zion Methodist Church Opens New Building

Zion Methodist Church on the Gatesville Charge, Elizabeth City District, formally opened its new building for worship at the 11:00 a.m. service on February 12. The pastor, Robert N. Knight, preached the



opening sermon, and many guests, including former pastors Thomas A. Collins and Henry A. Bizzell, Jr., were present. Following the service, dinner was served by the church people in the fellowship hall for all present.

The frame structure on the right in the picture is the education building which was not complete when fire destroyed the main building in July, 1959. It has been completed, and a new sanctuary and five classrooms have been built since then. The new classrooms are behind the corridor which connects the two buildings. All of the newer part is of cavity brick wall construction and was designed by Walter C. Burgess, architect. The sanctuary features a spire with glass lower half so that light is directed upon the altar in daylight, and electric light is used for the same effect at night.

Mrs. J. H. Lanning Passed Away Sunday, Feb. 26

Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning, wife of Rev. J. H. Lanning, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died Sunday morning, February 26. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 28, at First Church, Lexington, conducted by Dr. W. L. Clegg, superintendent of the Burlington District, and Rev. P. L. Shore, Jr., pastor of the church. Mrs. Lanning had been in failing health for several years. When Mr. Lanning retired as pastor of Christ Church, Fayetteville, at the annual conference last June at Rocky Mount, he and Mrs. Lanning moved to the old home place near Lexington where they have made their home since. For thirty-nine years Rev. Mr. Lanning had served in the pastorate, and through all those years he had been supported and encouraged in his work by the very able efforts and consecrated influence of his good wife. Mrs. Lanning was a charming lady, and gave herself without stint to the work to which her husband had devoted his life. She made friends wherever she went and cherished them through the years. In her affliction she was most patient and perhaps exercised some of her greatest influence as a Christian by her beautiful Christian spirit, as those who visited her always went away feeling an uplift by having been in her presence.

Book Reviews

THE CROSS BEFORE CALVARY, by Clovis G. Chappell, D. D., Abingdon Press, New York, 1960. 62 pages, \$1.50.

James Russell Lowell, in his *A Fable for Critics*, offers the wry comment that "Nature fits all her children with something to do, He who would write and can't write, can surely review."

This, then, is a review of a fresh book, the author of which can write uncommonly well—even at the age of seventy-nine! This latest of his more than thirty published volumes of sermons is disappointingly short, but excitingly new. The six chapters of the book approach Calvary from an angle usually overlooked in Lenten reading.

Rooted in the Old Testament, these messages reveal how the Cross of Christ was foreshadowed in the experience of such people as Joseph, Daniel, Moses and Elijah. Dr. Chappell shows how God was preparing His people to comprehend the perfect revelation of divine suffering love in Jesus Christ by the partial unfolding of it in certain Old Testament episodes.

This, therefore, is something of a departure in Lenten reading. Moreover, it represents a variation of emphasis in Chappell's published sermons which is thought-provoking.

All of the storied power of Chappell's winsome preaching is here. He tells how Hosea, "with eyes washed bright by tears, came to see a cross on the heart of God long before that cross became visible on Golgotha." Chappell's dogged determination to extract the true meaning of a text is seen: "Our Lord never promises to pay for our devotion by providing for our physical comfort. 'Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper,' declares the King James Version of the first psalm. But that is not true. Every good man does not prosper in the sense that he is sure of a place on Easy Street. But what the author really says is, 'In whatsoever he does, he shall prosper.' His health may fail, his bank may break, but the man himself will still prosper."

The final chapter will be of particular interest to those who are students of the so-called Second Isaiah, and to those who have made especial study of the various Messianic prophecies. It likewise offers much practical illumination on the central doctrine of the atonement.

Dr. Chappell, an alumnus of both Duke and Harvard Universities, never forgets for a moment the scholarly exposition of any Biblical passage about which he is writing. But a man who has been a warm-hearted pastor to all kinds of humanity for more than half a century can be counted upon to feed his sheep. This, Clovis Chappell certainly does.

—Howard C. Wilkinson
Chaplain to the University (Duke)

To Represent Presbyterian Church At Inauguration

Columbia, Mo.—The Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Garrison, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Greensboro, N. C., will represent the University of Missouri March 18 at the inauguration of Samuel DeWitt Proctor as the fifth president of the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Dr. Garrison was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia from 1933 to 1941. He received an A.M. degree from the University in 1935 and a Doctor of Divinity degree from Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., in 1945.

A Personal Word From Rev. and Mrs. Joe Bogle

Dear Friends:

It is with mixed emotions that we say "goodbye" to you. Our brief ministry among you has been filled with much joy and happiness for us. We have been so busy with numerous responsibilities that we have failed to become as well acquainted with you as we would like. However, we know that in the brief, and sometimes infrequent contacts we have come to love you and care deeply. Thus, it is difficult to say goodbye as we leave to go to our work in the city of Manila. Be sure of this that we shall hold you in our affections and lift you up in prayer that you may continue to have the presence of the Most High. Though distance will divide us, nevertheless we will be with you in spirit.

Our address in Manila will be:
Union Church of Manila
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Write to us when you can. With kindest regards to each and every one, we are,
Sincerely yours,

—ELIZABETH, JOE, JIM AND DAN BOGLE

Dr. John R. Church To Preach At Salem, Va.

DR. JOHN R. CHURCH, approved evangelist of the W. N. C. Conference, is slated to preach the sermon on Good Friday, March 31, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Salem, Va. Dr. Carroll Freeman is rector of St. Paul's Church. Other speakers on the program for Holy Week at St. Paul's are, Rev. Norman G. Dunn, D.D., president of Haworth Hall Seminary, London, England. Dr. Church is to be in revival services at the Central Methodist Church, of Salem, Va., March 26-April 5. The Rev. J. Melvin Trower is pastor. Dr. Church has just returned home from Florida, where he had very successful meetings in the Manhattan Avenue Methodist Church of Tampa, and at the First Methodist Church of Sarasota, with Dr. Floyd Cooper. He reported that in the meeting in Tampa three fine men were called to the ministry.

Their Job Is Vast

Washington, D. C.—The rapid increase and the continual change in the groups of persons with whom chaplains work require careful selection and thorough training for military and institutional ministers, the Methodist Commission on Chaplains was told at its annual meeting here in January.

Methodists alone account for an average of 284 persons into, and a similar number out of, the armed services each working day, according to the Rev. Dr. John R. McLaughlin, general secretary of the commission. Another 24 million people are institutionalized in this country, he said, and the commission is enlarging its service to them.

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DO YOU KNOW . . .

That The Methodist Church would now have 33 million members (more than three times the present membership) if the rate of growth since 1900 had been as great as during the period from 1850 to 1900?

NOTICE!

By action of the 1960 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 7, 1961. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1962 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 7, 1961. Invitations should be directed to The Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., Chairman, 605 East Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C., or The Rev. Harold M. Robinson, 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, N. C.

HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., *Chairman*
HAROLD M. ROBINSON, *Secretary*

Wealth of Choices

Delegates to the Third National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held July 14-16 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., will be offered a wide variety of discussion groups in which they may participate.

Each man who registers will be asked to select two topics from a list of 46 subjects. Because of the large attendance, planners of the conference will provide several sections of some of the topics.

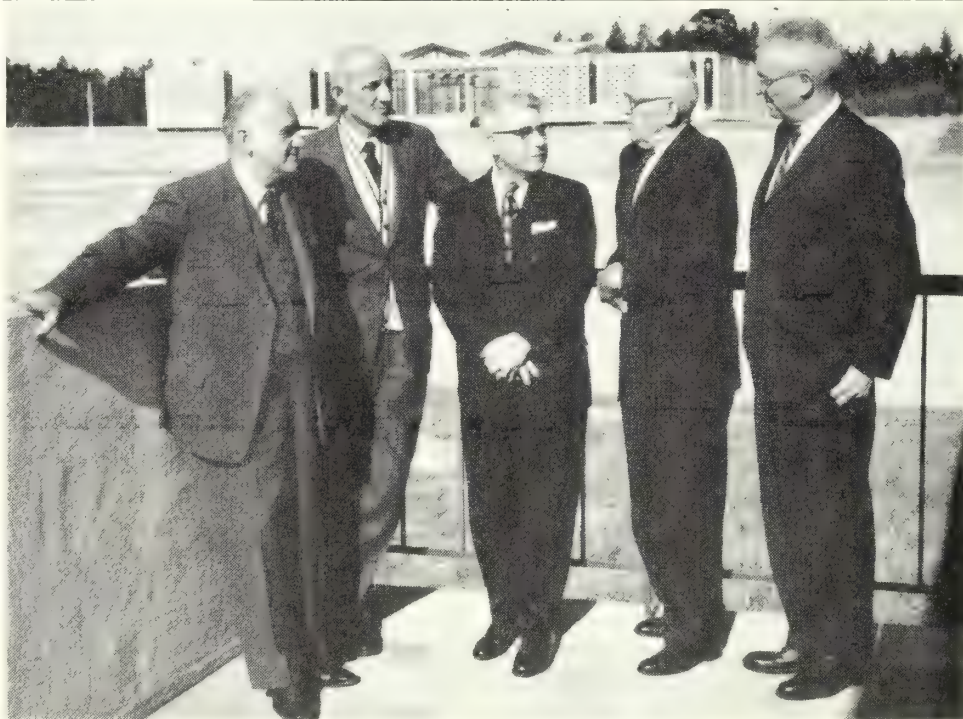
Dr. Lloyd M. Bertholf, president of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, is general program chairman for the conference, which is sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities.

Bishop Moore Will Preach In Asheville Revival

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., will be engaged in evangelistic services at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, beginning Sunday morning, March 12, and running through Friday evening, March 17. Evening services will be held each night at 7:30. He will also speak at noon-day Lenten services each day at 12:25-12:55. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Ed Easter, minister of music at Central Church, supported by members of the choir from a number of the Asheville churches. All churches are invited to participate in and reap the benefits from these services. Special invited guests at the various services are, as follows: On Sunday night all officers of all Methodist churches; Monday night, all members of all women's groups; Tuesday night, all church officers and teachers; Wednesday night, the youth of the city; Thursday night, city and county officials and public school teachers; Friday night, everybody. Bishop Moore is known as a world traveler, church statesman, and evangelistic preacher.

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A formal celebration in Atlanta combined dedication of the new Interdenominational Theological Center and the inauguration of its president, Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary—one of four schools affiliated in the center.



Standing on the west balcony of the Student Union at Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. Dr. P. Gordon Gould (center), Director, Division of National Missions, Special Responsibility: Promotion of the Alaska University Project, discussed Methodist College development with church and college officials during a recent visit to Methodist College campus. Methodist College and Alaska Methodist University are two of methodism's new four-year schools which opened their doors to the first freshman class in September 1960, therefore, there is much of common concern being discussed by the above group as they pause for a moment after having toured the Science Building shown in the background. With Dr. Gould from left are: The Reverend O. L. Hathaway, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions; the Reverend J. W. Page, Missionary Secretary of the North Carolina Conference; Dr. Gould; the Reverend Millard C. Dunn, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District; and Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, Dean of Methodist College. (Methodist College Photo—McAdams).

Interesting Methodist Matters

The Methodist Student Movement's first national seminar on "The Challenge of Culture to Christian Faith" will be held March 26-April 1 in New York City.

Mrs. E. M. Tilton, Portland, Oregon, has been re-elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Western Jurisdiction, which has 145,000 members in 1,638 local church societies.

A two-year drive to raise 32 million dollars for the five colleges and 28 Wesley Foundations in Texas has been announced by Bishop William C. Martin of Dallas, who is board chairman of United Capital Funds, Inc., for Texas Methodist Higher Education.

New commandant of the Army Chaplains School at Fort Slocum, N. Y., is a Methodist minister, Chaplain (Col.) Charles E. Brown, Jr., who has just been recalled from the top assignment as Protestant chaplain for the U. S. Army in Europe. He is a member of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

A Methodist missionary, the Rev. Lilburn E. Adkins, 64, died in Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, February 13, as the result of injuries suffered in an attack upon him and his wife by two Africans, while they were on their way home from church the night before. Mrs. Adkins was reported in critical condition but expected to live.

The role of the church in town and country areas in transition will be the major theme for discussions during June 26-July 14 at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, at an interdenominational Institute on Town and Country Work. Prof. Marvin T. Judy of SMU will direct the school.

A total of 133 Bennett College students earned places on the honor roll for the first semester, Miss Mary L. Mayfield, registrar, announced this week. An average of "B" or above is the requirement. Leading the classes were the seniors with 50. Freshmen and sophomores had 28 each, and the juniors, 27.

The Cleveland (Ohio) Counseling Center, a downtown service for persons of "any creed or condition," has been opened at the First Methodist Church. Co-sponsors with the church are the Ohio Area Methodist Commission on Pastoral Care and the Cleveland Methodist Union. Chaplain Warren M. Bentzinger of St. Luke's Hospital directs the center, which is staffed by volunteer clergymen of Greater Cleveland.

Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, regarded as one of Methodism's leading preachers and for the last ten years senior minister of First Methodist Church, of Pasadena, will become professor of homiletics at the Southern California School of Theology, Claremont, July 1. Dr. Edwards will join the School of Theology in the fifth year of a multi-million-dollar expansion and development program which he helped frame and execute.

The Rev. Dr. Edward P. O'Rear of Los Angeles was installed as president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes at the final session of its annual convention in Kansas City, Mo., February 2 in the Hotel Muehlebach. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Bolton Boone, administrator of the Methodist Hospital of Dallas, Texas.

Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer has reorganized its summer school program to enable students to attend college twelve months out of the year. Under the college's plan, students may acquire a degree in just over three years rather than in the normal four-year period. The reorganization announcement was made recently by Dean Cameron West, who also serves as director of the summer school.

American University, Washington, D. C., has announced that its Bible telecourse, *The Life and Teachings of Jesus*, will be offered this spring over WFBM-TV, Indianapolis, Ind., with academic credit being granted by DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. The Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis, has made a grant of \$174,700 to American University to finance filming of the television classes.

High Point College announced this week the publication of its first collection of scholarly research papers written by its faculty. This publication is entitled *High Point College Studies*. Contributions were made to this scholastic endeavor by seven members of the faculty at the college. These are the first such studies to be conducted by the college faculty and plans are at present to publish at least one such work a year and if possible more than one in future years.

A select group of senior high school girls and their advisors from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia have been invited to the annual Youth Days Weekend at Bennett College March 17-19. Limited housing, because of this year's record college enrollment, is responsible for this year's restriction. Mrs. Blanche Raiford, chairman, pointed out. The students, selected on the basis of their academic records, personality development, and special career interests, will have the opportunity to gain first-hand—by observation and participation—an insight into their intended vocation, and what it means to live on a college campus.

The Methodist Student Movement is currently sponsoring a photography contest for amateurs on the theme, "Man's Search for Meaning." Deadline for entries is April 1. The contest is a part of the MSM's preparation for its seventh National Methodist Student Conference, to be held August 26-31 at the University of Illinois, Urbana. The conference will have an arts festival, and photography will be one of eight art forms featured. "Photographic entries are being sought," said the Rev. B. J. Stiles, Nashville, "which explore the chaos and despair of contemporary society, as well as aspects of hope, renewal and creativity." Mr. Stiles, a staff member of the Board of Education, is director of the contest.

Recommended Books For Lenten Reading

The Cross Through the Open Tomb, by Donald Grey Barnhouse, Minister of Christ, Late Pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Editor-in-Chief of Eternity Magazine, Radio Minister, Author.

In this final book which he prepared during the months immediately preceding his death Dr. Barnhouse wrote his Preface: "As the title indicates, the purpose of this book is to set forth the death of the Lord Jesus Christ in the light of His resurrection." The eighteen chapters show that we have a risen Savior who is our living contemporary in whom we have eternal life and the power of His risen life in our daily walk. Price \$3.00.

Chapter Headings

Part One: Risen from the Tomb; Jesus the Risen Christ; Identified with the Risen Christ; Knowing the Risen Christ; The Gift of the Risen Christ.

Part Two: The Person of the Living Christ; Our Unique Christ; The Indispensable Christ; The Surrendered Christ; The Exalted Christ.

Part Three: The Grace of the Living Christ; The Promises of God; Falling into Grace; The Scales of God; Paid in Full; God's Command to Believe.

Part Four: Marks of a Saint; Marks of Sonship; Marks of the Christian Walk; Marks of True Confession; Marks of True Devotion.

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The Stranger of Galilee, price \$3.50.

This new devotional life of Christ deserves to be attentively read by all Christian readers. It is eminently appropriate during the Lenten season. "To those who will read it, and follow the ageless story from Advent to Ascension as Mr. White skillfully unfolds and interprets it," states F. Townley Lord of Furman University, *The Stranger of Galilee* will become Friend, Savior, Lord."

Beneath The Cross of Jesus. Price \$3.00.

These Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord were presented as Eerdmans Book for Lent 1960. It is a most refreshing work. White's originality, creativity and spiritual sensitiveness are manifest on every page. So rich are these offerings that one would recommend that the individual meditations be read at well-spaced intervals, giving opportunity for reflection upon the profound truths that are here unfolded.

These may be had from Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 255 Jefferson Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids 3, Michigan.

Two New Editions Added To The Upper Room

Two new editions have been added to *The Upper Room*, according to an announcement made at the editorial offices in Nashville, Tennessee, by J. Manning Potts, editor.

The Danish and Malayalam editions are the most recent newcomers to the list of this bi-monthly daily devotional guide noted for its world-wide outreach and ministry.

Dagens Ord, meaning "The Day's Word," is the name of the newest edition. It is translated in Vejle, Denmark, and printed in Esbjerg. It is published by the Methodist Publishing House in Denmark.

The Malayalam edition is published by the Christian Literature Society in Tiruvalla, Kerala State, South India.

The Upper Room is now published in thirty-eight editions and thirty-two languages including Braille, the director explained. The total circulation is three and one-quarter million copies of each bi-monthly issue.

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Albemarle District Ministers' Wives Meet At Wadesboro

The Albemarle District Ministers' Wives met February 25th at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro, for a luncheon meeting, which was served by the Parsonage Committee of the Wadesboro Church.

Mrs. Cecil Heckard, president, presided. The Devotional on The Meaning of Lent was given by Mrs. Melvin McIntosh of forven.

The theme, "Spring Hats," was carried out in the decorations and program. Mrs. Luther Lawing, Jr., of Ansonville, was chairman in charge of the luncheon. She and her committee of Anson County ladies had decorated the luncheon tables with tiny hats made of nut cups and lace doilies trimmed with ribbons and flowers.

Mrs. John Cakley of Peachland presented a talented young teen-ager, Frank Faulkner of Peachland, who showed a large collection of feather hats he had made. These were modeled by ladies he selected from the group.

Twenty-two ministers' wives attended.

—MRS. W. T. RATCHFORD
District Secretary

Students Urged To Use Talents To Help Africa

Bennett College students this week were urged to give serious consideration to using their talents, after graduation, in the cause of Africa.

Speaker was Dr. William Brown, a representative of the National Christian Students Foundation, who has spent several years as a missionary to Africa.

"God has given you an endowment," he declared. "Are you going back to the communities from which you came and be satisfied, while the whole world cries out for help? The African people are looking for men and women who can help them to realize selfhood."

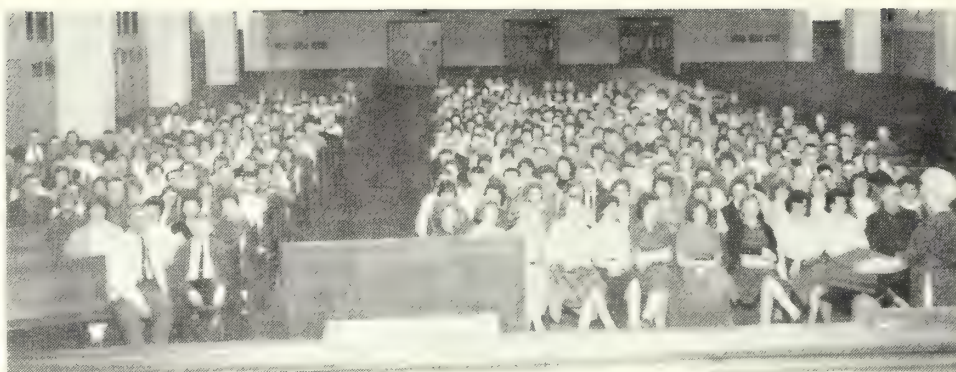
This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

On the back of the building fund pledge card one of the workers wrote the following about the person visited: "Intense resentment towards pastor and members of the church for being ignored during serious illness. Refuses to pay anything to the church for any cause. We spent considerable time with her and had prayer. She finally agreed to come visit in our Sunday school class. We plan to follow this up with a social visit soon."

In another church on another occasion one of the members told the finance crusade director that she had been seriously ill and that no one from the church visited her. She too was resentful. BUT she said she asked herself, "How many sick people did I visit when I was well? None," she said. So while lying there in bed with plenty of time to think she said that she decided never again to complain, and that when well she would certainly make it a point to seek out and visit her neighbors who became ill. This she is doing.

Did either of these members notify their pastor, or anyone else, that they were ill?



Randleman Circuit To Have School Of Missions

The Commissions on Missions for Level Cross, New Salem, and Worthville Methodist Churches are conducting a charge-wide School of Missions which began Sunday, March 5, 7-9 p.m., and will continue on Sunday, March 15, and Sunday, March 19, with the schedule as follows:

On March 5, the School of Missions was conducted at the New Salem Methodist Church from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.

Bob ———, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, shared his experiences, told of A. A., and opened the program for questions and discussion.

8:00-9:00: Dr. George W. Joyner, physician of Asheboro, presented and allowed for discussion on the medical aspects of alcoholic beverages and alcoholism.

March 21 at Level Cross Methodist Church

7:00-9:00: Earl ———, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous of another city, will also share his experiences, deal with A. A., tell about a rehabilitation institute in a nearby city, and allow for questions and discussion.

8:00-9:00: Randolph County Sheriff Wayne Wilson will talk about and lead a discussion on alcohol and law-enforcement.

March 19 at Worthville Methodist Church

7:00-9:00: Mr. D. W. Holt, Methodist layman from Asheboro, will be with us for a discussion of alcohol and the Bible, ending with the emphasis on alcohol and Christian responsibility, including the role of the church.

We feel that all our people can be benefited from participation in this course. The textbook is *Stumbling Block* by Douglas Jackson, available in either of the three churches or by order from the Methodist Publishing House, Fifth and Grace Streets, Richmond, Va.

—VANDRY WILLIAMS, Minister

Bill Price Is Elected Trustee Of Scarritt College

Mr. Bill Price, of Burlington, local Buick dealer and president of the Carolina Paper Box Co., Inc., has been elected a trustee of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt, made the announcement. Mr. Price is currently president of the Commission on World Service and Finance of the North Carolina Conference. He also served as chairman of the Conference Committee in the campaign to raise \$5,000,000 for the two new colleges established a few years ago. He is a member of Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington.

More Than 1600 Enrolled In Charlotte Training School

In the recent Christian Workers' Training School in the Charlotte District, there were more than 1800 persons present on the opening night in the First Methodist Church. The sanctuary was overflowing. There was an enrollment of 1609, and between 1100 and 1200 credits were issued. Rev. George Rudisill served as dean, and Mr. Torrence W. Allred, church school superintendent of First Church, was promotional chairman. He directed his promotional work not simply to get a large number of persons from every church, but to have a large number of workers present. And this was an important feature of the school this year. For the first time an overwhelming majority of those attending were workers in the church school. Another outstanding feature of the school was the large attendance of young people in the class taught by Mrs. E. H. Ould. This was the largest class ever taught by her in her lengthy career of teaching in training schools. There were over 300 young people enrolled in her class, with an average attendance of 275. The picture above shows Mrs. Ould's class of young people.

Every Member Visitation Meeting At Wilkesboro

Some one hundred sixty pastors, chairmen of Official Boards, chairmen of Commissions on Stewardship and Finance and church lay leaders attended the Every Member Visitation Institute at Wilkesboro Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, February 12. The meeting was under the direction of the district lay leader, Fred C. Hobson.

The Institute opened with the telling of four success stories. They were stories of four of the smaller churches that had used the Every Member Visitation plan. Telling them were J. Van Caudill of the Miller's Creek Church, Floyd Fox of Mt. Bethel Church, Eugene Moose of Stony Point Church, and Keith Howell of Yadkinville Church.

Materials were distributed and the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, director of Field Service and Finance, Statesville, led in a period of instruction. Mr. Gibbs pointed out that the program should begin on February 26 if possible to complete the ten weeks program by the first Sunday in May.

As a result of the meeting several churches of the district are at work already on the Every Member Visitation program.

Upper Moore Sub-District Christian Workers' School

The Methodist churches of the Upper Moore Sub-district of the North Carolina Conference completed their annual Christian Workers' School last Sunday evening at Robbins. The school was held on three successive Sunday evenings. In attendance, interest and credits earned, this was the most successful school of this nature ever conducted in this area. The instructors were local people, well aware of local problems and needs, as well as the approved techniques for meeting such problems and needs. Each of these local instructors worked toward certification by the General Board, to make this an accredited school.

The dean of the school was the Rev. Robert F. Moore, of Carthage, who taught the course, *Helping Adults Learn*. Mrs. J. I. Chaffin of Robbins taught the course for workers with children, *Teaching Children*. The Rev. Jefferson Davis, of the London Charge, taught the course, *The Meaning of Methodism*. The course that attracted the greatest interest was that taught by Rev. J. C. Chaffin, of Tabernacle Church, Robbins. This course, *Preparation for Marriage*, attracted a large number of older youth and counselors. This school was in response to a request by a large number of local people, who felt that local instructors could best teach to meet local needs.

Driver Of The Year Award Given To Vance O. Cress

Raleigh, March 1—The North Carolina "Driver of the Year" golden trophy was presented here today by Governor Terry Sanford to Vance O. Cress, 55, of Concord, a professional truck driver with a 6-year safety record of 2,540,000 miles.

Cress, whose home terminal is Greensboro, is a long-line tractor-trailer driver for Central Motor Lines, Inc., Charlotte. He received the coveted Governor's Award during ceremonies in the Governor's Chamber of the State Capitol. The new winner succeeds Bennie Pittman, McLean Trucking Co., Winston-Salem, 1960 "Driver of the Year," sponsored by the North Carolina Motor Carriers Associations, Inc.

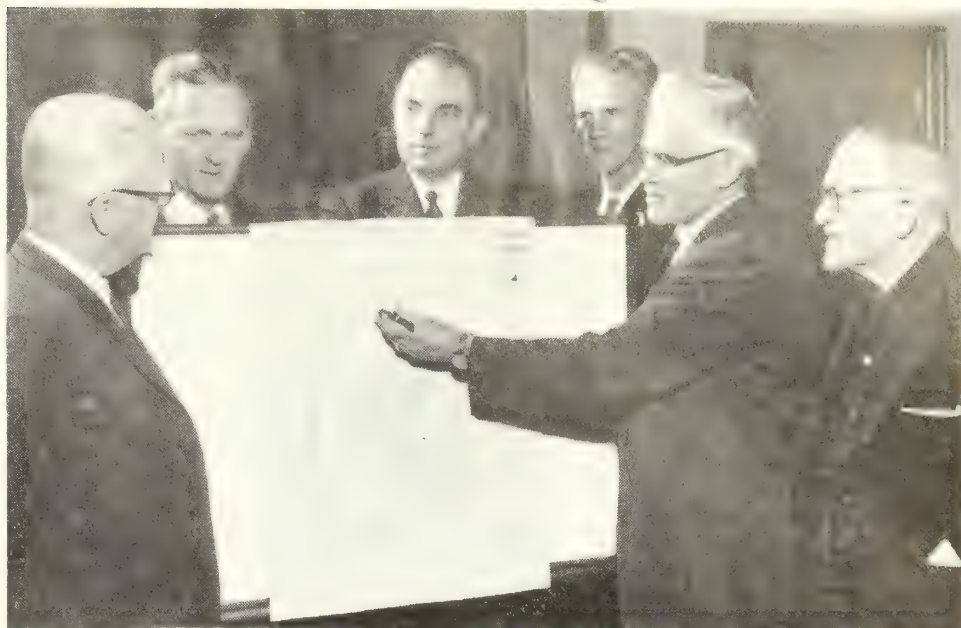
Following the Governor's presentation, Mrs. Cress pinned her husband with a "Driver of the Year" medallion pin from the American Trucking Associations, Inc., and ICMA's vice-president, J. T. Outlaw, presented Cress with a modern framed certificate in behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc., and North Carolina Motor Carriers Association presidents.

High Point District in Special Session

For the purpose of taking definite action on a proposal to erect a district parsonage in the city of High Point, the High Point District Conference will meet in special session at Archdale on Thursday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.

According to Rev. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent, the delegates to the conference will be the clergy and the same delegates who represented their churches at the annual session last January in Asheville.

New Methodist Church Organized at Oteen



Shown in the accompanying picture are Roy Cagle, president, Asheville District Mission Society; Hugh Stevens, secretary of the society; Carl Hyatt, lay leader of the district; Glenn Lackey, conference director of Church Extension; Dr. R. G. Tuttle, district superintendent; Judge Guy Weaver, trustee of the District Society.

Plans were completed for the organization of a new Methodist church at Oteen in the Asheville District on Monday night, February 13, when Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, district superintendent, met with a group of laymen and ministers at the Groce Methodist Church, on the Black Mountain highway.

The District Missionary Society has been working on the project for about six months. The Rev. Gordon Keeler and his congregation at the Azalea Methodist Church have assisted in the task of finding an appropriate site. The legal matters in connection with the sale are being handled by Judge Guy Weaver, a district trustee of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle was in charge of the meeting. The Rev. Glenn Lackey of Statesville, secretary of church extension for the Western North Carolina Conference

of the Methodist Church, assisted with plans for the survey of the area to be served by the new church and other details necessary to its organization. A survey of the area will be made on Sunday, April 13, to determine the possibility of securing new members for the church.

The church will be located on property adjacent to a housing development on the highway across the road from the United States Veterans Hospital at Oteen. Mr. Tuttle stated that the Asheville District Missionary Society is buying a tract of four acres of land and that the new church will be built on top of a hill, one block off the main highway.

The first service will be held Sunday night, May 7, and the Rev. Glenn Lackey will serve as pastor and will preach each Sunday until the annual conference meets June 7, when a pastor will be assigned.

'The Way of The Cross' To Be Repeated March 28th

"The Way of the Cross," a special award-winning Eastertime color program retracing the route Jesus took as He walked to His Crucifixion on Calvary, will be repeated in a color presentation on the NBC-TV network Tuesday, March 28 (10-11 p.m., EST).

The program, widely commended by critics and viewers when it was first shown last year, will feature a new introduction by NBC News Correspondent Frank McGee. The introduction was filmed at Riverside Church in New York for the broadcast, which comes five days before Easter Sunday.

The program was filmed in the Holy Land without actors. It uses new documentary techniques to show scenes of Jesus' life as He might have seen them, starting with His birthplace in Bethlehem and culminating in the route He took during His last moments on earth as He bore the Cross through Jerusalem.

Ruffin, Pelham Charges In School of Missions

The Ruffin, Pelham, and Hickory Grove Methodist Churches have just completed a very successful three-night School of Missions, using the textbook *Stumbling Block* for adults, and *Alcohol Speaks to Youth* for the youth class. The school featured the presentation of the problems of alcohol from three viewpoints: the alcoholic's point of view, the minister's point of view, and the legal point of view. Resource persons for these sessions were Mrs. Ann Wall, director of the Alcoholism Information Center of Reidsville; Rev. E. F. Bradley, district director of Christian Social Concerns; and Judge Allen Gwyn, judge of the Superior Court.

This is the second year these three churches have cooperated in promoting a School of Missions and have found it a very successful way of carrying on this vital program of the church. Rev. L. E. Barden and Rev. J. P. Greene were the sponsoring pastors.



Woman's Activities



S. E. Jurisdiction WSCS Meets in Durham

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, of Richmond, Va., was elected president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its 21st Annual Meeting held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, February 21-23.

Theme for the three-day sessions was "Our Mission Today."

Members of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society executive committee, delegates, missionaries, deaconesses, visitors, and others totaling 336 were registered for the meeting.

Other officers elected included vice-president, Mrs. Ralph B. Shumaker, Walterboro, S. C.; recording secretary, Mrs. George Shiplett, Vidalia, Ga.; and treasurer, Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Secretaries of lines of work elected were, promotion, Mrs. H. M. Russell, Greenville, Tenn.; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, Maryville, Tenn; missionary education and service, Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Clarksville, Tenn.; literature and publications, Mrs. W. C. Carter, Prattville, Ala.; spiritual life, Mrs. R. G. Foy, Richmond, Va.; supply work, Miss Mary Lena Wisehart, Fort Thomas, Ky. Also, children's work, Mrs. C. G. Sledge, Louisville, Ky.; youth work, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City; student work, Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Miami, Fla.; missionary personnel, Mrs. C. C. Cranford, Asheboro; missionary service in foreign fields, Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, Charlotte; missionary service in home fields, Mrs. Thomas H. Fore, Natchez, Miss.; Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn.; chairman Committee on Nominations, Mrs. Ralph Arrington, Jackson, Miss.

Also elected were six delegates and one alternate to the 1962 Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. They were Mrs. Ralph Shumaker, Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Mrs. Robert Wilcox, Mrs. H. M. Russell, Mrs. S. M. Harmon, and Mrs. C. C. Cranford.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Richard H. Bauer, executive secretary of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, speaking at the opening session, declared, "The mission of the church is to be as windows through which the light of God shines now." Dr. Bauer used as his topic "The Faith that Compels Us."

Two addresses, "The Factors That Confront Us," and "Frontiers That Call Us," were delivered by Dr. Edmund Perry, professor of history of religions, Northwestern University. Dr. Perry, a former member of the Duke University faculty, cited the "strength and direction of the Christian gospel" as a cure for Communism.

The Wednesday evening session, held in the Duke University chapel, featured an address by Bishop James K. Mathews, resident bishop of the Boston Area of the Methodist church. Using as his topic, "Rise and Walk," Bishop Mathews asserted: "Ours is a time of revolution, and it is a needy world. This is our world, God has given us the privilege of living in it, and we must take our responsibility in it. Here on earth God's work must be our own and we find that His work is on the frontiers. It is only as we do His work that we have any right to speak of our mission today."

Miss Ruth Harris, associate secretary of student work, Woman's Division of Christian Service, challenged the church to open every channel of communication with today's students, so that the church may be in full cooperation with them.

The President's Message

Mrs. David Cathcart, president, in her annual message, said that the mission of the church remains unchanged throughout the Christian centuries. "To know Christ and to make Him known—to make the gospel relevant to the total life of man—this is still the basic task," she declared.

Mrs. Cathcart said that the department of work in foreign fields under the Woman's Division needs 275 persons to meet the present demand in specific instances, exclusive of countless urgent calls from every area of work in the home fields. "Recruits for missionary personnel will not come from without the church, but within its membership," she declared.

A panel discussion on Crusade Scholars was conducted at the Wednesday afternoon session by Dr. and Mrs. Thor Hall, of Norway, and Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Sunderam, of India, crusade scholars at Duke University. Mrs. Pierce Johnson, immediate past president of the N. C. Conference WSCS, was the moderator.

Reports

The secretary of promotion, Mrs. William Bourne, reported 8,843 woman's societies and 2,155 Wesleyan Service Guilds in the jurisdiction, with a membership totaling 422,595. These figures represent a net gain of 79 woman's societies and 32 Guilds, and 4,195 members.

The total giving, \$3,067,523.70 last year represents an increase of \$120,144.21, according to the report of Mrs. H. A. Davis, treasurer.

Reports of all other officers and committee chairmen were also given.

The closing session on Thursday evening featured a Service of Dedication and Commitment, led by Mrs. E. U. Robinson, of Lebanon, Tenn., a member of the Methodist

Board of Missions, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, administered by Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District; the Rev. W. M. Howard, and the Rev. L. M. Hall, pastor and associate pastor of the host church.

During the communion service love gifts were laid on the altar to be used for the education of a young girl from Mongolia who will study in Portugal, returning home to teach her people.

Outgoing President Honored

The delegation adopted two recommendations of the jurisdiction executive committee, honoring the outgoing president Mrs. David Cathcart. These were a gift of \$5,000 to be sent through the regular channels of the Woman's Division and to be used for a project of the division; also, sustaining membership in the amount of \$1,000, presented to Mrs. Cathcart as an expression of appreciation for her sixteen years of service to the jurisdiction Woman's Society.

The College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, Fla., also presented Mrs. Cathcart with a check for \$500.

The executive committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was hostess to the jurisdiction executive committee at a luncheon in the Old Trinity Room at Duke University on Tuesday preceding the opening session.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



State Legislative Program

The State Legislative Council is sponsoring a four-point program, urging the 1962 General Assembly in session in Raleigh, to enact legislation on all four points.

These are: (1) To increase substantially the allotments for one year's support of the widow whose husband dies without a will, and raise the age of children eligible for these allotments from fifteen to eighteen years. (2) Clarify the present law relating to licensing of Day Care facilities. (3) To provide enforceable measures for the transportation and protection of migrant workers. (4) Support the elimination of residence restrictions on health and welfare services for needy people.

The State Legislative Council is composed of 19 statewide organizations. The Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference are members of this group.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte is a director of the Council. The committee of four from the W.N.C. Woman's Society includes Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, Mrs. Ned Gibbs of Thomasville, and Mrs. J. C. Rabb of Marion.

The Legislative Council speaks for more than 350,000 citizens who are deeply concerned about problems of human welfare.

The Council urges each woman to contact her representative in Raleigh, requesting that he support the program above.

Further information may be secured by writing Mrs. Ralph Seymour, Executive

cretary, 2329 Hathaway Road, Raleigh. leaflet on the 1961 legislative program will be sent on request.

District News

The Winston-Salem District made plans for its annual district conference to be held April 12th at the New Hope Methodist Church in Winston-Salem at a meeting of the executive committee held on Valentine Day at the YWCA in Winston-Salem. Mrs. B. Simpson, president, was in charge.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver had the opening devotional message. She also read a recent letter from Miss Lorena Kelly, missionary in Africa, saying that the Methodist missionaries had been evacuated from the Congo for the second time.

Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Conference secretary for children's work, discussed the recent conference executive meeting at Pfeiffer College. She stressed the need for the women to increase attendance at the School of Missions at Pfeiffer in August.

Miss Anita Benoy told of her work as a church and community worker in the Great Mount Airy Parish.

The Salisbury District made plans for its annual district conference to be held April 6th at Midway Church in Kannapolis at a meeting held recently.

Mrs. William J. Clayton, district president, outlined the projects to be stressed and the dates to remember in a letter to every local president. She said that a Quiet Day service would be held on March 15th at Coburn Memorial Church in Salisbury, when a theme of "Perfectly Whole" would be presented by three speakers, Mrs. Harold Simpson, Mrs. W. B. Penny, and Mrs. Charles Page.

The Salisbury District has a working membership of 4,828 Methodist women, with a very efficient group of district officers.

The Charlotte District executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Wilkin, conference recording secretary, in January. Mrs. Gregory Smith was associate hostess. A new district policy was adopted. This included 24 suggestions made by a committee that studied the situation carefully before submitting the rules for adoption.

The Charlotte Wesleyan Service Guild will have a district-wide study of "Basic Christian Beliefs" on March 12, 19 and 26, at First Methodist Church in Charlotte, with Dr. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College as instructor.

Mrs. Barney Crowe reported on projects resulting from the district study. Mrs. Philip DeBerry discussed the importance of keeping in contact with young people who are interested in church-related vocations.

Miss Florence Dixon told of her recent visits to six groups in the district. She also gave a devotional message.

Mrs. Howard E. Campbell announced that \$736.96 had been given by the societies in the district for Christmas askings in Supply Work.

Mrs. Lyle Beman, president, outlined plans for the collection of clean, used clothing, told of UNICEF literature, and of a recent meeting of United Church Women.



Indiana Methodist leaders have announced they will raise \$18,000 to pay for a plane being used to speed food and medicine to stations in the Congo.

Southeastern Jurisdiction Launches 10-year Campaign to Build 977 Churches

A 10-year campaign to build 977 new Methodist churches in nine southeastern states was launched in Jacksonville, Fla., last week by bishops and other officials of the denomination.

The building program, estimated to cost more than \$50,000,000 for land and initial states was launched in Jacksonville, Fla., committee of the Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., council president, said the building needs were based on a survey of 150 districts in the jurisdiction's eight episcopal areas.

The survey findings, which Bishop Garber termed minimum needs, call for the purchase of sites and construction of buildings for 831 new congregations to be organized, and relocation of 146 churches.

The Jacksonville Episcopal Area, embracing most of fast-growing Florida, will need to organize 153 new congregations and relocate four churches in the next 10 years, the survey indicated.

Jurisdictional Women Send Letter To President Kennedy

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction has sent a letter to President Kennedy expressing "deep regret that the Congress of the United States has authorized a five-year centennial commemoration and observance of the Civil War."

The letter said in part:

"Such an observance at this time in our national history may well provide the means for stimulating the divisive elements, stirring up slumbering sectionalism, and generating strife that can result in untold damage.

"Our concern and our hopes are that you will use the influence of your office to emphasize the unity that was achieved, rather than the divisions of those tragic years."

After the executive committee announced it was sending the letter, the delegates to the annual meeting of the jurisdiction Woman's Society approved unanimously a recommendation that annual (regional) conference organizations of the Woman's Society send similar communications to governors and other state leaders. The delegates represented 16 conferences in nine southeastern states.

Attendance at the annual meeting was about 500, with more than 100 of them voting delegates.

The letter from the executive committee also was sent to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives. It was signed by Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., outgoing president of the organization, and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, Memphis, Tenn., outgoing recording secretary.

The Richmond Area, comprising most of Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, is next with 130 new congregations and 31 relocations called for.

Estimates for the rest of the nine-state region, according to episcopal areas, are as follows:

Atlanta, 111-14; Birmingham, 95-13; Charlotte, 72-14; Columbia, S. C., 43-4; Jackson, Miss., 99-12; Louisville, 58-12; Nashville, 70-42.

Bishop Garber said the committee expects to draft a fund-raising campaign for the building program before adjournment.

Also on the agenda are plans to boost church membership in the jurisdiction to 3,000,000 by 1964. The jurisdiction, largest of six in the Methodist Church, now has 2,709,000 members in 12,161 churches.

Other bishops on the committee are James W. Henley, Jacksonville; Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.; Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss.; John Owen Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C.; Walter C. Gum, Louisville, Ky.; and Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C.

Other members include lay and ministerial representatives of the eight episcopal areas.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Lunch In A Paper Sack

He was a medium-small boy, with two books caught in the crook of his arm, and his hand thrust deep into the pocket of his well-worn jacket. A shock of partially combed red hair gleamed in the early morning sun, and in the brisk cold air his breath rose in little puffs of steam.

In the other hand he carried a wrinkled paper sack, and as he accepted the ride he set it carefully on the seat beside him. "My lunch," he said matter-of-factly in answer to our questioning glance.

This brought on comments about our school days and paper lunch sacks, ending with a cautious query about the new ultra-modern lunchroom at school, and whether he ever ate there.

"Mister, we're always short on money, and it costs a quarter to eat in there. But I can make out fine taking my own lunch, and it's paid for."

Such refreshing self-reliance had not been manifested in our presence in ages, and a glance at the steady young face—not too hardened, but yet not afraid, either—gave assurance that here sat one imbued with pride in making his own way.

"Just for kicks take this quarter and try out the new lunchroom today. You might like it."

"Thanks, Mister, but I didn't do nothin' to earn it, and it wouldn't be right to take it." Then turning to the school walk as the car came to a stop, he said, "Thanks for the lift, Mister. Now I'll get there ahead of time."

"Yes, sir," muttered somebody wearing our overcoat. "With an outlook like that you'll get there ahead of time all right—way ahead of time."

—Editorial from *Charity and Children*

My Snow Man

I made a snow man yesterday,
With button eyes so bright.
I made a snow man yesterday
Who looked like he would fight.

—By MARY BETH CAVINESS
Third Grade, Bennett, N. C.

Minute Vacations

As we plan this page for the boys and girls, we often find ourselves thinking of the mothers and fathers, whose days are so full of work and responsibility, and who get very tired. Of course it's a

joy to be tired for the sake of the children whom you love so dearly, and for others in the home and community, but you do give out sometimes if you don't have a break in the routine. And we know you can't take a real vacation each time you get tired.

We wonder if you have thought of the many "minute vacations" you can take in the course of a day, which don't cost a cent, and which do a lot to relieve the strain and change your outlook. We suggest you try some of them.

While you are washing dishes, stop a minute and look out of your kitchen window at that mocking-bird in the treetop, and feel the thrill of his joyousness as he pours the music of all the other birds from his tiny throat.

Or, stop in the midst of your sweeping, and go out in the garden and look at a rose, and thank God for His gift of beauty.

Perhaps your dog is with you as you work in the yard. Lay down your hoe or your rake, hold his face between your hands, and feel the response of his affection for you.

When eyes grow weary at machine or desk, look out of your window into the green of trees and the blue of skies.

Wherever you are, bow your head for even part of a minute, and let the comfort of Jesus' words, "Come unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," flood your soul with peace.

Only a minute vacation—yes, but there's rest and healing in it.

The Third Commandment

Exodus 20:7

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Here God is referring to the careless, flippant, or abusive use of His name. There was cursing and profanity among the people of Old Testament times, just as there is today, and it was one of the evils that God hated. He was the one true God, and His name was to be revered and kept holy. And according to this Commandment, every person was guilty who used the name of God lightly or carelessly, or in an expression of anger.

And what about today, when God finds so many people—boys and girls

and older people—using His name cursing, in slang, and in flippant conversation? He says He will hold such people guilty of sin, until they repent and learn to keep His name sacred and holy.

As we grow up through childhood into manhood and womanhood, let us keep the name of God and of Jesus very precious, and not use it in a way that would bring disrespect to them and guilt upon ourselves.

A Moment With God

Dear God, I pray You will make me brave

To face the things I must face today;

Give me a heart that is unafraid

To do the things I must do today.

And because of my love for You, I know

You will be with me wherever I go.

—Selected.

Bible Quiz

1. Who said, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee?"
2. Who was known as the disciple who Jesus loved?
3. Samson lost his life for the love of a woman. Who was she?
4. What is the most famous love text in the Bible?
5. Who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends?"

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Adam and Eve, Genesis 2 and 3
2. David and Jonathan, I Samuel 18:1-4
3. Elijah and Elisha, II Kings 2:9-14
4. Ruth and Naomi, Book of Ruth
5. Paul and Barnabas, Book of Acts (or Silas or Timothy)
6. Aquila and Priscilla, Romans 16:3-4

THE MIRACLE

There was but time to greet you yesterday
When with warm handclasp you encouraged me
And sent me bounding on my arduous way
And made me see what good there is to see

But now while morning breaks, a word to you—

To you who helped me find my soul,
To you who vowed with me that I would be true:

You cared for me—

Your faith has made me whole!

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 19

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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WHAT DOES CHRIST DESIRE FOR US?

Background Scripture: John 17
Lesson Scripture: John 17:13-26

This lesson is the third in a five-session unit, the general subject of which is "The Meaning of Christian Discipleship." The Scripture is the great high-priestly prayer of Jesus.

When we come to comment on this lesson we recognize that we are in the atmosphere of worship. To him who knows nothing of Christian experience this towering testimony will mean little or nothing; but to those who have glimpsed something of "the breadth and length and height and depth" of the love of Christ it will mean much.

It has been suggested that this great prayer may be divided into three parts: (1) verses 1-5, in which Jesus prays for himself; (2) verses 6-19, the prayer for his disciples; (3) verses 20-26, the prayer for the whole community of believers that we know as the Church. It is recommended that the entire 17th chapter be included in the scope of this discussion.

An interesting aspect of this prayer is that it is full of strong verbs. To go through the chapter and underline the verbs will show there are about fifty-five of them. Now verbs carry the meaning of action, so we can see that this is a most unusual prayer. Among the great verbs are: "glorify," "love," "manifest," "pray," "keep," "guard," "give," "consecrate," "know," "believe" and "behold."

What, then, does Christ desire for the church? First, "that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves." Readers of this column do not need to be reminded that "joy," as used in this context, has no affiliation with "pleasure" or "happiness." To be happy one must be free from pain, but one may "rejoice in tribulation" if that tribulation is for the greater glory of God. It has been said that the New Testament could be the saddest book in the world. It is full of accounts of hardships, sufferings, and even martyrdoms; and yet it is one of the most joyful books in the world. A quick glance at the concordance will show more than fifty instances of the use of the word *joy* in the New Testament.

The second thing Christ desires for us is that we be kept from "the evil one." No one can help feeling (at least sometimes) that the power of evil seems to have the qualities of the personal and the demonic. St. Paul has us wrestling with "the powers of this dark world." All of which is to say that the Christian life, though it may be joyful, is not easy.

Then, according to our Scripture, Christ desires that we be "consecrated in truth." He alone can do this for us by the offering of himself (see IB, v. 8, p. 750). This offering is a real one and not just a symbolic one, as is too often the case in other religions.

He desires also that unity be achieved in the Church. And this means the whole church of Christ, not bounded by time or

space. It means not only the disciples, but "also those who are yet to believe," in other words, it means us. The movement toward unity in the Church was called by the late William Temple "the great new fact of our time." This trend toward unity has been pictured as a wheel, with Christ represented by the hub and the various denominations by the spokes. The nearer the spokes come to the hub, the nearer they come to each other. Whether Christian churches will unite during the lifetime of any one now living is doubtful, but Christian unity is already a fact where men are willing to pray for each other and for the coming of the Kingdom across the lines which now separate them.

Virginia Conference Campaign Resulted In 11,186 Members

Washington, D. C.—With additions still being reported, the recent Virginia Conference "knock on every door" campaign resulted in 11,186 commitments for church membership, 4,161 or more than one-third of them on profession of faith. Bishop Paul N. Garber, in a report rally involving a 15-district telephone hook-up, said that Alexandria District led with 2,114 commitments, 714 on profession. The total, for a two-month evangelistic effort, compares to 24,381 new members received by Virginia churches during all of the conference year 1959-60.

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A Fitting Tribute To Dr. Walter K. Greene

By BEN G. CHILDS

Some man has well said that "a man's real worth is tested by the memories of him that live with the years." Such words appear apt and fitting in considering the life and the passing of the late Dr. Walter K. Greene.

Walter Kirkland Greene was born in Greenwood, South Carolina, on February 22, 1884, and died in his sleep at his home in Ashland, Virginia, on January 9, 1961. He was graduated from Wofford College in the class of 1903. He received the M.A. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1905 and the Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1923.

Dr. Greene was married to Miss Leah Campbell on December 26, 1907, at Frank-



WALTER KIRKLAND GREENE
(1884-1961)

lin, Tennessee. Their daughter, Jennie Campbell Greene, is the wife of Dr. W. A. Mabry, formerly a member of the faculty of the History Department at Duke University and at present dean of the faculty at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia.

From 1905 to 1907 Dr. Greene taught at the Battleground Academy at Franklin, Tenn., and then for two years was connected with the Baker-Hemel Preparatory School at Knoxville, Tenn. From 1910 to 1920 he was headmaster of the Greene University School of Athens, Alabama. Following his completion of graduate study at Harvard he went to Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, where he was dean and head of the English Department for six years prior to his joining the faculty of Duke University in 1928, when he became professor of English and dean of undergraduate instruction.

In 1938 Dr. Greene was elected to the presidency of Birmingham Southern College but declined that offer. However, in June, 1942, he accepted the presidency of his Alma Mater, Wofford College, upon the resignation of Dr. Henry N. Snyder, who had guided that institution of learning for 40 years. This office Dr. Greene filled with honor and distinction until his retirement in September, 1951. Dr. and Mrs. Greene continued to live in Spartanburg for several years but in 1958 they moved to Ashland,

Virginia, and built their home in College Park, a residential district near Randolph-Macon College. His death came after a lingering illness of several months.

Dr. Greene is survived by his wife, Mrs. Leah Campbell Greene; his daughter, Mrs. W. Alexander Mabry; a granddaughter, Mrs. Carter L. Diggs of Richmond; a great-grandson, Carter L. Diggs, Jr.; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in Duncan Memorial Methodist Church in Ashland, with burial in an Ashland cemetery.

Dr. Greene was active in many professional and civic organizations while at Duke and later at Wofford. At one time he was a member of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; once chairman of the Conference of Church-related Institutions in the Southeast; at another time, a member of the Methodist Education Senate. He was prominent in International Rotary and in demand as a speaker for this and other groups. He delivered commencement addresses at Davidson, High Point, Greensboro, Louisville, Flora MacDonald, and other colleges in North Carolina.

With all his professional and civic duties, Dr. Greene was most valuable as a Methodist layman. Upon the death of the late Dr. W. P. Few in 1940, he succeeded to the conference lay leadership of the North Carolina Conference, representing it at a number of sessions of the Methodist General Conference. He was very active at Trinity Church, Durham, serving long on the official board and as a teacher of the Julian S. Carr Bible Class.

Walter Greene was one of God's chosen noblemen—a man of sterling worth and princely mien, an embodiment of the good, the true and the beautiful. It can be truly said that his wealth of soul was a power-center that radiated his own qualities to bless his fellowmen. In loving recollection we revere his memory as teacher, leader, neighbor, friend. He is not dead but will live on in the lives and characters of the hundreds upon hundreds whom he touched in classroom and chapel and church, as well as among homes and in the marketplace. We shall not often enough see his like again!

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Trinity, Lexington, Opens New Educational Building



Ground for the new building was broken in July of 1960 following a most successful fund-raising campaign conducted by Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Director of Fund-Raising for the Conference Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference in which \$53,000 was raised in cash and in pledges to be paid over a three-year period. The structure was erected on property given the congregation by the Wenonah Mills, Inc., of which Mr. Joe V. Moffitt, Jr., is the president. Wenonah also gave the congregation a cash gift of \$10,000 toward the new edifice. The building was designed by Mr. Harold Wagoner of Philadelphia, Pa., in association with Mr. Fred L. Williams of Lexington. It is Gothic in design and a chapel fronts the building on South Main Street, topped with a 20-foot steeple. The building is constructed of block, brick, steel, limestone and concrete and is practically fireproof throughout. Educational space in the structure was planned in keeping with the recommendations of the Conference Board of Education, and in particular with Miss Louise Robinson, Conference Director of Children's Work, who worked closely with the Commission on Education of Trinity Church. All rooms are light and airy, with soft pastel colors and lighting provided by concentric ring lights. The building was erected at a cost of \$90,000, with the congregation borrowing some \$65,000 of this to be paid back in payments of \$584.00 per month. Accommodations for 400 in Sunday school have been planned in the new building, together with existing space in the present one. It is heated by radiant hot water heat which may be adjusted with five different area thermostats. Consecration services for the new building were held Sunday, March 5, by Rev. John H. Carper, Thomasville District Superintendent. Rev. Roy L. Grant is in his third year as pastor.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ DR. C. E. ROZZELLE of Winston-Salem will preach in revival services at Kiugo Methodist Church, Charlotte, March 19-24. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

☛ REV. J. HILLARY BRYANT, pastor of the Sea Level Charge, New Bern District, will assist Rev. J. T. Fisher in revival services on the Wesley Memorial Charge, Rocky Mount District, March 26-31.

☛ REV. HORWOOD P. MYERS, pastor of Leaksville Methodist Church, preached in revival services at Hinshaw Memorial Church, Greensboro, last week, assisting the pastor, Rev. E. O. Peeler.

☛ THE HARLOWE-OAK GROVE Charge has completed its new parsonage and the pastor, Rev. Jack Hunter, and family have moved in. The parsonage, constructed of beautiful brick, has seven rooms and two baths.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are being held this week in the Kipling Methodist Church of which Rev. M. C. Henderson is pastor. Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor of Trinity Church, Raleigh, is doing the preaching.

☛ DILWORTH CHURCH, Charlotte, will conduct an Every Member Visitation campaign during the next few weeks. It is the purpose to visit in the home of every member of the church.

☛ REV. GEORGE B. CLEMMER has begun his work as interim pastor of First Methodist Church, Rutherfordton. He follows Rev. Joe Bogle, who has accepted a pastorate in Manila, P. I. Rev. Mr. Clemmer will serve until the annual conference.

☛ THE W.S.C.S. of Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Fayetteville, is conducting a study course on "Christian Beliefs" on Sunday evenings, March 5, 12, and 19. Johnson Memorial and Saint Andrews Churches are invited as guests for the course.

☛ FAIR GROVE CHURCH, Thomasville District, Rev. Dwight Pyatt, pastor, will hold revival services beginning March 19 and running through the 24th. Rev. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be the guest preacher.

☛ THE REV. LAFON C. VEREEN, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Durham, will be the guest evangelist at a revival in the Cokesbury Methodist Church of Stedman, March 19-24. Dr. Morris L. Husted, pastor of Cokesbury, will be the revival soloist and song leader during the meeting. A combined adult and youth choir will furnish special music.

☛ REV. PAUL W. BOONE, pastor of Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church in Wilmington District, recently conducted evangelistic services in the Rocky Run Methodist Church, on the McKenney Charge, Virginia Conference. Rev. Allen D. Minter is pastor. The services began March 5th and ran through March 12th. Record attendance was reported and a good revival resulted.

☛ SPECIAL PRE-EASTER services will begin at First Church, Elkin, Sunday, March 19, and run through March 23. The Rev. Cato Dick of Abingdon, Va., will bring the message each evening at 7:30 and also the morning message on the 19th. Rev. J. H. Brendall is pastor.

☛ WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA Annual Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska June 7-11. Central Methodist Church, Monroe, and West Market Street Church, Greensboro, will serve as host churches, along with Albemarle and Greensboro districts as host districts.

☛ NORTH WILKESBORO District ministers will meet for a Day of Spiritual Refreshment on March 21 at Union Church which is about two miles west of North Wilkesboro. Rev. Raymond L. Wilkinson, Taylorsville, District Director of Evangelism, will be in charge.

☛ AYDEN METHODIST CHURCH is setting aside March 19-22 as "Four Nights for God." Sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, these evenings will be devoted to spiritual emphasis, led by the preaching of Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of First Church, Rocky Mount. Rev. Louis A. Aitkin is pastor at Ayden.

☛ THE REV. BOB LUNDY, Methodist missionary to Malaya, spoke at a covered dish supper at Sedge Garden Methodist Church Thursday evening, March 9. Mr. Lundy has served as pastor, editor, chaplain, and district superintendent in the Malaya Church. Rev. Earl Haire is pastor of Sedge Garden Church.

☛ REV. JOHN A. MCKENRY, superintendent of the Danville District, Virginia Conference, is assisting Rev. Joyce V. Early in revival services at First Church, Rockingham, this week. His first sermon was delivered last Sunday night and he will preach each night through Friday.

☛ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, Seagrove Charge, is planning to have a book study on "Basic Christian Beliefs" Friday, March 17. Mrs. James Trollinger, wife of the late Rev. James Trollinger, will conduct this study. The Seagrove and Mt. Zion WSCS, which are on the Seagrove Charge, are also invited. Rev. Foster Loflin is pastor of the Seagrove Charge.

☛ TWO MEMBERS of the Cooperative Curriculum Project Committee from the North Carolina Conference are Rev. Frank E. Weir and Rev. M. Earl Cunningham. Both are connected with the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, and are located in Nashville, Tenn. This committee is made up of representatives from various denominational groups who are members of the cooperative project for making a new approach to church school curriculum planning. The group will meet again in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., March 13-18, and twice a year until the plan has been completed.

☛ REV. WALLACE H. KIRBY is assisting Rev. F. Owen Fitzgerald in revival services at Calvary Church, Snow Hill, March 12-17.

☛ DR. C. E. ROZZELLE, of Winston-Salem, is the visiting preacher in evangelistic services at Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, this week, March 12-17. Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle is pastor.

☛ TRINITY CHURCH, Shelby, will observe Laymen's Day March 19. Laymen will be in charge of the entire services, the message being brought by Mr. Floyd Bost, on the subject, "Lay Responsibility in the Modern Church."

☛ THE COMMITTEE on Conference Journal for the Western North Carolina Conference met in the ADVOCATE office last Monday afternoon at 1:30. The committee is already considering plans to make the Conference Journal the best yet. Rev. Leo Pittard is chairman of the committee.

☛ REV. M. D. TYSON, pastor of Englewood Church, Rocky Mount, is preaching in revival services at the Cary Methodist Church this week. Services began last Sunday night and will continue through Friday night. Rev. Henry B. Lewis is pastor at Cary. Mr. James Fouts, a member of the Cary Church, will lead the singing.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will begin in the Benson Methodist Church Sunday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., and will continue through Friday, March 24. Rev. J. L. Joyce, pastor of the Garner Methodist Church, will be the guest minister for the week. The public is invited to attend. Rev. W. E. Howard is pastor.

☛ EASTER SUNDAY morning annual sunrise service will be a union service of Thrift Methodist Church, Thrift Baptist Church, Homestead Methodist Church, and Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. The service will be held at Thrift Baptist Church at a time to be announced later. Your minister will preach that morning and the Baptist Church choir will be in charge of the music. You are invited to be present.

☛ REV. MILLARD C. DUNN, superintendent of the Fayetteville District, will be guest preacher for a Holy Week revival at Wesley Heights, in Fayetteville. Service will begin at 7:30 p.m. March 26, and continue each evening through Friday, March 31. There will be special prayer meetings each Wednesday evening in preparation for the revival, and the Methodist Men's Club is planning a visitation program to promote interest. Rev. Ralph W. Pritchard is pastor.

☛ THE DURHAM SUBDISTRICT of the MYF will have as speakers for the meeting of March 20 Dr. William Compton Bennett, pastor of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian church, Durham. His subject will be "Life After Death." The meeting will be held at Bethany Church on Guess Road. Also, on April 17, the speaker for the subdistrict will be Rev. Johnny Frye, student at Duke, basketball star on the Duke team, and assistant pastor of Carr Memorial Church, Durham. The April meeting will be held at Saint Paul Church, Roxboro Road.

☛ DR. EUGENE C. FEW, superintendent of the Gastonia District, will be the speaker at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, next Sunday morning, at the third of the sesquicentennial services. Dr. Few was pastor of Edenton Street Church from 1932 till 1938.

☛ DR. W. L. CLEGG, superintendent of the Burlington District, will begin revival services at Mebane Methodist Church Sunday night, March 19, to run through Friday evening. Rev. L. L. Parrish is pastor of the Mebane church.

☛ REV. BARNEY DAVIDSON, pastor of First Church, Morehead City, is assisting in revival services in his brother's church, Peeler Memorial, Jacksonville, Fla. The services run from March 12 through 17. In his absence Dr. A. P. Brantley preached at Morehead City last Sunday morning and Rev. Robert Wood, pastor of Franklin Memorial, preached during the evening service.

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Dates, Place Chosen For Woman's Society Assembly

The dates and place have been chosen for the sixth Quadrennial National Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church and for the Wesleyan Service Guild Week-end following.

The Assembly will be held May 15-18, 1962, at Atlantic City, N. J., and the Guild Week-end will be May 18-20 in the same city.

Preparations are being made for an anticipated 8,000 women to attend the Assembly, representative of 1,664,000 Methodist women in 31,000 local Woman's Societies. About 1,000 Wesleyan Service Guild members are expected to attend the Week-end, representative of 131,000 women in 5,600 Guilds. The Wesleyan Service Guild is auxiliary to the Woman's Society and is especially for the employed woman.

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., is chairman of the Assembly, and Mrs. H. F. Brandt, Aurora, Ohio, is chairman of the Assembly Committee. Mrs. Orvyl Schallick, Haddonfield, N. J., is serving as the local chairman for the Assembly. A theme will be chosen, and speakers selected.

The fifth Assembly was held in St. Louis, Mo., in 1958.

Aberdeen Young People To Sponsor Cooperative Lectureship

Aberdeen Youth Fellowship, consisting of young people of the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches, will conduct a youth group meeting March 19-22 at which Rev. Marvin Vick, of Kinston, will deliver seven lectures on "Young People in Modern Society." The services will be held at the Baptist church, with supper each evening. He will also address students at three chapel services at high school. Cooperating pastors are Rev. Brooks Patten, Methodist; Rev. Denny Spears, Baptist; and Rev. W. C. Neill, Presbyterian; also Mr. Wade Mobley, principal of the high school.

It was the privilege of the editor to preach to his former parishoners at Aberdeen last Sunday morning, and to preach at the Southern Pines Methodist Church Sunday night.

NOTICE!

By action of the 1960 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference all invitations to entertain the Annual Conference shall be in written form and shall be placed in the hands of the chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee sixty days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference on June 7, 1961. Therefore, invitations to entertain the 1962 session will be received gladly until midnight of April 7, 1961. Invitations should be directed to The Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., Chairman, 605 East Boulevard, Charlotte, N. C., or The Rev. Harold M. Robinson, 217 South Church Street, Salisbury, N. C.

HARLAN L. CREECH, JR., *Chairman*
HAROLD M. ROBINSON, *Secretary*

Wrightsboro Church Has Mission Of Preaching And Witnessing

A mission of preaching and witnessing will be held the week of March 19-24 at the Wrightsboro Methodist Church, Wilmington, according to the pastor, the Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr. Guest minister for the mission will be the Rev. A. W. Lore, pastor of Wrightsville Beach Methodist Church. The mission is being held in cooperation with the North Carolina Methodist Conference Evangelistic program theme: "Developing Dynamic Disciples."

Sunday, March 19, is to be "One Great Day of Witnessing." In addition to the regularly scheduled services there will be a program of visitation among prospective members in the community by the laymen. Ten teams of two laymen have been recruited as visitors. There will be three periods of training and visitation during the "Great Day:" 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The mission will continue during the rest of the week with preaching services each night at 7:15. The services will begin with a gospel songfest, followed with the message by Rev. A. W. Lore on the theme, "Dynamic Disciples." Following the services each night the lay visiting teams will continue their evangelistic visitation in the community. Leading the visitation in the mission are the pastor and the church's Committee on Membership, composed of Mr. A. W. Moore, Mrs. Warren Tart, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Littlejohn, Mrs. O. B. Flowers, Jr., and Mr. A. J. Watts, and several members-at-large.

In addition to the program of preaching and visiting the pastor is conducting a church membership training class with boys and girls 9 to 14 years of age. The boys and girls will be baptized and take the vows of church membership along with others on Easter Sunday, April 2.

Wrightsboro Methodist Church is comparatively new, having been organized on June 8, 1958. The first worship service of the fellowship that became the church, however, was held on Easter Sunday, April 6, 1958, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bond, on the Castle Hayne Road. The mission of "Developing Dynamic Disciples" begins a period in the Wrightsboro Methodist Church's observance of its third anniversary. The public is urged to attend.

Bishops Call Church To Day Of Intercession

The executive committee of the Council of Bishops calls the Methodist Church to a Day of Intercession for the troubled spots of the world on Passion Sunday, March 19, 1961. In these troubled spots Christians struggle to continue their Christian witness:

Korea—where Christians witness in the aftermath of political upheaval.

Congo—where Christians witness in the midst of conflict and disruption.

Cuba—where Christians witness in a revolution for a new social order.

Algeria—where Christians witness in the midst of national disturbance and face an uncertain future.

China—where Christians witness in a government-controlled society of materialistic atheism.

The United States—where Christians face their own need for a new witness within their community and to the whole world that *Jesus Christ Is Lord*.

On Passion Sunday, March 19, let the Methodists across our land go to their knees at the altars of their churches during the morning worship services to pray for the renewal of their own witness, and to intercede for their Christian brothers and their witness around the world.

This call to intercession is issued by the executive committee of the Council of Bishops, consisting of the following:

Bishop Gerald Kennedy, president; Bishop Roy Short, secretary. The Division of World Missions of the General Board of Missions: Dr. Eugene Smith, general secretary. The Prayer Life Movement of the General Board of Evangelism: Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary.

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Now in its 103rd year, the Methodist Theological Seminary in Frankfurt, Germany, has for the second year one of its largest post-World War II enrollments and an international student body. The 43 students are on less than the record number in 1959-60.

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EDITORIALS

Are We Doing Our Part To Bring In The Kingdom?

During the present quadrennium Methodism has perhaps one of the most ambitious and far-reaching programs it has projected in many a moon. More emphasis is being placed upon education, church extension, missions, evangelism, and all the rest than has been the case in a long time. New colleges are being built and others are being undergirded and made stronger; new churches are being organized and new buildings erected; new missionaries are being consecrated and more money expended for their support. It is a great challenge confronting the church. But we would like to call attention to what might become a real danger. There is a tendency to emphasize physical plants and neglect inner needs. Our attention was directed a few days ago to this by an article in one of our esteemed religious periodicals which we receive in exchange. During the past year that denomination topped anything it had ever done in raising money for missions and new benevolences, but showed a decrease in the number of professions and new members. The increase in giving for missions and benevolences was up 5.4, while the decrease in the number of baptisms was down 9.9. This is not intended as a criticism, but merely to point up the fact that we may become satisfied with the fine showing we make in benevolences and other matters and neglect the emphasis we place on spiritual matters. Our enthusiasm for the one may overshadow our compassion for the other. We need to remember the words of Jesus when he said, "this ye ought to have done, but not to leave the other undone." We Methodists cannot boast of our generosity in giving to the benevolent causes of the church when we are compared with many other religious groups. We rank about 42nd on the list. It is true, however, that we have made great strides along many lines, but we have not kept pace with population growth in winning people to Christ and to church membership. It has been said that if the rate of growth in our church had been as great since 1900 as it was during the period from 1850 to 1900, the Methodist church would now have 33 million members, more than three times our present number. We believe in material growth, in more and better colleges, more and better churches, a larger generosity in giving, but let us not forget that in this quadrennium we also have set ourselves to a great spiri-

THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness; and all these
things shall be added unto you."*

—Matt. 6:33.

ual advance expressed in the slogan, "Jesus Christ Is Lord." No matter how many other things we may do, if we fail to exalt Christ in our own lives and share him with our fellowmen we cannot claim success. The Southeastern Jurisdiction in its recent meeting launched a campaign to build 977 new Methodist churches during the next four years at an estimated cost of more than \$50,000,000. Steps are also recommended by the Commission on Education to increase church school membership and attendance. The records show that benevolent giving to this point registers gains over the same period last year. These are encouraging facts and we rejoice in them, but they cannot compensate for our lack of spiritual growth. It is estimated that it takes around 35 Methodists a whole year to add one new member on profession of faith. We can understand this when each one of us asks ourselves how many people we have won to Christ and to the church recently. Jesus said, "ye are my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." While we are happy to witness to the ends of the earth, let us not fail to witness in Jerusalem, right where we live. There are people all around us whose greatest need is to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and his way of life, and it is our high privilege to introduce them. Are we doing it?

An Open Letter To Pastors And Laymen

Many times we have wanted to write each one of you and express our sincere gratitude for the splendid list of new subscribers and renewals you have sent us. We have received a number of letters sending in subscriptions all the way from one up to two hundred forty-five. And we have wanted to sit right down and write you, and thank you. But with all the things we have to do, and since we are trying to economize on secretarial help by doing it ourselves, and then when we realized we have some 1,150 pastors in the two conferences, and it would cost around \$50.00 to mail a letter to each one, we just took for granted you knew we were grateful to you for your interest. But now we want to ex-

press it enmasse, and say that if you have sent a list of subscriptions to the ADVOCATE since this editor became connected with it, we are truly thankful to you, whether your list has been small or large. We are trying to build up our subscription list, and you will be interested to know we have had something like 4,000 net gain. You may also recall we asked recently for 5,000 new subscribers between now and annual conference. That sounds like a lot at first, but when you break it down to the charges it is only an average of five new ones from each charge. And there is perhaps not a charge in these conferences that could not do that much. The larger lists we have had have come from charges with small churches and from some of the largest churches. Which proves it can be done by anyone who desires to do it. The people will respond if the matter is handled properly and persistently. And the ADVOCATE will more than pay for itself in the service it renders to the people and to the church. Information will bring participation. People who know will do something about it. Soon we will be busy closing the conference year's work. How will your report look so far as ADVOCATE subscriptions are concerned? Our two bishops are urging that it go into every Methodist home. May we suggest that right now you contact the folks and send us a minimum of five new subscriptions. Don't stop with the minimum, but work for a maximum of as many as possible. The more the better. It will contribute much to your success, and you will be glad you did it. A word to the wise is sufficient. We are looking for your list, and we thank you for it.

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Life In Christ

The Mary of Magdala who
Was possessed of demons seven
Repented of her sins, then knew
A deep abiding peace God-given.
She, day by day, then gladly went
Along with other faithful women
In humble service—time well spent—
As substance to the twelve was given.

Oh, what a miracle of mood!
Her sins though great and grievous
Were washed away by cleansing blood,
The precious blood of Jesus.
How wise this Mary was to spend
Her time and thought for Christ the Lord.
"He that endureth to the end
Shall then receive a just reward."

On resurrection morn Christ chose
To first appear to weeping Mary
And commission her to tell those,
His followers, the glorious story:
"I ascend unto my Father
And your Father; to my God and your
God."

He *did* ascend unto the Father.
So shall all we that live for God.

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

Development of Multi-Million Dollar Resort At Caesarea

A group of Philadelphia businessmen reached agreement with the Government of Israel recently to develop a unique multi-million-dollar resort area on the shores of Caesarea, the famed historical site in Israel. The agreement was signed in the office of Mr. Benjamin Eliav, consul-general of the Consulate of Israel in New York.

The principal investors are Mr. Monte H. Tyson, president of the Colonial Mortgage Co.; Mr. J. Wolfe Golden, president of the Metalstand Corporation of Philadelphia; and Mr. Alexander F. Stanton, president of the Great Eastern Sales Corporation.

Planned by the Caesarea Beach Corporation is a resort area which will encompass approximately 200 acres. It will be developed on a one-mile beachfront facing the Mediterranean, not far from where the ancient Roman port of Caesarea once flourished and which has been improved and maintained by the Government of Israel as a historic site and tourist attraction.

The agreement states that the area to be developed by the Caesarea Beach Corporation will be composed of integrated apartment units, a shopping center, restaurant, swimming pool and other recreational facilities including boating, fishing and the use of the recently-opened 18-hole golf course at Caesarea. Architectural sketches are being prepared and the motif will blend with the local surroundings.

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Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner, Richmond, Va., has been elected president of the South-eastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In Memoriam

MRS. S. C. TILLMAN

We, the members of the WSCS of Concord Methodist Church, wish to pay loving tribute to one of our oldest and most faithful members, Mrs. S. C. Tillman, who passed away December 21, 1960 quietly and peacefully as she had lived on earth.

She had been a member of the church for more than fifty years and endeared herself to a great number of friends. She gave of her best each day, shedding joy and love upon all whom she met.

We have the memory of her life, her patience, her sunny disposition, her purity of heart, the gentleness of her words, and the sweetness of her smile. One seldom finds a character so completely filled with love and vital concern for her family and church, true and loyal to all that is good and fine, and, above all, keeping her spiritual vision clear.

We extend our deepest sympathy and love to her family. We shall miss her, but we know our loss on earth is her gain in heaven.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, the *Courier-Times*, the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*, and a copy placed in the minutes of our Society.

MRS. S. T. DICKEN
MRS. R. T. WINSTEAD
MRS. T. C. WAGSTAFF



Groundbreaking Services Held At St. Luke Methodist, Goldsboro

St. Luke Methodist Church of Goldsboro, a ten-year-old congregation, on successive Sundays dedicated its present church plant and parsonage and broke ground for a new unit of the church. On February 19, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro district superintendent, assisted the minister in dedicating the first two units of the proposed church plant and the parsonage. During the ten years of its existence this church has purchased property and built structures costing about \$108,000.

On Sunday, February 26, at the conclusion of the morning worship service, ground was broken for a new sanctuary and five additional classrooms, to cost about \$115,000. The sanctuary, to be air-conditioned, will seat about 400. Architect for the new structure is Conrad E. Wessell of Goldsboro. Bill Edwards is chairman of the Building Committee.

Plans for the new buildings were completed during the ministry of Rev. George C. Megill, who left in January to prepare for missionary service in Brazil. Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., became minister of St. Luke on January 17.

The new sanctuary and classroom addition are expected to be completed in about one year.

Better Ambassadors

Preparations for Methodists who will be traveling abroad this year—to make them "ambassadors for Christ" and effective representatives of American values—will be provided in Washington, D. C., June 30-July 3 at an Institute of Overseamanship for Christians. Registration has been limited to 50 persons.

Sponsors include the Board of Missions, Division of Peace and World Order of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Board of Evangelism, Board of Lay Activities, Commission on Chaplains, Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, and the School of International Service of the American University, Washington, D. C. Rev. Brady Tyson of the university staff will direct the institute.

Judicial Council Revokes General Conference Act

Jurisdictional Conferences alone have the right to choose their representatives on the general boards of The Methodist Church.

This decision of the Judicial Council, meeting last month in Chicago, is herewith announced to the church by the secretary, the Rev. Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, New Castle, Indiana.

The Judicial Council, often called the "Supreme Court" of The Methodist Church, is composed of nine members. The Rev. Dr. Lester A. Welliver of Williamsport, Pa., is the president.

An action of the 1960 General Conference in connection with Board of Pensions legislation provided that "the required number of members from each jurisdiction shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference on nomination of the College of Bishops of that jurisdiction."

This legislation is unconstitutional, the court declared. This was the only case heard at the Chicago session. Dr. Pugh's official report follows:

Decision No. 183

In this decision the Judicial Council ruled as unconstitutional the action of the General Conference of 1960 (*Discipline*, Paragraph 1602) which provides for the election by the General Conference of the required number of members from each jurisdiction on the General Board of Pensions.

The Judicial Council argued that, while the Constitution gives to the General Conference "full legislative powers over all matter distinctively connectional," such powers must be exercised within the framework of the Constitution itself. Paragraph 15, 1960 *Discipline*, which is Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution, clearly intends to reserve to the Jurisdictional Conferences the right "to choose their representatives on the general boards in such manner as the General Conference may determine." The Judicial Council ruled that the legislation under question clearly infringed this constitutional power of the Jurisdictional Conferences and was, therefore, unconstitutional and void.

Fishers Of Men

Mark 1:17, "And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

Jesus came upon Simon and Andrew casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He needed just such men to carry on his work of saving men, so he called them, "Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men."

They were fishing with nets. No doubt some fished with hooks, but that was too slow for these men; they must take fish in large quantities for the market. No doubt, Jesus had this in mind; he had come to save a lost world and this is the idea, not to catch one only, but two or more, or a thousand. So, he wanted these men who had learned the lesson of the fishers' net.

These fishers of men that Jesus was going to make would have a church that answers to the net. He could catch a few fish by himself but with a church with the same compassion for souls that he has could reach and save a multitude. So, the church is a real fisherman's net if it has the qualities necessary, that is. It must be made up of saved people who have the holy spirit in them as well as with them. "He is with you and shall be in you."—John 14:17. The spirit-filled fishermen with such a net is what our Lord had in mind, no doubt.

For more than seventy years I have not only seen this in action, but have had the glorious experience of leading my churches in great campaigns for souls, and many times we have had more than a hundred conversions in country churches. In one charge we had 1200 conversions and received 600 members into the church in four years. At the end of the four years there were very few left unsaved in the bounds of that charge.

In my 47 years as pastor, we had about 200 revivals besides helping other preachers. So, this fishing for and catching men is not just a theory with me, as thousands of souls can testify. It is not just every preacher and church that can do this: Jesus said "follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." It is in His training and with His equipment that we can become fishers of men. First, we must be called. Second, we must have the divine power, Acts 1:3, 5, 8. Without this we are powerless. Third, There must be a deeply fixed purpose to win all the people possible to our Lord.

Let us remember it is those who answer His call and go with Him through His preparation that are to be fishers of men.

So, we ask, why did Jesus call these fishermen and not call the scribes and pharisees and lawyers, or go to their schools and get His apostles? These sincere, honest, untutored fishermen were ready to be taught what He wanted them to know.

After Jesus had taught the people from Peter's boat, He commanded him to launch out into the deep and let down the net for a draught; and Peter told Him he had toiled all night and taken nothing, but at thy word I will let down the net, and he caught so many they had to have a neighbor ship to help take care of them. Peter was overwhelmed by the result, and feared, and fell

down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Jesus said, "Fear not; from henceforth *thou shalt catch men.*" This is the chief business of a preacher and the chief office of a church.

The preacher and his church are to project themselves upon the city or community with a purpose to save all the people. This is the mission of the preacher and the church. Brother, are you and your church doing it?

Bishops, district superintendents, editors, professors in our schools of religion, are you casting the net, or aiding and using your influence and teaching to the great work of casting the net, or is your weight and strength on the other end of the balance? Are you hindering revivals or helping them?

We must not forget the difference in the order of the ministry. Eph. 4:11, "And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Apostles and prophets have passed away. The next is evangelists, and they are most important of those left, as people must be saved before the pastors and teachers can do their work. The expression *he gave* implies *called, qualified, and sent*, so all these offices are important. And while the special work of the evangelists was to cast the nets (hold revivals), yet the other offices were to be soul-savers too. See the apostles Peter and Paul reaching and saving multitudes. Paul combined apostle and evangelist; he went from city to city holding great revivals, getting people saved, and organizing churches and appointing pastors over them. Pastors are also to hold revivals, cast the nets, and save the people. I was a pastor for 47 years and in my 200 revivals had about 6,000 conversions and received 3,053 members into the church. So have many of our pastors who held revivals, saving the people. This is what has enabled Methodism to circle the globe with full and free salvation, and in so short a time.

Now when this large stream of saved people flowing into our church has been virtually stopped and the intake of members is a mere trickle and they not converted, and a constant drain of members from our church to little groups or other churches, what is to become of our once great soul-saving church?

Now modernistic leaders are being aroused by the condition of the church and the world, and are having meetings here and there discussing evangelism, a word that has been so used and abused until it means little or nothing to most people. They do not want to admit they have killed revivals and choked out the revival spirit, and so mistaught our young preachers that they cannot hold successful revivals, till in my opinion, there must be some confessions and repentance and a real turning back to real Methodism, and much of this on a higher level, before there can be a forward movement in our church spiritually. Raising money and whooping up education just will not do it.

—EBENEZER MYERS

Lenoir, N. C.

The Methodist Church Needs 897 New Ministers Each Year

The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction has posted a "Help Wanted" sign for 897 new ministers every year for the next four years.

Plans for recruiting young Methodists for the ministry, and ways and means of providing financial help while they are in seminaries, were discussed in Jacksonville, Fla., March 1 at a meeting of the executive committee of the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The committee, headed by Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., council president, urged every Annual Conference to initiate the jurisdiction's "one per cent plan" at once.

Adopted by the 1960 Jurisdictional Conference, the special plan to provide funds for ministerial education calls for every local church to give an annual amount equal to one per cent of its operational budget.

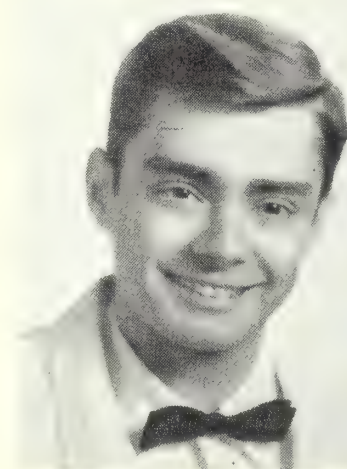
Half of the money will go to the theological schools of Duke and Emory Universities. The other half will be earmarked by the conference boards of ministerial training for scholarships and grants-in-aid to ministerial students.

Results of a survey show that the jurisdiction's 16 annual conferences will need the following numbers of new ministers annually:

Alabama-West Florida 44, Florida 66, Holston 71, Kentucky 76, Louisville 36, Memphis 41, Mississippi 32, North Alabama 92, North Carolina 59, North Georgia 62, North Mississippi 32, South Carolina 56, South Georgia 31, Tennessee 52, Virginia 73, Western North Carolina 74.

Awarded National Fellowship

David L. Pancoast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Pancoast of 802 North Rotary Drive, High Point, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship for graduate study. Mr. Pancoast is a senior at High Point College where he is majoring



DAVID L. PANCOAST

in the field of psychology. He is the first student attending High Point College to have received this Fellowship in the 37-year history of the college. Mr. Pancoast has made an outstanding record during his undergraduate years at the college and is most deserving of this honor.

Home Mission Church Gives To Work Overseas

A tangible link between the home and overseas mission fields of Methodism has been forged through the action of a Methodist church and its youth group in Hawaii.

The zeal of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Kahuku Community Methodist Church in washing cars on three Saturdays made possible a \$100 gift to the evangelistic and educational work of the Methodist Church on the rooftop of a Hong Kong refugee apartment house. Kahuku itself is a mission church with a missionary pastor, the Rev. Jack C. Smith of Concord, N. C. The church receives aid from the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Mr. Smith told of the gift and of the MYF project in a letter to the Rev. Dr. Donald E. Redmond, director of the Advance Department of the Division of World Missions, Board of Missions. He wrote:

"I am enclosing a check for \$100 for the Kahuku Community Methodist Church MYF. They have requested that this money be sent to the Rev. R. L. (Lonnie) Turnipseed (missionary from Statesville, N. C.) for use at Rooftop K.

"We are actually a mission church ourselves, but when the young people heard of the work at Rooftop K, they decided to be missionaries to others. Since they do not have a lot of money themselves, they decided to wash cars in order to raise the money. They washed cars for three Saturdays and raised most of the money; the rest came from their MYF treasury. It has given them a real feeling of being a part of the missionary movement."

Southeastern Jurisdiction Set To Increase Its Membership

Jacksonville, Fla.—Three million Methodists by 1964!

That's the membership goal of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council adopted here March 1 at a meeting of the executive committee.

Attainment of the goal will require a net increase of 291,000 members, said Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the council.

The jurisdiction, largest of six in American Methodism, now numbers 2,709,000 members in 12,161 churches.

"This means that pastors and laymen will have to knock on doors day after day to reach the unchurched," the group was told by Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

He pointed out that in the last 10 years Methodist membership in the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction increased only 11 per cent, compared to a 17.1 per cent jump in population.

Dr. Denman outlined a "Mission to People" project aimed at winning more members on profession of faith, and proposed that every pastor organize and train teams of 12 laymen each to lead a year-round home visitation program.

The Rev. Dr. J. Willard Leggett, Jr., Jackson, Miss., is chairman of the jurisdictional Committee on Evangelism.

Greensboro College In-Service Scholarships



Patricia Ann Smith, recipient of Christ Methodist Church

A popular scholarship at Greensboro College is the In-Service Scholarship Program for students who are preparing for service in Christian education.

The scholarship was established in 1956 by Grace Methodist Church and later in 1960 by Christ Methodist Church. Both are Greensboro churches.

The purpose of the scholarships is to provide the churches with qualified educational assistants and to provide valuable experience in Christian education as well as financial help to recipients.

The churches are the only two that provide such an in-training scholarship program for college students in North Carolina.

The idea originated in the Young Adult Department of Grace Methodist Church. Its purpose was to provide financial help to worthy GC students who were preparing themselves for careers in Christian education.

To give the program action, the young adults, in 1956, presented a scholarship to a rising sophomore. The following year an additional scholarship was set up from the church school budget. To complete the program, two other in-service scholarships were added by the church.

In addition to the three in-service scholarships, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Grace Methodist Church provides a \$200.00 undesignated Christian Life Scholarship to a deserving student in need of financial assistance and going into full-time Christian service.

The scholarships are open to sophomores and are valued at \$400 each year. They are continued until the student graduates providing his work is satisfactory.

At present there are four in-training scholarships: three from Grace Methodist Church, and one from Christ Methodist Church.

Criteria for selecting students for the scholarships are: financial need, interest in Christian education, an out-of-town student.

In return for the financial aid from the scholarships, students work 10-12 hours per week at the churches under the guidance of the director of Christian education or the minister of education. While on campus they work under the direction of the Department of Religion.

The principle that guides the joint educational program is:

What does the church want the student to do as part of his training and what does the Department of Religion expect the



Betty Alley, Nancy Chandler, Dot Colbert, recipients of Grace Methodist Church

student to do to contribute to growth experiences?

Grace Church recipients of the in-service scholarships for 1960-61 are Dorothy Jane Calvert of Richmond, Va., a senior; Nancy P. Chandler of Hampton, Va., and Betty Ann Alley of Richmond, Va., both sophomores.

Christ Church recipient is Patricia Ann Smith of Valdese, a sophomore.

John Ray Ross of Whiteville, a senior, holds the WSCS Christian Life scholarship.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

One of the elder citizens was being urged to make a contribution to his church building fund. The solicitor said, "If you'll give \$1,000, your grandchildren would never forget you." He replied, "If I'd give \$2,000, your grandchildren would never forget me."

Mr. S. had the reputation of always going to sleep in church no matter how good the speaker was. One Sunday the stewards were to raise some money to meet a church obligation. As soon as the sermon had ended they began taking subscriptions. By profession Mr. S. was a cattle buyer, and when he roused from his slumber he heard the steward in charge asking, "How much will you give?" Mr. S. spoke out and said, "I'll give \$50 if she is good and fat."

P. S. He gave the \$50.

The local church for a long time had needed a new parsonage. One of the Woman's Society members at one of their meetings was urging the women to support the movement to build. In referring to the parsonage she said, "Women go all over the country buying antiques. We have one right here at our own church, the old parsonage." The antique is gone and the pastor now lives in a beautiful new parsonage.

Brother Mark Lawrence of the North Carolina Conference was reporting to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Missions Conference their response to the appeal for funds for The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief. This is what he said: "We haven't done anything yet, but it is more than we did last year."

High Point District In Special Session

At a special session of the High Point District Conference on March 9, the members of the conference voted to accept a lot in the Emerywood Forest section of High Point as the site of a new district parsonage. The lot, valued at over \$8,000, was donated by the Idol-Green Company, Realtors, and the following churches of the city: Calvary, College Village, First, Highland, Lebanon, Main Street, Montlieu Avenue, Northwood, Oakview, Rankin Memorial, St. Timothy, Ward Street, Welch Memorial, Wesley Memorial and Jamestown.

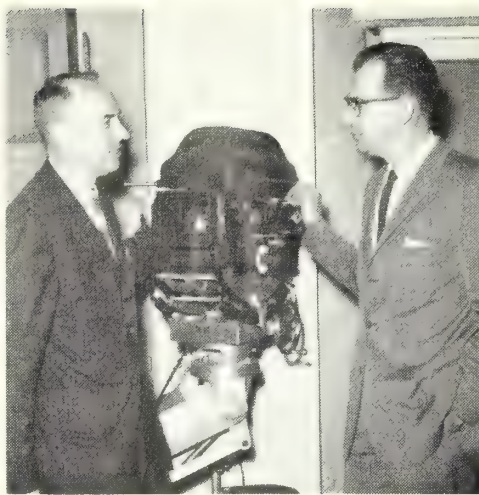
The financial campaign for the lot was led by Harry Bell, district lay leader.

Elected members of the parsonage building committee were S. E. Trogdon and Rev. Cecil Hefner of Asheboro; Dale Montgomery, Robert B. Rankin, and Rev. Robert Stamey of High Point.

The committee was authorized to start immediately with the construction of a two-story brick veneer house. Architecture for the parsonage will be Georgian, and will include two offices for the superintendent.

The trustees of the district are: president, Thomas C. Ragsdale of Jamestown; vice-president, D. S. Hedgecock of High Point; secretary-treasurer, J. D. Ross, Jr., of Asheboro; Vance Kester of High Point; W. David Stedman of Asheboro, and W. B. Stamey of Liberty.

A large tract of land consisting of more than 500 acres in Randolph County was offered to the district by D. S. Hedgecock for use as a camp site. The conference expressed appreciation to Mr. Hedgecock and instructed the camp committee to make recommendations regarding the property at a later meeting of the conference.



ATTENDS TRAFCO WORKSHOP—The Rev. Mr. Ernest A. Fitzgerald, Charlotte, N. C., (right) chairman of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) for The Methodist Church, chats with the Rev. Dr. Harry C. Spencer, TRAFCO general secretary, during a break in a recent three-day workshop in radio, television and audio-visuals at the Nashville studios of the Television, Radio and Film Commission. Topic of their conversation is a new children's TV series being produced by The Methodist Church for distribution early in 1962.

TV Course On Life of Jesus

A television course designed to bring alive the life and teachings of Jesus will be presented over WSB-TV (Channel 2) in Atlanta beginning March 25.

Sponsored in Atlanta by Emory University's Community Education Service, the Greater Atlanta Council of Churches and the Georgia Council of Churches, the program will appear for 14 weeks on Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

\$25,000,000 Loan Fund For Church Extension

Methodists of the Southeast have set their sights on a special \$25,000,000 target in the interest of church extension.

Adopted in Jacksonville, Fla., February 28 by the executive committee of the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, fund-raising plans call for that sum to be solicited for the new church-wide Methodist Investment Fund.

Approved by the 1960 General Conference, the Methodist Investment Fund is administered by the National Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Church agencies and individuals investing \$1,000 or more in the fund are guaranteed an interest return of 5 per cent. In turn, the money is loaned to churches for building purposes at 5½ per cent interest.

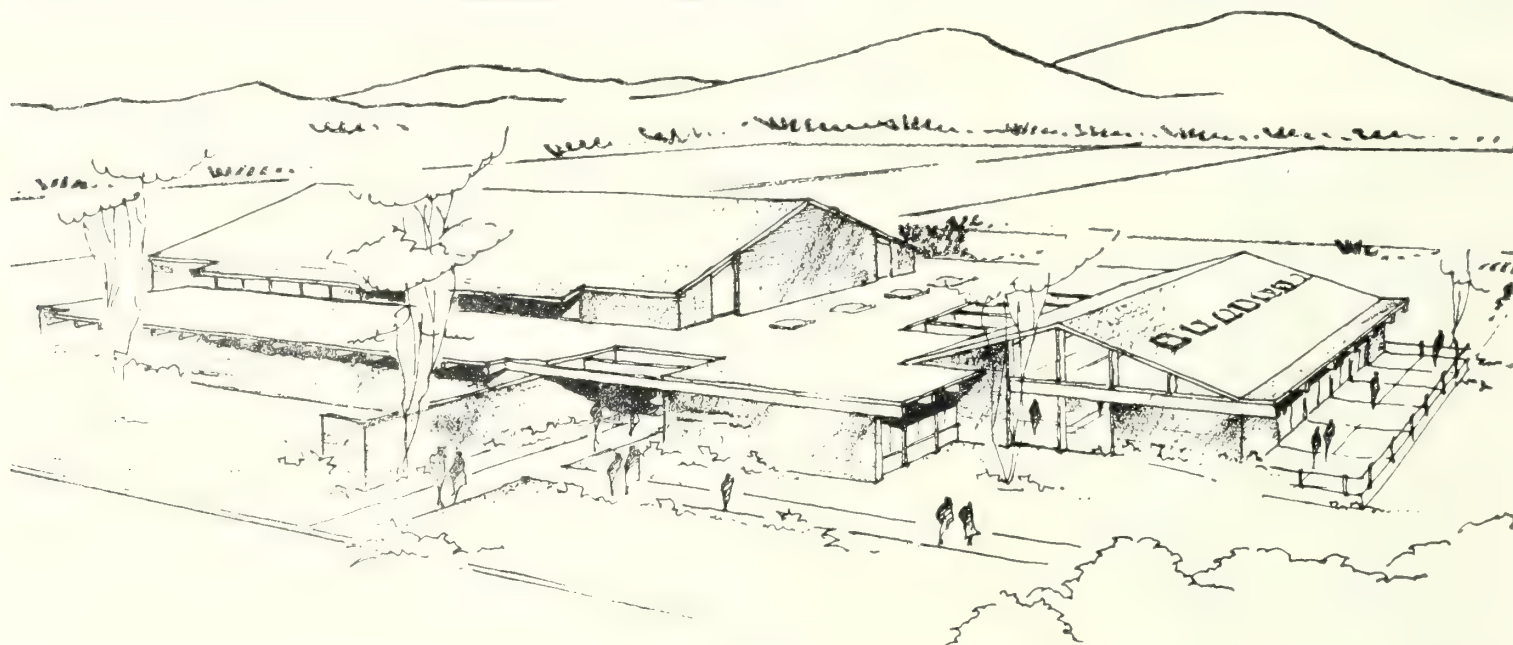
In addition to individual investors, the council hopes that Methodist institutions—colleges, hospitals, homes and other agencies—will invest part of their endowment in the fund. This would enable Methodist dollars to do double duty, it was pointed out.

Bishop Walter C. Gum, Louisville, Ky., was named chairman of the council's Investment Fund Committee. It was recommended that bishops also appoint Annual Conference committees, and that district committees be formed.

The Investment Fund is one of several aspects of a 10-year church-building campaign the committee set in motion.

The building program calls for 977 new churches to be constructed throughout the jurisdiction—831 for new congregations to be organized and 146 for congregations to be relocated.

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Tullis, Frankfort, Ky., will head the church extension effort as chairman of the jurisdictional Committee on Missions.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING proposed for Brevard College, has been drawn by Henry MacDonald, architect for the Brevard College Development program. The trustees committee on buildings and grounds will meet soon to consider the plans for the newest structure at the college. With their final approval, the project will be advertised for bids, and work is scheduled to begin shortly thereafter. A new science building is presently under construction and is scheduled to be finished by early summer and completely equipped for the opening of the 1961-62 term in the fall. The athletic fields are also under construction and will be completed as soon as weather permits. These installations are part of the \$1,600,000 first phase of the Brevard College Building Program, President Emmett K. McLarty announces.

Facing The Alcohol Problem

By D. W. CHARLTON

With the rapid rise in the volume of drinking, the growing number of tragic accidents on the highways because of drinking drivers, the menacing crime wave sweeping over the nation, the liquor problem is very urgent.

Drinking is a major health problem in the nation. Students in the University of North Carolina issued a creed: "I believe the alcoholic is a sick person who is especially reactive to alcohol." (Health Education group). It incapacitates millions of people, causing the wastage of 400 million man hours from industry annually.

"In affecting the brain, alcohol acts as a depressant. Its action is that of an anesthetic, like ether and chloroform" (Clifford Earle). So the brain and nervous system are the first to feel the affects of alcohol.

Closely related to the physical illness of alcohol, are the mental and emotional effects. A man can make a living with a wooden leg, but not with a wooden head. "It's the brain that counts," said Dr. Charles Mayo. "In order that the brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor."

Drinking is a symptom of inner unrest and disturbance. Think of the man who has a series of disappointments, and finally misses his bus on an important trip. While he has been trying to quit his drinking habits, his troubles seem to multiply. Overwhelmed by his difficulties, he seeks immediate escape by tipping the bottle. Others are unhappy at home or in business, and look to liquor for temporary release from their problems.

Social drinking has also produced many alcoholics. Calling on a young man, an alcoholic, some years ago, I learned that his drinking habits began in his club meetings. Here he seemed to forget his inner conflicts, and had "a good time" with the fellows. Alcoholism is more acute in America than in foreign countries, we are told, for here it is accepted as smart and as a means of conviviality, a way of entertainment and recreation. A way of life elsewhere, it's confined within more moderate limits as a substitute for water or milk. Money, too, may be a factor.

Many homes have gone on the rocks as a result of drink. A minister was asked by a frantic wife on a radio program, "My husband is now drunk and asleep on the sofa. He has just broken up all the toys that I bought for our children's Christmas. What must I do?"

Women are also heavy drinkers. Nina Putnam, a popular American writer, wrote an article entitled, "Women Are Fools to Drink." She told of how a friend snapped her picture when she was "lit up." Seeing the picture later, she was shocked at her stupid appearance and conduct. Concluding her story, Mrs. Putnam said, "A woman, especially a mother, is a fool to take a chance like that."

During the Christmas season, drinking was involved in 42% of highway tragedies. In 1958, drinking drivers were responsible

for 5,625 traffic deaths, in addition to injuries to 500,000 people.

While we are indignant over all kinds and degrees of crime, we seem to overlook the fact that liquor is the greatest contributing factor in the rise of the crime wave (J. Edgar Hoover).

In considering steps toward a solution of the liquor problem, we advocate total abstinence as the safer and wiser way of life. Moderate drinking is often the prelude to immoderate drinking. Nearly 5,000 alcoholics began as social or occasional drinkers. A little drinking is risky, and may lead to frightful results.

We urge a strong educational approach. Charts, films, literature may be used effectively, especially in teaching the youths.

Advertisement of liquor should be curtailed, or abolished. Our homes are being invaded by glamorous commercials, merchants of alcoholic beverages. Sports programs that appeal to youths are often sponsored by such dealers.

Other measures include reducing the number of liquor outlets, cutting down the alcoholic content of distilled spirits and fortified wines; taking the profit out of alcoholic beverages industry.

Finally, may we show concern and compassion for the victims of alcohol.

Remember, preach the Word in love. "One man's temperance preaching was so effective that England's consumption of alcohol dropped within fifty years to less than one-tenth of its normal rate," wrote C. R. Hooton. A century after the crusader's death, someone asked a native why he couldn't get a drink in that town. "A man named Wesley once wrought here," he replied.

Charlotte District Camp Site

Under the leadership of the district superintendent, Dr. Walter J. Miller, the Charlotte District has secured an option on a two hundred seventy-acre tract of land in McDowell County, North Carolina, for future development as a district camp site.

The district conference, meeting last December, elected a district committee on Camps and Conferences and voted to purchase a camp site, as well as to begin a district program of camping. Raymond Brietz of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, is chairman of the committee. Other officers of the group are, Don Starnes and Mrs. W. W. Gaimey, vice-chairmen; Miss Barbara Cox, secretary; and Dr. Barry Miller, treasurer.

The exercising of the option on the camp site climaxes a year-long study by committee members, in consultation with the General and Conference Boards of Education, of the needs of the district in this field and of available locations to fit these needs.

Bishops Hit Betting Bill

Three Methodist bishops resident in Texas have issued a joint statement calling for all-out opposition against a resolution in the state legislature which would legalize pari-mutuel betting through local option elections.

Attacking the resolution as "basically a gambling bill" were Bishop William C. Martin, Dallas, Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, and Bishop Paul V. Galloway of San Antonio. They urged not only Methodists but "all citizens interested in the public morals" to contact their legislators in an effort to defeat the bill. The bishops gave as their conviction that "legalized gambling has devastating effects upon the morality of a community as well as upon its economy."



Three area students participated in examinations for scholarships recently in the library of North Carolina Wesleyan College. Shown here are (left to right) Billy Winstead of Elm City, Edna Earle Patterson of Fike High School, Wilson, President, Thomas A. Collins, and Tony Inscoe of Elm City. Another Scholarship Exam is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 18, 1961 at 9.45. Interested youth may contact the Director of Admissions for a reservation to seek scholarship assistance.

—Interesting Methodist Matters—

The Rev. Riccardo Santi, a Methodist minister since 1898 and founder of the Casa Materna Home for Children in Portici, Italy, died February 15 at the age of 90.

Methodist directors and ministers of education and educational assistants met Feb. 10-12 in St. Louis just prior to the sessions of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, senior minister for 10 years at First Church, Pasadena, Calif., will leave that pulpit July 1 to become professor of homiletics at Southern California School of Theology, Claremont.

Thomas A. Harwood, vice chairman of George Fry & Associates, consulting management engineers, Chicago, has been elected president of the board of trustees of Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, former secretary of health, education and welfare, has been elected president of the University of Oregon. He is a former president of Ohio Wesleyan University and an active layman in Foundry Church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Flemming is also a member of the denomination's General Committee on Family Life.

Twenty young people from various sections of the United States will take part in a Methodist youth travel seminar in Europe July 15 to August 28. A high point of the seminar will be participation in the World Methodist Conference August 17-25 in Oslo, Norway. Included will be two North Carolinians: Harold Ogburn, Smithfield, and Miss Ferne Houser, Pittsboro.

A veteran Methodist minister in India—the Rev. E. C. Reddy—has been honored by the government of one of India's states and by his annual conference for pioneering in the field of education. He was principal of the Beynon-Smith High School in Belgium for 17 years and is now educational secretary for the Council of Christian Education of the Methodist Church in India.

If our action in the field of missions is to have purpose and meaning, it must be grounded and rooted in Christian love. But we must first discover what we as Methodists believe, and how deeply we believe in what we profess. We are obligated by our commitment to Christ and the faith that compels us to witness, to keep unbroken the endless line of Christian fellowship.

—BISHOP CHARLES F. GOLDEN
of Nashville-Birmingham Area

First Lt. Charles F. Weise, killed Feb. 24 in an Air Force bomber crash in northern Michigan, was the son of Navy Chaplain and Mrs. John Wesley Weise of Pensacola, Fla. Young Weise, from San Francisco, was the pilot of the Strategic Air Command plane. Chaplain (Capt.) Weise is a member of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference and is now assigned to the Naval Air Training Command at Pensacola Air Station.

The Rev. Dr. William C. Finch, president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, will become dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tenn., next September. Dr. Finch, 51, is a Methodist minister, and Southwestern is a Methodist-related school. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. J. Robert Nelson, also a Methodist minister, who resigned last year and is now a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary.

"Question 7," a Lutheran-produced film which depicts the struggle between Communism and Christianity in East Germany, was released for public showings with a world premiere in Washington, D. C., on March 2. The film, non-denominational in story, tells of the opposition of a pastor and other Christians to atheistic forces surrounding them. The title refers to a pivotal questionnaire distributed by Communist rulers to students in the schools of East Germany, which poses a critical test to conscience because only those students deemed politically reliable are allowed to pursue advanced study toward a career of their choosing.

Willing for Christian missions to accept much of the responsibility for the new freedom of Africa, the Rev. Walter B. Williams has been decorated in Washington, D. C., with the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption. The honor came 56 years after he first went to Africa and 28 years after he retired. And Mr. Williams, at 93 years, wishes he could go now to Congo, for he often was caught between warring tribes and had to make peace. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, now residents of St. Petersburg, Fla., went to Washington to accept the decoration from the Liberian Ambassador, George Padmore, as directed by President William V. S. Tubman, a Methodist and a friend of the Williams.

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EASTER

(Written from a hospital bed)

The Easter season is full of special meaning for the church throughout the world. It commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord in triumph over death and the grave. Without its message of hope and confirmation of our faith, the world would still be in darkness. All that Jesus said and did was validated by His resurrection. "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." According to His promise, because He lives, we shall live also. Today all Christians should rejoice in the hope of eternal life. Our Savior has taken the sting out of death, robbed the grave of its victory, and ascended on high to give gifts unto men. With Paul we can say "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through Our Lord Jesus Christ." May this Easter bring comfort and assurance to all who love the Lord in sincerity. To know Him is life everlasting. Accept Him today your Savior, too, and live forever by His power.

Goodwill Industries Serve In Over 1,600 Communities

Goodwill Industries, a pioneer in the training and employment of the handicapped, serve in more than 1,600 communities in the United States, according to the results of a survey conducted by Goodwill Industries of America, Inc.

The survey showed central workshops in 125 U. S. cities, 22 branch workshops, two planned branch workshops, collection representatives in about 750 communities and branch stores in more than 200 cities outside the central location cities. Boy Scout Good Turn drives, school drives and other similar functions are conducted in another more than 500 communities.

Started in 1919 by the Methodist Church, Goodwill Industries has long been the largest network of rehabilitation workshops for all types of handicapped people in the world. It functions in 45 states including Hawaii and Alaska, and in eight foreign countries. During 1959, 38,000 handicapped and disabled persons were served. By August of last year Goodwill Industries had reported a 15 per cent gain.

Attention, Local Churches!

Because of the great value of local churches preserving the most important features of contemporary happenings (history), and because the best way to do this is to write it down now and put it where it can be preserved and compiled in future years:

We recommend that our Southeastern Jurisdictional Methodist Historical Society contact and urge the Annual Conference historical societies of our jurisdiction to do everything possible to see that our local churches preserve their histories and guide them in how to record the salient facts of what is happening now.

We recommend that every local church (or charge) have its quarterly conference to set up the Committee on Records and History that is recommended by the *Discipline*, that this committee be diligent in doing all that is recommended for it in the *Discipline*, and that this committee write into the records of the fourth quarterly conference each year such things as anniversaries observed, unusually successful revivals and/or ingatherings into the church, the names of persons licensed to preach, the names of members who have entered full-time Christian service, and all special and significant projects.

We call attention to the fact that oftentimes matters relating to business and finance, such as improvements to churches and parsonages, purchase of land, and making or cancelling indebtedness are reported to the quarterly conference merely in terms of money expended with very little other notation made on the record. We therefore request that this Committee on Records and History be alert to include in its reports (in written succinct form) also all such items that need interpretation for people who still read the records in future years for a compilation of the local church history.

—Adopted by S. E. Jurisdictional
Methodist Historical Society
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
July 12, 1960

Trip To A Methodist Village In West Pakistan

It is a winter afternoon in January as we drive off the main highway and across the railroad tracks. Here the going is slow because we must pick out tracks across two miles of desert waste. Finally we find a small road that runs along the canal. This canal is the lifeline for the thirsty village farm lands. As we travel slowly for five miles we finally sight one of the small Christian Methodist villages. As the sound of the car is heard approaching the village, crowds of children run out squealing with delight. Some more courageous ones steal a ride on the back of the panel truck. The missionary's truck is the talk of the village. It is the only car that many of these kids have ever seen.

As we drive up to the small Methodist church, we find ourselves literally surrounded by small village children. After being greeted by the elders of the village, the missionary and the Pakistan district superintendent are led into the enclosure of a mud-brick compound wall. Here the "charpies" (rope beds for sitting) are placed in the winter sunshine for the monthly pastors' meeting of the district.

While waiting for the other five village pastors, we sit and talk with the village people concerning their problems and needs. A man by the name of Barkat Masih (which means "Blessing of Christ") tells us that the villagers are working hard to complete the second room of their mud-brick school house. Another bearded farmer whose name is Fazal Masih (this means "the Grace of Christ") tells us that there is much sickness in the village. He requests us to send the missionary nurse to the village as soon as possible. Another smiling farmer by the name of Ghulam Masih (the "Slave of Christ") tells us about the progress of Sunday school work in the village. Always these names with deep meaning make an impression upon the missionary.

By this time the other pastors begin to arrive in their cycles. Many have come six or seven miles on this their only means of transportation. When all have greeted us and we have responded with the familiar "Salam" the meeting of the district pastors is opened with prayer. Then the plans for the coming month are discussed and chalked out in detail. The missionary presents a series of flash-cards with pictures that tell a story of how we can get the message of stewardship across to our village people. They promise to use these picture-lessons with lectures and sermons among their people. Then it is time for the monthly visitation to all the homes in the village. The people are always happy to see not only their assigned pastor but the others of the district. As we go from house to house we learn much about the needs of our people in such underprivileged areas. In some families there is only one person who is literate and who can read the Bible to the other members of the family. In some homes the parents are very proud to have their children recite the Lord's Prayer and to sing a few Christian hymns for our benefit. At every home we inquire as to how many children are in the village school. In nine villages in the area we have schools where the kids learn their A-B-C's up to the third grade. In this village and in many others like it the farmers still do not see the value of education. They say to us, "Why send my child to school when he can help me in the fields?" "Education changes the children; we are alright without educated children." "If they go to school they will one day want to leave the village because education turns them to the cities." These are some of the many arguments we hear. In this village the Central School from Stuntzabad Central Methodist School is operating one of its village primary schools. The teacher earns about \$25 a month. His house is furnished by the villagers as well as the mud-brick school. The American church pays his salary. Where else could you find a good teacher giving of his time and talent

fighting an uphill job trying to remove the veil of illiteracy with its darkness and ignorance? We also learned that six boys from this village walk ten miles a day to attend our high school in Stuntzabad. Such is the desire for education of some who refuse to live in the old ruts of their families.

Soon it is time for the evening meal. This is a call which all ministers respond to whether they be in the States or in Pakistan. The sun is setting as we weave our path along the path to our host's house of mud. The village cattle has been bedded down in its enclosures for the night. The small fires for cooking the evening meal, fed by scarce wood and dung cakes, begin to throw their glow against the walls in the lovely winter twilight. Now all the farmers have come home from the hard day's work and are sitting around chatting while the women folk cook the meal.

We arrive at a two-room house where one room is for the family and the other is reserved for the cattle. The farmer meets us at the door and is very happy to have us in his home. It is always an honor to have the preachers in for a special meal. This farmer is very excited that his son Samuel has been passed by a Ministerial Relations Committee to study in the Seminary in the spring. Our host has a big heart but, like so many of our brothers, he is poor. He earns about \$100 cash over and above the food he eats yearly. The cash crop is cotton. The wheat he grows is used for the family diet.

The Charpis are brought into place again and we are asked to sit down on them. These are rope beds used for sleeping, sitting and eating. We are served the flat whole wheat bread cakes and dal which is a vegetable stew. This is supplemented by a cup of tea and then the meal is finished. This meal is the daily diet for the farmers of our area.

After our family meal we go to the church. The village gong is sounded and people begin to appear, wrappled in their blankets. The women sit on one side and the men sit on the other. In the winter when everyone wears a blanket one cannot distinguish the men from the women. And on this night the missionary went in and sat down on the wrong side of the church with the women! After a few giggles he realized his mistake and went to the men's side. The missionary is called to the front to sit at the pulpit with the district superintendent and the preacher who is to deliver the evening sermon. A few hymns are sung accompanied by the tubbla (drums) and the tambarine. After the music the preacher of the evening begins his sermon.

As the missionary sits at the front of the church next to the pulpit in one of the few chairs in the village, he thinks about the people who are listening intently to the words of the minister. As he looks over the congregation he sees children who are underfed and in shabby clothes. He sees women who reveal that life has made them seem much older than their years. Hard work, bearing many children, and enduring much hardship and much sickness take a toll.

He looks into the eyes of the hard-working farmers as they listen to the words of the preacher. The pastor is speaking from Romans 8:35-39: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Not our poverty, nor troubles, not our minority status, not our illiteracy, no, nothing can separate us from His love. In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, and conquerors we shall be over our sins, our backwardness, and all that holds us down. For we must be persuaded in Christ that neither 'death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'"

The missionary who is sometimes depressed

by what he sees in such villages, leaves the church with his Pakistani brothers and sisters rededicated and renewed by the challenge that is before us to place Christ above all in all of life and to help others to do the same.

The day is not over yet. After the evening service, the ministers' meeting goes until 2:30 at night. The pastors continue to discuss how to apply this love of Christ in their village churches on into the night. The meeting is finally closed and we all stay the night in this village of people called Methodists.

We leave early next morning and drive 25 miles back to our home. This is one of the many village trips that the missionary takes each month. Each time it is a rewarding and sobering experience.

Sincerely,
Max and Mary Lowdermilk.

Fellowship Offered Visiting Americans

British Methodists are inviting interested American cousins to share with them their annual Methodist School of Fellowship during next August Bank Holiday Week.

Meeting for its 45th session August 5-12 at "The Hayes," Swanwick, Derbyshire, the conference will present a series of lectures on them in our prophets and a series on "Christianity and the Arts." There will be discussion opportunities.

Informative lectures are scheduled for the evenings, but afternoons are free for rest and recreation. The Society of Christian Artists will present an exhibit during the school.

"This is a conference for young and old," the invitation reads, "for those well established in church work and for those who have not yet begun; for those whose faith is sure and for those who wish theirs were more certain."

The cost for the week is \$19.60 or one guinea (\$2.94) per night for periods of less than a week.

Touring American Methodists or those enroute to the World Methodist Conferences in Oslo (August 14-25) may obtain information from Miss Doris Whiteman, M.B.E., 50 New Road, Ascot, Berks, England.

Rev. Jesse A. Baldwin Passes At Age 90

The Rev. Jesse A. Baldwin, 90, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died Sunday night at his home in Charlotte. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. W. B. Bobbitt, associate, and Rev. Sneed Ogburn, retired missionary. Mr. Baldwin was graduated from Trinity College, being the first student to receive a degree in 1893 after it was moved from Trinity to Durham. He was a Phi Beta Kappa student. He served in the pastorate and was the founder of the Southern Industrial Institute of Charlotte in 1903. He was the author of three books, the best known *Can We Believe in the Bible?* He is survived by his widow, the former Winifred Watkins Redfern, of Ansonville; two daughters, Miss Dorothy Baldwin and Mrs. Grace Dula, both of Charlotte; a sister, Miss Mamie Baldwin of Ellerbe, and a grandson.



Woman's Activities



We Might As Well Face It!

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference stands in 11th place in the seventeen conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the number of women attending the annual School of Missions!

According to the February issue of *The Methodist Woman* magazine, Western North Carolina had 223 women in attendance at the 1960 school and 210 enrolled in credit classes.

This is in a conference that boasts 928 societies with 44,953 members. It means that only *one* woman out of every 104 Methodist women in the conference attended the School of Missions.

This is the conference that led all of Methodism in Mission Study in 1946!

It might be interesting to take a look at the place whereon we stand in other realms, compared to other conferences in the jurisdiction. In the matter of members, Western North Carolina stands second, with only the great Virginia Conference passing her with 50,887 members. In the field of missionary giving, W.N.C. stands in third place with Virginia again in first place with \$154,316, and Florida in second place with \$131,588, and Western North Carolina in third place with \$121,582.

In Supply Work, W.N.C. noses back to second place, with \$12,132, surpassed only by the Florida women who gave \$12,183 for Supply Askings.

But when it comes to a matter of School of Missions attendance, where are we? Right down a slide we go to a lowly 11th place, while Virginia keeps its first place with 1,019 at its school, and Florida keeps its high place as second from the top with 886 at its school.

Our sister conference, the North Carolina Conference, with *less* members than the W.N.C. Conference proudly takes fourth place in the jurisdiction, with 688 at its school. This meant that they had 155 more women at their School of Missions than the W.N.C. Conference.

What is the matter with us?

In 1946 it was said that "There is a direct relationship between the ratio of increase in studies to attendance of key women at such schools, where now spiritual seeds are sown and where new methods of cultivation are taught and demonstrated."

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, the Conference secretary of missionary education and service, has stressed the urgency of the situation. She has questioned the *why* of a decrease in attendance.

For the coming summer, Mrs. Dillon is asking that *every* district officer in the conference send *every* district officer to the School of Missions. She is placing an emphasis on *district* officers, in the hope that they may

reach the local societies. If every local society could select four leaders to teach their four studies for the year, then send these four leaders to the School of Missions, what a school we would have!

The 1961 School of Missions will be held at Pfeiffer College August 14th through 18th.

DISTRICT NEWS

Gastonia—The Gastonia District will hold Quiet Day services during Lent on March 26th in the subdistricts, as follows: Cleveland Subdistrict, at Central Methodist Church, Shelby, 2:30 p.m.; Gaston Subdistrict, First Methodist Church in Gastonia, 2:30 p.m.; Lincoln Subdistrict, at First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Thad Ford of Shelby, district secretary of spiritual life, is in charge of arrangements.

Greensboro—The Greensboro District will have its district-wide Quiet Day on March 16th from 10:30 a.m. until noon at Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro. Mrs. W. A. Bales of Greensboro, Conference secretary of Christian social relations, will be the leader, and the theme will be, "What Think Ye of Christ?" Mrs. N. D. McNairy, district spiritual life secretary, will be in charge.

Asheville—The women of the First Methodist Church of Hendersonville met at Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville in February.

Miss Mabel M. Metzger, director of the Home, introduced each member of the Brooks-Howell family, giving the number of years each had served and the places they had been. Miss Mollie Townsend showed color slides of her recent trip to Africa, where Hendersonville's Pat Rothrock is now serving as missionary.

This group gave to each of the students in the church a copy of the book, *The Student at Prayer*, as a Christmas gift. Notes of thanks were read.

Mrs. Alma Lee Cheaves presided at the meeting. Thirty-nine members of the Woman's Society were present.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS New Missionarise Named

Among the reports heard at the recent annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, was the report of Mrs. C. D.

Mehaffy, secretary of missionary service in foreign fields.

The report, covering a one-year period, February 1, 1960-February 1, 1961, revealed twelve new missionaries receiving support by conferences in the jurisdiction.

These missionaries, countries in which they are serving, and conferences supporting them, include Misses Glenda Lee Gail, Southeast Asia, Florida; Dolores Miller, Latin America, Florida; Charlie Ann Dunn, Latin America, Holston; Gloria Ann McCurdy, Mexico, North Alabama; Mrs. Josephine Wilson Phillips, India, North Georgia; Ann Herbert (reinstated), Southeast Asia, South Carolina; Elizabeth Dueant, Latin America, South Carolina; Beulah Seay Thomas, South America, Tennessee; Patricia Olmstead and Dorothy Sparks, Japan, Virginia; Dr. Irene Roberts, Virginia; Louise Avett, Southeast Asia, Western North Carolina.

A service of recognition for six retired missionaries and two retired deaconesses was held during the Annual Meeting. The missionaries and their fields and number of years of service were Rosalie Brown, 39 years and one month; Dr. Edith Lacy, India, 33 years and five months; Mabel Whitehead, Japan, 43 years and six months; Mary Winn, China-Pakistan, 36 years; Mary Woodard, Cuba, 34 years and 11 months.

The two retired deaconesses were Miss Jane Wilkerson, Greensboro, and Miss Mary Fulner.

Jurisdiction Women Write President Kennedy

Apprehensive concerning the ensuing five-year centennial commemoration of the Civil War, delegates attending the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service voted to send the following letter to President John F. Kennedy:

"The members of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, now in session in Durham, N. C., wish to express deep regret that the Congress of the United States has authorized a five-year centennial commemoration and observance of the Civil War throughout the nation. Such an observance at this time in our national history may well provide the means for stimulating and divisive elements, stirring up slumbering sectionalism, and generating strife that can result in untold damage.

"Our concern and our hopes are that you will use the influence of your office to emphasize the unity that was achieved, rather than divisions of those tragic years."

The letter was signed by Mrs. David Cathcart, president, and Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, secretary.

It is important that individual persons also write President Kennedy, The White House, Washington, D. C.; their senator, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.; their congressman, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.; their governor, and the mayor of their city or town.

Durham District Has New Society

A group of women of the Stovall Methodist Church were recently organized into a Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Officers elected at the initial meeting were president, Mrs. Gladys Montague; vice-president and secretary of spiritual life,

Irs. P. D. Midgette; secretary-treasurer, Irs. Archie Vickerson; missionary education and service, Mrs. Virginia Burch; secretary of promotion and Christian social relations, Mrs. Presley Davis.

Stovall Methodist Church is on the Oxford Circuit. The Rev. P. D. Midgette is pastor.

District Committees Set Dates

The executive committee of the Wilmington District Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Ark in Wilmington, with Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., presiding and leading the devotional.

Mrs. T. J. Morris, treasurer, reported an increase of \$936.76 in giving to missions for the first report period of the current conference year. Miss Carol Sledge, district secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, emphasized the need for an increase in membership and in Guild units.

The annual district meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20 at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach. The subdistrict meetings will be held during the month of May. They are: Brunswick, May 1, Southport Methodist Church; Bladen, May 9, Clarkton Methodist Church; New Hanover, May 11, Burgaw Methodist Church; Roberson, May 8 (or 9), place to be announced; Columbia, May 10, Hallsboro Methodist Church.

The executive committee of the Goldsboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro, voted to increase its pledge to missions for 1961-62, heard reports of officers, elected its secretary of Christian social relations, Mrs. L. H. Lane, as a delegate to the World Affairs Conference, held March 9-10 in Chapel Hill, and set dates for its annual meeting and spring subdistrict meetings.

The district meeting will be held at the Mount Olive Methodist Church, April 20. The time and place of meeting for three of the five subdistricts were announced by their respective leaders. They are: Goldsboro, April 26, Pine Forest Methodist Church; Smithfield, April 26, place to be announced; Snow Hill, April 27, Walstonburg Methodist Church.

Mrs. Cecil Pate, Goldsboro, and Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mount Olive, are president and secretary of promotion for the Goldsboro District, respectively.

Church Leaders To Meet In Louisville, Ky., March 19-21

A group of white and Negro Methodist leaders will meet March 19-21 in Louisville, Ky., to discuss means of establishing better interracial understanding in the church.

The group will comprise Southeastern and Central Jurisdictional members of the new churchwide Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations, established by the 1960 General Conference of The Methodist Church.

Beginning a day earlier, March 18, bishops of the two jurisdictions also will meet in Louisville to confer on mutual interests.

The consultations were announced in Jacksonville, Fla., February 28 by the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, an executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, at a meeting of the council's executive committee. He is also executive secretary of the new inter-jurisdictional commission.

LETTERS

Durham, N. C.
March 4, 1961

Dear Mr. Editor:

I think that folks read your paper but I am afraid they are not open to suggestions. I have especial reference to the fact that I have only heard from three persons in response to my request for information with regard to the Pastors' School.

Now, of course, I do not know that I will be able to carry through my plans to write the book but I have at least begun the investigation. I requested that any persons who may have taught in the school at any given time would write me and give, if possible, the course or courses taught. I also asked for any interesting items which might make good copy. Dr. K. W. Clark of Duke, and Dr. L. L. Gobel of Lambuth College are the only ones who have responded to the first. The Rev. J. B. Hauser wrote an interesting story on a prayer meeting which was held to try to bring about rain—and the rains came and the floods descended. I am sure that there are many who recall interesting items and many who took work as undergraduates in those early years. Not all materials which may be sent in will necessarily be the type of thing to print but I would greatly appreciate any materials which might be sent. That school was one of the most important organizations ever existing in this state and some notice ought to be given it as it is being supplanted by other and possibly more useful work.

Cordially yours,
H. E. SPENCE



Methodist Mission
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January 1961

Dear Friends:

The Judys have returned from furlough, and it is good to be back. Christmas has ended, and New Year's is at hand. We could not forget the sacrifice and love of the American Church that made possible the telling of God's love in drama, pageant and song. As a Korean pastor expressed it, "The rafters from both sides of the house must lean together to hold up the main beam of the roof." The service at the leper colony on Christmas eve best portrayed this sharing.

It was a play based on the persecutions of the Christians in early Korean history. Our audio-visual unit provided the Christmas story in color slides and then light for the play in this electricity-less colony. One forgot the actors were lepers as the drama unfolded. The audience, dressed warmly and with clean bandages, sat in their beautiful stone church, which the G. I.'s and missionaries helped to build. The stone outside was finished. The rough concrete inside, the rough rafters, the rough floor on which they sat (the boards were the concrete forms) gave feeling to the original torture and persecution.

As the tears flowed from the eyes of the listeners, I looked at their faces. Noses were gone, tips of ears gone, an old lady wiped at an empty eye socket, many had blacked

in eyebrows for these disappear first, there were stubs for fingers, toes were missing. Yet for these people Christmas meant something—someone cared. They understood its meaning.

I remember when they first came to my home more than six years ago for help. All we had was relief clothing so ragged we were ashamed to give it to anyone but lepers. But it matched their ragged, runny, makeshift bandages. The neighboring army leper camp made trouble for the civilian lepers, so after planning for a year many of them, quietly and under the cover of darkness, moved to another place. That year it was a miserable and hungry Christmas. The following year I got the U. S. Army chaplain interested in them. The next Christmas there was some wood, a cow and chickens and the clothing left over from the G. I. orphans' party, plus our relief. Our young people, instead of exchanging gifts, took them food. Margaret's choir sang, as they have every Christmas since. The next three years brought help in the form of healing medicine, doctor's care, a dispensary, the church and land.

Yes, as I sat there looking at the faces, I saw not the outcast looks of the past, the hopelessness of an outcast people, but serene joy. I saw in their faces the Christmas story: *someone cared*.

Jesus wasn't here to heal like He did in the past. In His place were the hands of doctors who had dedicated themselves to care for the sick, and lepers were being healed. There were the hands of men who were concerned with more than relief hand-outs and lepers, being helped with land and animals, were no longer on the edge of starvation but were becoming self-supporting. (Some could not come to the service; they had to guard their compound against thieving non-lepers).

The play built to its climax with sad tears turning to joyous tears as the persecuting police and officials, challenged by the faith of the executed Christians that Christmas morning, believed. As the last strains of "Joy to the World" rang out this Christmas eve, those scarred leper faces radiated the Christmas message, "God cares."

We want to thank you for your support of missions and our work during this past year. May you continue to care during this year, too.

Sincerely yours,
CARL AND MARGARET JUDY



The Cross

There is hope in the Cross—

Hope for me!

God's agony on a Cross;

God's concern, God's forgiveness;

God's presence in earth's darkness.

There is hope in the Cross—

Hope for me!

God's victory beyond the Cross;

God's light, God's life;

God's presence in the eternal.

There is hope in the Cross—

Hope for me!

God's head bowed down—

God's arms outstretched—

God's heart accepting me—

Even me!

—ROBERT G. TUTTLE



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



JENNY CHANGES HER MIND

"Jenny," said a very tired mother to her daughter one afternoon, "will you help me sew this braid on your little sister's dress?"

"Oh, Mother, how can you ask me to help, when you know it takes all my time to make those pictures?"

"What pictures?" inquired her mother.

"Why, a lot of girls met yesterday at Katie Eaton's house and formed a club. We call it the 'Busy Workers,' and we will be helping the poor. We are making pictures for the poor sick children in the hospital. Don't you think it's a good plan?"

"Perhaps it is," said her mother wearily.

So Jenny, leaving her mother to sew on the braid, went upstairs to make pictures. Pretty soon Katie Eaton came in.

"Well, Katie," said Jenny, "I thought you were never coming."

"I would have been here sooner, but we had company for dinner, and Chloe had so many dishes to wash that I stayed to help her."

"Why, Katie Eaton, what do you mean? The very idea of your helping her!" said Jenny, very much surprised.

"Now, look here, Jenny, didn't we girls form a club, and each promise that she would do all she could to help others?"

"Well, that hasn't anything to do with helping servants to wash dishes," said Jenny haughtily.

"Yes, it has, too. I couldn't go out to help other people, all the time knowing that Mother or someone else at home needed my help. Do you think I could?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied Jenny.

After a pleasant afternoon Katie went home. As soon as she was gone, Jenny came downstairs and went to find her mother.

"Mother," she said brightly, "have you gotten the braid sewed on Nettie's dress yet?"

"No," replied Mother, "I haven't been able to get it done."

"Then I'll help you. And Mother, from now on I mean to help you first, and then work for any others I can help."

—From *The Herald*

Young Writer Scores Success

For several years our Children's Page has published material, including stories, short articles and verse, by Miss Gail

Bradshaw, a young writer in our Conference, living at Roanoke Rapids, who sent her first contribution when she was thirteen years old. We have been delighted with her maturity of thought, her style, and general quality of composition, and proud to use her material on our page.

Now, at the age of 16, she has won acceptance of an excellent story, "Wrapped in Blue Ribbon," for publi-



GAIL BRADSHAW

cation in *Classmate*, one of the fine youth magazines of our Methodist Board of Education. This success has greatly increased Gail's enthusiasm for writing, and she says, "Now I know I'm going to continue writing stories."

Congratulations, Gail! And we hope we'll be reading more of your stories, and perhaps your poems, in *Classmate* and other magazines, as well as on our page.

This We Know

No one has ever seen the wind,
Neither you nor I,
But when we see trees bending low
We know the wind is passing by.

No one has ever seen the Lord,
Neither you nor I,
But when we see heads bending low
We know that God is passing by.
—Selected.

The Fourth Commandment

Exodus 20:8-11

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-

servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy strange that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

In Bible times the law-abiding Jewish people had a very high respect for the sabbath day, or Sunday, and interpreted this Commandment in very strict ways. They were so strict, in fact, that even if an ox were to fall into a ditch on the sabbath, a man would be breaking the Commandment if he got the ox out on that day. And you remember that the Jews criticized Jesus because He healed a man on the sabbath day.

This is the way the Jews had understood the Commandment, but when Jesus came he shed quite a different light on it. He taught that in addition to being a day of rest, the sabbath was to be a day for worship and for doing deeds of kindness and helpfulness. He showed this in His daily living in Galilee.

Surely God looks with disfavor and disappointment on the way many people abuse Sunday, by failing to rest and worship, and by using the day for buying and selling, for carousing and entertainment, and in many other ways failing to "keep the sabbath holy."

Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath," for He knew that God ordained this day of rest and worship for the good of people's minds, bodies and spirits; and therefore He "blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it."

Chuckle

A hillbilly was called as a witness in a lawsuit.

"Can you write?" asked the lawyer.

"Nope."

"Can you read?"

"Well, I kin read figgers pretty good, but I don't do so good with words. Now take those signs along the road. I kin tell how fur, but not whur to."

Bible Quiz

(Indicate by "O" or "N" whether these stories are found in the Old or New Testament).

1. The story of the Good Samaritan——
2. The Ten Virgins——
3. Noah's Ark——
4. The Prodigal Son——
5. The Fiery Furnace——

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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| 1. Peter | John 21:15-17 |
| 2. John | John 19:26 |
| 3. Delilah | Judges 16 |
| 4. John 3:16 | |
| 5. Jesus | John 15:13 |

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MARCH 26

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

CHRIST DIED FOR US

Background Scripture: John 18 and 19
Lesson Scripture: John 19:17-24, 28-30

There's an oft-told story of a Negro woman who held her little son on her shoulder so that he might see the funeral train of Abraham Lincoln. She then said to the child, "Take a good look, honey; he died for you." No doubt many Christians through the centuries have found it difficult to understand how Jesus could have died for millions yet unborn. This is the theme we wish to explore in this lesson.

Turning first to the Biblical references, we notice that whereas John's gospel gives a somewhat detailed account of the Crucifixion is surprisingly short and direct. It has been suggested that this was planned so that the account of the glories of the resurrection might be enhanced thereby. However that may be, there are certain statements regarding the Crucifixion that are to be found only in the account of the fourth Gospel. For example, John mentions the superscription placed over the head of Jesus, "This is the King of the Jews," as having been written in Latin (the official language of the government), Hebrew (or Aramaic) the popular language of Palestine, and Greek, the language which many of the visitors to Jerusalem would have been speaking. The author of the fourth Gospel, with an eye to the symbolic meaning of the Cross, may have been suggesting that in the very inscription identifying Jesus on the Cross there was suggested the universal nature of the salvation he came to bring.

Worth noting also is the comment of Pilate when he was asked by religious officials to change the wording from "This is the King of the Jews" to "This man said, I am the King of the Jews." The Roman governor replied "What I have written I have written." A moment's reflection will show how descriptive these words are of our own lives. We can't undo the past; though we may resolve to make the future better. Long ago the lines of the Rubaiyat became the classic expression of this thought:

"The moving finger writes: and, having writ moves on: nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

It would be a great blessing if, in youth, one might see this as clearly as we do in later life! But the tendency to "learn the hard way" seems characteristic of human nature—or at least of a great number of human beings.

Our allotted space rapidly runs out, and there is yet so much that needs to be said! Let us consider the sins that put Jesus on the cross; yes, the sins that keep him there. The book of Hebrews (6:4-6) declares: "They are crucifying the Son of God afresh and exposing him to open shame." What are the sins that keep Jesus writhing on the cross? The commentaries suggest many. Among them we could mention these: *ignorance*, *tradition* ("the backward pull of the outgrown good") *indifference* (the

crowd "stood beholding" — that is all, just beholding), *insensitivity* (the word can make us callous until we lose sympathy for any except those within our own circle), *timidity* (being afraid to make our witness), *ambition* (Pilate wanted to keep his job as governor), *jealousy* (some entrenched religious groups resented the popularity of Jesus). And so we might go on. But has not Pierre Van Paasen caught the spirit of this, our failure, in the following lines? "When the strong torture the weak, when the poor cry for bread, when the innocent languish in dungeons, when mothers go insane because they see their children die, when the outcasts roam in the wilderness, when the soldiers go to battle, when those who sit in darkness pray for light, the Cross returns and the head of the Man on the Cross sinks deeper on the tired breast."

How then are we saved by the death of Christ? Theories of the atonement are many but, as Niebuhr has said, "There is in fact no theory of the atonement which is quite as satisfying as the simple statement of the vicarious death of Christ in the Gospels." This great fact transcends human understanding, but it does not transcend human experience. That is the bed-rock on which our faith rests.

Peachland Charge In Three Revivals During March

Three revivals are scheduled for the Peachland Charge during the month of March. Beginning March 20 and running through March 26, Rev. F. R. Davis, pastor of South Lenoir-Olivet, will preach at Fountain Hill Church. From March 26 to April 2, Rev. C. G. Mitchum, Methodist evangelist of Monroe, will preach in revival services at Hopewell Church. The meeting at Mt. Moriah Church will begin March 27 and run through the 31st with Rev. K. R. Moore, pastor of St. Marks Church, Charlotte, as the preacher. Rev. John Oakley is pastor of the Peachland Charge.

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Southeastern Jurisdiction Shows 141,438 Membership Gain

Jacksonville, Fla.—A net gain of 141,438 members, advancing the total membership to 2,708,977, was registered during the last four years by The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The "progress report" was given here February 28 by the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells of Atlanta, Ga., at a meeting of the Jurisdictional Council's executive committee. He is an executive secretary of the Council.

Churches of the jurisdiction gave a total of \$143,551,168 for "all purposes" during the quadrennium, Dr. Sells reported. This was an increase of more than \$30,000,000 over the previous four years. Net gains of 335 effective ministers and 526 pastoral charges also were recorded.

Enrollment in church schools is 2,617,234, an increase of 99,336 over 1956, and membership in the jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service has advanced from 412,430 to 417,222.

The two-day meeting here was the first in the council's plan to have its executive committee meet periodically in various cities of the jurisdiction.

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Former Pastor To Hold Revival

Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District, will be the guest minister in a revival meeting at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington, March 19-24. Dr. Barclift was pastor at Fifth Avenue Church from 1938 to 1945 and superintendent of the Wilmington District from 1948 to 1952. It was during his ministry at Fifth Avenue that the Charlie Jones Soong Educational Building was dedicated. R. L. Bame is the present pastor.

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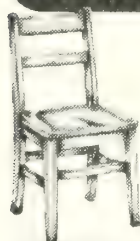
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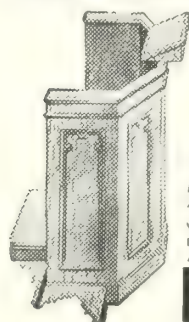
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'Operation Freedom' Attempts To Help Sharecroppers

"Two hundred fifty thousand dollars is the amount Operation Freedom will attempt to raise so that Negroes in Haywood and Fayette Counties, Tennessee, will be able to buy seed and fertilizer this spring to plant their crops," the Rev. Clarence T. R. Nelson, Methodist district superintendent of Columbus, Ohio, national chairman of this group, announced recently.

The Rev. Mr. Nelson, native of Arkansas, who has himself been a sharecropper, also said, "Many groups and organizations have been most helpful in sending food and clothing to these counties where there is a drastic boycott on employment, gasoline purchase, credit, and health services. Nothing has developed, however, that will enable these people, who were simply attempting to exercise a democratic right, registering to vote, to be able to plant a crop this year on land where they have lived, in many cases, all their lives. Operation Freedom is going to make a bold and determined effort to do just this. We will have to work fast. Seed, fertilizer, farm equipment and in some cases even land is needed.

"We hope to raise this money," Mr. Nelson said, "through both individuals and groups. Certainly there ought to be thousands of people who would, on hearing of this endeavor, put \$1, \$5, \$10, \$100 or more in an envelope and send it to our treasurer, the Rev. Maurice F. McCrackin, Operation Freedom, 1111 Dayton Street, Cincinnati 14, Ohio.

"The last thing the farmers are looking for is charity," Mr. Nelson said. "Because of the deprivation in these unusual circumstances a considerable amount will have to come in for outright gifts; but the most widespread and most urgent need is money for crop loans. To get money in the spring for planting and for living until harvest and to pay back in the fall is standard procedure throughout the South, and something these farmers have done every year of their lives. But this year when they have gone to the banks, the banks have said No. Somebody has got to say Yes."

"In each of these counties," the clergyman said, "there is a majority of Negroes. A great many of these registered to vote. Immediately came evictions, unemployment, boycotts, and foreclosures. There is strong action being taken by the white landowners to dispossess the Negro landowners, and to make it impossible for sharecroppers and tenant farmers to continue living inside the borders of these two counties. But I know these determined people are not going to be driven out. They are going to stay. And Operation Freedom is going to help them!"

Governor Edmund G. Brown of California has appointed Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles to the State Board of Education.

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What Does Easter Mean to You?

What does Easter mean to you?
Stately church with cushioned pew,
Where, Lenten season gone at last
And days of self-denial past,
Richly-clad, devoted throngs
Of worshipers unite in songs
Of praise in lily-scented air?
Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Does it mean the end of winter's reign,
Bright skies and welcome warmth again,
Singing of birds, budding of trees,
Sweet spring odors on the breeze
From daffodil and crocus bed
And balsam branches overhead?
Sad is the world and cold and gray,
If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings
A firmer faith in holy things;
Assurance of a living Lord;
A strengthening of the tender chord
Of love that binds us to the life to come
Where loved ones 'wait us in the heavenly home,
No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss,
Dear friend, of Easter when it means all this.

—MARY RICKER CONRAD
In Sunday Guardian



★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ THE NEW BERN District WSCS held a retreat at Centenary Methodist Church March 14-17. Sessions were held at 10:00 a.m. and evening sessions at 7:30.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are being conducted this week at the First Methodist Church, Draper, of which Rev. William A. Rock is pastor.

☛ THE DAVIE COUNTY Board of Church Extension held its annual dinner meeting at Bethlehem Methodist Church, March 15, 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Dwight Mashburn is host pastor.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Asheboro, has voted to renovate its sanctuary. This is part of an expansion and renovation program which is costing in excess of \$300,000. Rev. Cecil G. Hefner is pastor.

☛ DR. W. KENNETH GOODSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, will preach in revival services at First Methodist Church, Granite Falls, April 9-14. Rev. Malcolm C. Reece is pastor.

☛ ON SUNDAY, March 12, the Rev. Dwight Mashburn, minister of the Dulins Charge, presented the Church-wide Study, "Stumbling Block," at New Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, Thomasville District. The Rev. C. C. Phillips is the minister.

☛ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE preached at Trinity Methodist Church on the King Charge, at the 11:00 o'clock worship Sunday, March 19. Following the morning service the fourth quarterly conference was held at Trinity.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, announces that the Rev. Kenneth Horn, minister of education, has offered his resignation effective at the next session of the annual conference in June. He expects to receive an appointment at that conference.

☛ ON SUNDAY, April 9, Dr. Allen C. Best, vice-president of Greensboro College, will speak at First Church, Elkin, at the 11:00 o'clock service. He will also have with him a quartet from the college. Rev. J. H. Brendall is pastor at Elkin.

☛ THE REV. AUBERT SMITH of Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, will be the guest minister at Antioch Methodist Church on the King Charge the week of March 19-24. The Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr., is pastor.

☛ THE CHRISTIAN CAREERS Conference for the young people of the North Wilkesboro District will be held Sunday afternoon and evening, April 9, at the North Wilkesboro Church. Rev. M. Preston Hughes, Boone, is the district director of Christian Vocations and is the leader for this conference.

☛ A LENTEN CANTATA will be presented on Palm Sunday night by the choir of Longview Methodist Church of Raleigh. The cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" will be directed by Mrs. W. K. Beichler, with Mrs. R. C. Senter as organist. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor.

☛ EVANGELISTIC SERVICES will be conducted in the Madison Methodist Church April 9-14, with the Rev. R. P. Crawley of Love's Methodist Church, Walkertown, as guest preacher, and Rev. James Gibbs, pastor of Crews Church, Winston-Salem, as song leader. Rev. Frank H. Edwards is the pastor at Madison.

☛ THE SENIOR young people of the Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, are sponsoring a series of Holy Week services beginning March 27 and running through April 2. These services will be held in the chapel each evening at 7:30 and will lift up the importance of each day in Holy Week.

☛ DR. W. C. DAVISON, dean of the Duke Medical School for more than 30 years, until his retirement in 1960, has been elected a trustee of the Duke Endowment. He will succeed the late George G. Allen, who died last year. Dr. Davison is an internationally known medical authority, and has written several books in his profession.

☛ THE SPRING REVIVAL for the Hickory Grove Church, near Pelham, has been set by the official board for April 5-14. The Rev. James Allen, minister of the Spray Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the hymn service. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is pastor.

☛ REV. JOHN LEWIS SANDLIN, head of the Church Attendance Department of the Board of Evangelism, will be the revival speaker at the Shiloh Methodist Church on Highway 150, just out of Lexington, during Holy Week. The pastor, J. Max Brandon, Jr., extends an invitation to come and be a part of any service.

☛ FIRST CHURCH, Elizabeth City, will conduct Holy Week services the week of March 26-30. Rev. Virgil E. Queen, pastor, will lead in these services which begin with the morning service on Palm Sunday. Evening services will be held at 7:45 Sunday through Thursday, with Holy Communion being observed in the closing service on Maundy Thursday evening.

☛ EASTER SUNDAY morning annual sunrise service will be a union service of Thrift Methodist Church, Thrift Baptist Church, Homestead Methodist Church, and Paw Creek Presbyterian Church. The service will be held at Thrift Baptist Church at a time to be announced later. Rev. J. M. Armstrong, Jr., pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach that morning and the Baptist Church choir will be in charge of the music.

☛ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Henderson, will conduct Religious Emphasis Week during Holy Week, beginning Sunday, March 26, and running through Friday, March 31. The pastor, Rev. Warren B. Petteway, will preach each evening. Cottage prayer services are being conducted in preparation for the services. Mr. Petteway is in his third year at Henderson, and is in high favor with his people.

☛ MOUNT HOLLY Methodist Church, Rev. T. H. Swafford, pastor, will conduct revival services beginning Sunday, March 26th. Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be guest preacher.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be conducted at Lewisville Methodist Church April 2-7 with Rev. Jerome Huneycutt of Central Terrace Church, Winston-Salem, preaching each evening at 7:30.

☛ CARR METHODIST CHURCH, Durham, Dr. H. E. Myers, pastor, will begin Holy Week services Sunday, March 26, and run through Friday, the 31st. The pastor will preach each evening at 7:30.

☛ REV. HARLAN L. CREECH, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, is preaching in a series of services this week at Main Street Church, High Point. This is Mr. Creech's home church.

☛ CHERRY STREET METHODIST CHURCH, Kernersville, Winston-Salem District, will hold revival services beginning March 26 and running through the 31. Rev. Raymus Hilliard, pastor of the Pine Grove Charge, Winston-Salem, will be the guest minister.

☛ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College will assist Rev. Lester Jackson in revival services at West Nash Methodist Church, Wilson, N. C., during Holy Week, March 27 through Easter Sunday morning, April 2.

☛ THE MYF members of Hawthorne-Lane Church, Charlotte, juniors and seniors, and the Mr. and Miss Fellowship will join in a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall Saturday morning, March 25, at 8:00 o'clock. This will be the beginning of the church-wide 24-hour prayer vigil.

☛ REV. GRADY N. DULIN, pastor of Asbury Church, Gastonia District, will begin Holy Week services Sunday, March 26, and continue through Easter Sunday, April 2. The pastor will preach each night at 7:30, using as a basis the Seven Last Words from the Cross. The choir will lead in special music.

☛ REV. JOHN MCWHORTER, pastor of Black Mountain Methodist Church, is this week preaching in Holy Week services at Asbury Church, Durham, assisting Rev. L. C. Vereen. Mr. McWhorter served as assistant at Asbury during his school days at Duke University.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are in progress this week at the Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington. Rev. C. Howard Allred, pastor of Mayo Church, Gastonia, will preach each evening through Friday. Rev. Robert H. Gibbons, minister of music at Davis Street, is directing the musical program. Rev. Dermont J. Reid is pastor.

☛ HOPE MILLS Ministerial Association is sponsoring services during Holy Week. Services begin on Palm Sunday night at the school and continue each evening Monday through Friday at the Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. H. Crum, pastor of the Methodist Church, will preach on Good Friday evening. A Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday morning.

DR. WILSON O. WELDON of Myers Park Church, Charlotte, spoke to the Methodist Men of Central Church, Monroe, last Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

REV. HORWOOD F. MYERS, pastor of the Leaksville Methodist Church, will conduct Holy Week services at his church March 26-30. The services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

REV. J. MALLOY OWEN, pastor of Horne Memorial Church in Clayton, is preaching in revival services at First Methodist Church in Gatlinburg, Tenn., March 19-24. The Rev. Harper J. Sasser, formerly of Fayetteville, is pastor of the church in Gatlinburg.

REV. THOMAS A. COLLINS, president of N. C. Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, preached at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, last Sunday evening at 7:30. He also spoke to the MYF at 6:00 p.m. on "Christian Vocations."

JUDGE JAMES FARTHING of Lenoir spoke to the Methodist Men of Central Church, Shelby, Tuesday evening, March 21, at 7:00 o'clock. Judge Farthing is a Superior Court jurist, and is an able and active Christian layman.

MYERS PARK CHURCH, Charlotte, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor, will conduct a series of Holy Week services at 7:30 each morning. A different minister will speak at each service. This is designed to give people an opportunity to attend a devotional service before beginning their day's work.

THE THREE-HOUR service of the Seven Last Words will be held in Clayton at Horne Memorial Church on Good Friday from 12 noon until 3 o'clock. Seven visiting ministers of various denominations will speak on Christ's statements from the Cross. Worshipers may attend any or all of the seven 25-minute portions.

DR. G. ERNEST THOMAS, director of Spiritual Life of the Methodist Church, will be the preacher in evangelical services at Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, this week, March 19-24. The music is being directed by Rev. Charles S. Vaughn. Services are held twice daily—7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Earl H. Brendall is pastor.

HIS MANY FRIENDS will be glad to know that Rev. J. W. Braxton, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Canton, who has been ill for some time is now much improved and is able to assume his responsibilities in part. The Rev. Leon Larkin, of Lake Junaluska, has been assisting at Central for several weeks and will continue to do so until Mr. Braxton is ready to take the full load of a heavy pastorate.

BETHESDA METHODIST CHURCH, Asheville, will open its new sanctuary for worship services on Palm Sunday, March 26, at 11:00 o'clock. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, district superintendent of the Asheville District. The service will be followed by a picnic dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The pastor, Rev. Richard A. Howle, invites all members, former members, and friends to attend.

REV. J. W. PAGE, pastor of Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, preached during the past week in a Community Religious Emphasis Week at Red Springs. This is an annual joint effort of all the churches and schools.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES will be held March 26-31 at Brookstown Methodist Church, Lewisville Charge. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Ingram, will preach. A 24-hour prayer vigil will be conducted following the Maundy Thursday service and continuing through the Friday evening service. Services will begin at 7:30.

DR. L. STACY WEAVER, president of Methodist College, of Fayetteville, was a recent visitor on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. He spoke to the students at chapel on the theme, "Light — Darkness Cannot Put It Out." He also showed color slides illustrating the program and development of the sister institution.

THREE NEW TRUSTEES of Duke University have been elected, as announced by Dr. Deryl Hart, president. They are Dr. W. Lemuel Clegg, superintendent of the Burlington District; George V. Allen, a native of Durham and presently president of the Tobacco Institute, Inc., and Mr. Charles S. Rhyne, of Washington, D. C., former president of the American Bar Association. All three new trustees attended Duke, and all are natives of North Carolina.

DR. WALT HOLCOMB, well-known evangelist, has just returned from a one-day revival preaching mission in South America. Dr. Holcomb says this was the evangelistic tour of his life. On Palm Sunday he will engage in a one-day revival at Sardis Church, Atlanta, where his family attends. The pastor, Rev. James A. Budd, suggests that as Palm Sunday marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, so can it mark the triumphant entry of Jesus into the hearts of the people, and he is planning for a great day.

PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS, North Carolina Wesleyan College, spoke to the Mason Dixon Area of the American College Public Relations Association in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, March 21. The Rev. Mr. Collins spoke on the subject, "Community Public Relations," telling of the work of the Rocky Mount Area in cooperation with the Methodist Church in establishing a new college. Attention was called at the meeting to the recent national publicity in *The Methodist Story, Time, and Pride*, the national organ of college public relation officers.

I do not agree with those who say the churches have no business interfering in world affairs, that the churches' only business is saving souls. If we don't stop some of these world trends there aren't going to be any souls to save. We face either peace or total destruction.—DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, *New York*.

James A. Miner, managing editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* and the *Louisiana Methodist*, has joined the news staff of *Together* and *Christian Advocate*, Chicago.

Camping Important In Christian Education

Camping in The Methodist Church is an increasingly growing edge of Christian education.

Last year 187,619 persons participated in 1,881 camps and conferences reported to the General Board of Education, based on registration records for resident camps for juniors, Christian adventure camps for junior highs, institutes, assemblies, and conferences for senior high and older youth, and camps for families, young adults, and older adults.

These figures are incomplete because of many instances of non-reporting. Actually, the total number enrolled in Methodist programs of camping greatly exceeds the registrations reported to the board.

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The moral climate, that of a very up-to-date, fashionable and progressive return to pre-Christian morality, is against us. Far more seriously, the pervasive power of intellectual opinion is against us. We are disastrously mistaken if we think that the moral climate can be changed by well-meaning resolutions of protest. There is a proper place for protest, but protest itself is not enough. We ought to be taking very much more seriously the teaching of ministry of the church. — THE REV. EDWARD ROGERS, *president of the Methodist Conference of Great Britain*.

PASS IT ON

Just a smile and a friendly greeting
Will brighten up your day!
Give a lift to those you're meeting,
As you go on your way.
Someone is sure to return it,
With joy right back to you;
And others will truly earn it
By passing to others, too!

You have made the old world somewhat
brighter
By starting your day off well;
May have strengthened some good fighter,
To last till the sound of the bell;
You may end some quarrel that's been going
Or prevent one that's about to start;
You may halt some suicide by showing
The gladness of a friendly heart.

But you can by speaking unkindly,
Or with anger and spite in your voice,
Cause someone to travel more blindly,
Lose friends who have made you rejoice;
You can make your life gloomier by malice,
Cause friction to increase all around;
Bring murder in a hut or a palace,
Just by speaking with the wrong kind of sound!

You'll be happier, healthier, stronger,
If you'll keep hatred out, anger back;
If real love rules your heart, you'll live longer,
And you'll know that you're on the right track!
You can start every day with fresh sunshine,
Just received from your great home beyond;
And be sure in your daily confines
There are some who will catch and pass it on!

—JOHN CLINE

EDITORIALS

What Makes North Carolina A Great State?

In its issue of March 5, 1961, the *New York Times* carried a section devoted to the state of North Carolina in its industrial, educational, and economic growth for the past ten years. On the front of the extra section are shown former Governor (now U. S. Secretary of Commerce) Luther Hodges and present Governor Terry Sanford. They are holding a brief case on which is printed "Good Government is a Habit in North Carolina." And at the bottom of the page are the words, "There's a New Day, a New Opportunity in North Carolina." The section also carries a picture of the State Capital in Raleigh, together with a number of industrial plants around the state. Three great regions with distinct topographic features are welded together to form the state of North Carolina—503 miles long from its western boundary in the mountains to its 320-mile Atlantic Ocean coast. Economic development is taking place swiftly in all three regions. It is a producer of electrical power to meet its needs; its agriculture is strong and diversified; its educational institutions rank with the best in the entire country; its water resources are abundant; its highway system is among the best; its scenery from the mountains, through the piedmont, and into the extreme eastern section is unsurpassed in season. It is stated that new industry coming to the state in the last decade has gone beyond a billion and a half dollars. The greatest decade of economic growth in the Tar Heel State's history marked its continued rapid transition from an agricultural economy to the industrial pace-setter of the South. Space will not permit us to exalt all the fine qualities inherent in this great state of which we are a part, and which we sometimes are inclined to take for granted without being as appreciative as we might. For these material and temporal benefits we should be thankful. And can it be that the one thing more responsible for this situation than anything else is the fact that North Carolinians have kept alive and active their religious faith? Our churches of all denominations have endeavored to guide the morals and ideals of the people by proclaiming the truth by which men live. Both financial and moral support have been given. While we are profoundly grateful for the location, industrial development, and economic condition of our great state, we are not of those who assume we alone are respon-

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"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keepeth the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."—Psalm 127:1.

sible for it. We humble ourselves and give thanks to Him who is the Creator of all life and the Giver of every good gift. We know we are far from what we should be morally and spiritually, but our prayer is that we may continue to live in His fellowship and have the smile of His approval, and the blessings of His continued guidance.

Sen. Johnston Opposes Funds For Liquor In Congress

We need more men in the United States Congress, and in our State Legislatures, who are willing to take a stand with Senator Olin D. Johnston, of South Carolina, in opposing appropriations for alcoholic beverages for members of these so-called law-making bodies. To us it is just plain idiocy for an individual to consume something that he knows will make him crazier than he already is. Most of us feel we need to be able to exercise better judgment rather than to impair what little we have. And certainly to become inebriated does not contribute to our sense of sound mentality but rather detracts and incapacitates us. Whoever conceived the idea of social drinking did not display intellectual strength, but rather a lack of it. And those who indulge in it are to be pitied for not having intelligence enough to know of its dangers and moral character sufficient to refuse it. Senator Johnston, who himself is a tee-totaler, says that well-meaning people have "a merciless way" of forcing guests into cocktail hours before every public function and meeting in the nation's capital. The bill which he opposed includes money for State Department "Representation allowance," which the Senator says is a polite way of saying "expenses incurred through the consumption of alcoholic beverages." He goes on to say "there is no way of telling how many people with good minds came to Washington and, taken in by the Washington drinking circuit, eventually left town, broken, senseless, and in ill repute." We see no reason why these things should be provided for representatives in Washington or anywhere else. His salary is paid by the government, and if he wants to go out and get drunk he should bear

his own expenses. In the first place we should be careful not to send to Washington, or to Raleigh, men who are given to such practices. They cannot represent the best interests of the people. However, it is a fact that the liquor interests are pretty well established in our law-making bodies. In our own state they have the power to keep the people of this state from being given the privilege of voting on the question of legalized beverages. For years citizens have been asking for that privilege, and it has consistently been denied them. They even try to tell us we can't educate our children unless we engage in selling liquor. We remember the words of former Governor Clyde R. Hoey at his inauguration in 1937 when he said "We can never hope to build a great state upon the profits derived from the sale of legalized liquor." It is no doubt true that we have some very fine men in our legislative halls, both state and nationally, but they seem to be so outnumbered when it comes to dealing with this matter that little is done except to make its grip more secure. We need more men with the conviction and courage of Senator Olin D. Johnston. We are happy to say he is a Methodist, and evidently agrees with his church in its stand against this evil.

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The 12 Boy Scouts who represented their five million-member organization at ceremonies in Washington, D. C., with President Kennedy included three Methodist boys and two others from Methodist-sponsored troops. The Methodist Boy Scouts were George L. Ashley, 15, of Larchmont, N. Y.; Robert M. Neal, Jr., 17, of Junction, Texas; Richard E. Osher, 14, of San Diego, Calif. From Methodist-sponsored troops were Arthur L. Tillman, III, 17, of Prospect Park, Pa., and Allen T. Brisendine, Jr., 17, of Griffin, Ga.

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Conference On Church Vocations To Be Held

A Conference on Church Vocations for eleventh and twelfth graders in the Methodist churches of the North Carolina Conference will be held April 21-23, at Edenton Street Methodist Church. This conference is being co-sponsored by the Commission on Christian Vocations of the North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference Youth Council.

Featured speaker for the conference will be Dr. Mack Stokes of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Stokes is associate dean and Parker Professor of Systematic Theology at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. A competent staff of church leaders from throughout the North Carolina Conference will be present to guide youth in the following areas of concern within the church: the pastorate, missions, medicine, music, church college vocations, church administration, and director of Christian education.

Juniors and seniors in high school who are interested in or might become interested in a church vocation, or who would simply like to know what the church offers and needs in these fields, are invited to make application for attending the conference. Fifteen youth from each district will be accepted. Three adults from each district may also attend and receive help in counseling youth in vocational choices. Six dollars is the cost for the entire conference, including meals. Application blanks should be secured from the pastor in each local church and should be mailed to the District Director of Church Vocations before April 1. Delegates will be determined in each of the nine districts by a committee composed of the district superintendent, the district director of Christian vocations, the district director of youth work, and the district MYF president. They will be notified of their acceptance prior to April 15.

156,628 Workers Enrolled In Leadership Schools

A total of 156,628 Christian education workers were enrolled in 2,075 accredited leadership and laboratory schools in The Methodist Church during 1960, and 105,950 of them completed their courses and received course cards.

The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, director of the department of leadership education of the General Board of Education, reported an increase of 117 schools over 1959 but a decrease of 5,068 in enrollment.

The report reflected an enrollment of 143,792 in 1,773 Christian workers' schools, 9,989 in 267 laboratory schools, 2,328 in 13 jurisdictional and area schools, and 519 in 23 enterprises of home study.

Methodists with 5,626 led in the number of course cards issued in interdenominational leadership and laboratory schools, Mr. Cunningham reported. Other denominations included United Church of Christ, 3,295; Presbyterian, USA, 2,598; Disciples of Christ, 1,914; Evangelical United Brethren, 1,615; and American Baptist, 1,350.

In making his annual report, Mr. Cunningham urged Christian education leaders in the annual conference to help every sub-district to have at least one Christian workers' school during the coming year.

Hopewell Methodist Church to Rebuild



The Hopewell Methodist Church, on the Sunshine Charge, in the Marion District was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday, January 29, 1961. The only property salvaged was the electric Hammond organ. The church is located seven miles from Forest City. The congregation consists of less than 100 members. The Rev. David E. Hubbard is pastor. The church at present is meeting in the Ellenboro School.

Plans are under way for the rebuilding of the church property. Insurance was quite inadequate, only \$10,000. The congregation is considering building a facility consisting of a sanctuary sufficient in size to accommodate the congregation, seven or eight church school rooms, a large fellowship

hall, kitchen facilities, and adequate rest rooms.

Early estimated costs run around \$40,000 plus. Due to the complete loss of the building, the small amount of insurance, and the small congregation, this church has been approved by the Conference Board of Missions as a Conference Mission Special for this year.

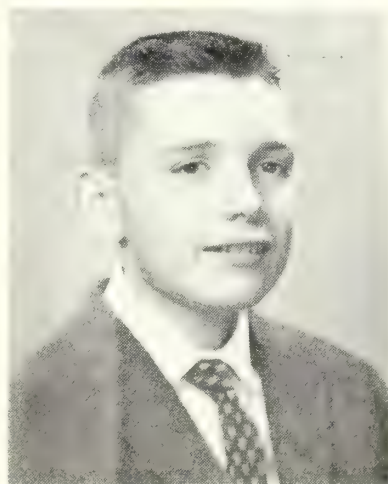
An appeal is being made to all churches within the conference to receive a special offering to send to this church to assist in the rebuilding of their property. All such offerings may be sent to Mr. Johnnie Glover, church treasurer, Ellenboro, N. C. All such contributions will be promptly acknowledged and receipted.

Jonesville Methodist Church Dedicates Memorial Library

On Sunday evening of March 12 at 6:30, the congregation, pastor, and friends of the Jonesville Church met in the Fellowship Hall of the newly-built church for the purpose of dedicating the church's memorial library. The library came into being upon the death of one of our boys, Jimmy Pardue, who had a cancerous tumor which finally took him from us last November. Jimmy loved books and had an assorted collection of them himself. Upon the event of his death, there was a spontaneous move to

found a Jimmy Pardue Memorial Library. Money, gifts and books came from many sources. A committee set up at the pastor's direction and aid from the Methodist Publishing House very soon got the work off to a good start.

At the March 12th meeting a family fellowship supper was served. After the supper, Mrs. W. B. Thomas, librarian, directed a program in which the young people of the church rendered several musical selections. Mrs. W. L. Hine, supervisor of public instruction of Surry County, spoke on the values of what our children read. The rites of dedication were led by the pastor, W. H. Dyar. Dr. Richard Boren, who was Jimmy's physician, led the group in the MYF benediction. Afterwards the library was opened for visitation by all members and guests.



JIMMY PARDUE

Wofford College Alumni Meet In Raleigh April 13

Wofford College Alumni of the Raleigh area will meet at the College Inn Restaurant in Raleigh on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting and wives are invited. Representatives from the college will provide the program. The bishop and cabinet of the North Carolina Conference will have dinner with the group. All Wofford Alumni who would like to attend this meeting are requested to send in reservations to the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, 1913 Reid Street, Raleigh, not later than April 10.

Christian Education in Methodism, 1961-64

(Excerpts from an address, "Christian Education in Methodism, 1961-64," by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church. The address was given January 4, in Scarritt College chapel, Nashville, Tenn., at the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Education).

I believe it would be of value to examine the present program of the Board of Education to ascertain if we are really in historic succession with early Methodism in the reaching of the largest possible number of people and in training them to believe that Jesus Christ is Lord in all phases of human living.

In the face of this growing American population, I seem to see trends in our Methodist educational program that look like a belief in the education of the few rather than the accepting of what is the enormous task of enlarging our program so as to include the masses. I may of course be wrong in my evaluation of the situation, but at least it will not harm us to make a study of some very evident trends in our Methodist educational program. I wish to give a few examples of these trends.

Pioneer Methodism held that the church in order to reach the people should begin the contact with the cradle. The historic position of Methodism has been belief in infant baptism, and our Methodist *Discipline* still states that it is the duty of the pastor to exhort the parents to dedicate their children to the Lord in baptism as soon as possible.

We Methodists are certainly failing to obey the Disciplinary admonition to baptize the infants. I have personally done the research for one of our jurisdictions, and in that jurisdiction during the conference year of 1958-1959 a total of 48 percent of the local churches did not baptize a single infant, and I would judge that this is typical of all of our six jurisdictions.

The baptism of infants is of course not the function of our Board of Education, but unless our pastors assume more interest and responsibility in this important field it might be well to assign this function to the Commission on Education of the local church.

We Methodists have always been proud of our Sunday schools, now known as our church schools. We have in the past boasted that we had the largest number of Sunday school pupils in the nation but we can no longer make that assertion. In 1959 the Southern Baptist Convention surpassed The Methodist Church in Sunday school enrollment with 7,276,502 pupils, this being well over 100,000 more than our Methodist total. We should be happy that some Protestant church is increasing church school enrollment, but frankly what has happened to us in this field? It is no credit to us that from the time of Methodist Unification (1939) to 1958 our Methodist church school enrollment increased 31.3 percent while church school membership of all denominations collectively was 74 percent, or more than double our increase. There can be no excuse for our failure to have such small increases in church school membership when there are today in America 57,000,-

000 children under fourteen years of age, they being 31 percent of all Americans.

Our lethargy in expansion in the local church educational program is again seen by our failure to make maximum use of the educational facilities of our local churches, and I would recommend that a study be made by our great Board of Education of this matter. Millions of dollars are invested in educational buildings, and the trend is to erect more adequate educational facilities even in our small congregations. It would appear that large financial investments have been made in educational buildings which are used for church school purposes only one hour each Sunday and only one-half hour for class instruction. If we are to reach and train the people, more than 26 hours are needed each year for Christian instruction. Reference is often made to the loyalty of members of a certain denomination, but we overlook the fact that this denomination gives hundreds of hours of religious instruction through the parochial school system. There is no reason, except tradition, that prevents long-term class periods of instruction on Sunday, and the use of weekday hours for additional religious teaching.

We Methodists should hold far more weekday nurseries and kindergartens than is now being done. With the increasing number of children in our society and the heavy load that is falling upon the public schools, it is going to be increasingly the responsibility of private agencies to provide nursery schools and kindergartens. These agencies offer to us Methodists an excellent opportunity for sound Christian education of the children. Many young parents would be brought close to Methodism if we in our larger churches provided this type of educational program.

This is not a plan to hurt the public school system, but rather to supplement it, for Methodists have always been the champions of the public school system, and today when it is being assailed from so many strange sources we would again pledge our loyalty and support to the public school system. It is one of the cornerstones in American life and must not be permitted to close regardless of local, political or racial tensions.

We can also see a trend in the field of Methodist higher education of withdrawal from the masses. It is at this point that I become alarmed, for too often we give the easy answer that our Methodist educational institutions can now become very selective and, to use a very popular term of recent years, admit only the top ten percent in grades of the high school graduates. The limiting, however, of college enrollment to this selected group is certainly not in line with American and Methodist traditions. One reason for the greatness of America is that, in general, the door of opportunity has been open to all, and that has applied in higher education. We Methodists, until recently, have been the church of the masses, and it will be a tragic day for Methodism when our educational institutions will be able to enroll only the top ten percent of the high school graduates.

With an untrained ministry early Methodists took care of all classes of people in

America. We carried the gospel to the poor as well as to the rich and the middle class. Today Methodism is being criticized for not reaching the poor and the underprivileged, and we are being called an upper middle class church. We have beautiful sanctuaries and the trend is toward ritualism, but it has already been demonstrated in Methodism that simply having a perfect worship service with all the symbols and proper altar arrangements will not win to the church what we so often erroneously call the common people.

Some agency is going to be blamed if modern Methodists fail to keep pace in membership with the growth of population and if we lose the constituency of the masses that formerly affiliated with Methodism and if our Methodism should settle down into a routine, status quo upper middle class movement. It will be very easy for the theological schools to become the scapegoat and to be charged with educating only a theoretical, status quo, ritualistic ministry. This situation does not have to occur, for there is no conflict between theological education and aggressive evangelism; between a trained ministry and concern for the masses; between the prophetic and the practical aspects of the ministry.

So far I have given what might be considered a dark picture concerning the attitude of The Methodist Church toward the masses. There are however many bright features, and the most encouraging point is that there is an awakening to the fact that Methodism has lost ground with the laboring classes and the poor people.

I also see encouraging signs within our Board of Education of the return to the early principle of Methodism of reaching all classes of people. One thrust of the Quadrennial Emphasis for 1960-1964 is the organization of new church schools.

I am encouraged by the fact that Methodists in America are again founding new colleges, there being four founded during the past quadrennium.

There may have been criticism in the past concerning the inability of the Wesley Foundations (Methodist student centers at state and independent colleges) to reach the masses of Methodist students, but we can be encouraged in 1961 that another thrust of the Quadrennial Emphasis of 1960-1964 is related to the church and campus.

As Methodists, followers of Jesus Christ, who lived and died for all mankind, we must always remember that there are people in the slums, in the overcrowded industrial centers, in neglected rural areas, who are also our brethren. We must also understand that democracy is the faith that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people.

My appeal to our Board of Education is that we give most serious consideration to the carrying of the educational aspects of the gospel to all types of people, to the laboring classes, to the families of low income and to persons of lower educational attainments as well as to the middle class and the wealthy. I hope that our Board of Education will never accept the view that Methodism is a class church and that we Methodists are no longer welcomed by the masses nor have a message for them.

Sowing And Reaping

Let the voice of welcome greet the incoming spring season with its new life for man and nature. We hail the appearance of the bursting buds and blushing flowers, the balmy air and the singing of birds and the humming of bees. The voice of the turtle dove is heard in the land.

The chill of winter with its restrictions and shut-in limitations has passed away and man and all nature take on new life as they enter a new year. The Creator, in order that man not find life monotonous, inclines the axis of the earth and thereby produces four seasons—all different in climatic conditions—spring, summer, autumn and winter. Springtime is seed time. The sower plants his seed in the spring with the divine assurance that seed time and harvest will never fail. He also knows that whatsoever he sows that will he also reap.

The laws in the natural world are never violated and always hold true. So are the laws in the spiritual world absolutely dependable. We can rest assured that we will reap what we sow in the realm of the spirit. We are responsible not only for our own deeds and words, but our influence on the lives of others must be accounted for. The poet sets forth our responsibility in the following lines:

"You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day
By the deeds that you do and the words
that you say;
Men read what you write, whether faithless
or true.
What is the gospel, according to *you*?"

Spring time in its resurrection glory is here again, giving promise of a new year. Let us take heed how we sow that we and others may reap a glorious harvest in the future.

Again we sense our responsibility to others in the following lines:

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From his lighthouse evermore,
But to us he gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother
Some poor sailor, tempest-tossed
Trying now to make the harbor
In the darkness, may be lost.

May we let our lights so shine . . .
"That ours may be the grateful service
whence
Comes day by day the recompense,
The hope, the trust, the purpose stayed
The fountain and the evening shade."

—ROLAND COVINGTON

Raeford, N. C.

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Pray for Your Pastor

Our pastors pray for us both in the "Pastoral Prayers" of public services and in their private prayers. Most people are grateful that this is done. Even folk who do not often pray for themselves express their gratitude that their pastor remembers to pray for them.

There is also the other side to this matter. Pastors need someone to pray for them. Do you ever think of this as a Christian duty and privilege?

Stained-Glass Window In Memory of Fliers

Washington, D. C.—A specially designed stained-glass window, in memory of fliers whose crashed plane was undiscovered for 16 years, has been dedicated in the chapel of Wheelus Air Base, Libya.

Project officer for the window was Chaplain (Maj.) Spencer D. McQueen, member of California-Nevada Conference, according to the Methodist Commission on Chaplains here.

The window, in the only American military chapel in Libya, commemorates the nine U. S. airmen whose bomber, "Lady Be Good," crashed April 5, 1943, on the Libyan desert and was not found until 1959.

Created by artist Peter Hess of Stuttgart, Germany, the large window has as its central theme: "In memory of nine who made the desert a highway for our God," in reference to an Isaiah passage. It also bears the prayer: "Lord, guard and guide the men who fly."

The memorial window, all of hand-blown glass, was a gift to the chapel from personnel at Wheelus Air Base.

Bishop Harmon To Preach In Greensboro Holy Week

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach at West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro during Holy Week beginning on Palm Sunday, March 26, and continuing through Wednesday evening, March 29. He will preach on Palm Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock service and again that evening at 7:30. He will preach each evening, Sunday through Wednesday, at 7:30, and will conduct a Holy Week noon-day service from 12:00 to 12:30 to which the entire community is invited. The Greater Greensboro Ministerial Fellowship is co-operating in sponsoring the noon service and the members of all of the Methodist churches in this area are given a special invitation for this service. Bishop Harmon, who has been assigned to the Charlotte Area since 1956, is one of the outstanding spiritual leaders in this area, having served in many important capacities for the Methodist Church including editorship of the Interpreter's Bible while he was serving as book editor of the Methodist Church. He also served important pastorates in the Baltimore and Virginia Conferences.



DISCUSSING CHURCH ARCHITECTURE—Officials of the Methodist Church and the Duke Endowment met at the Duke University Divinity School to discuss church architecture. The occasion was the annual joint meeting of Bishop's Committees on Church Architecture of the N. C. Conference and the Western N. C. Conference. Principals taking part in the sessions are shown above. Left to right, they are: Seated—R. E. DuMont of New York, treasurer, the Duke Endowment; and Marshall Pickens of Charlotte, secretary, the Duke Endowment; standing—Dr. C. D. Barclift of Durham, chairman of the Bishop's Committee for the N. C. Conference; Dr. Glenn S. Gothard of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, field worker of the Duke Endowment at Duke University; Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke Divinity School; and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va. Following the session on the Duke University campus, Dr. Gothard participated in a series of seminars held at various Methodist churches in the eastern part of the state. He met March 13 with officials at Duke Memorial Methodist Church and Trinity Methodist Church, both in Durham. March 14 he was at Haymount Methodist Church in Fayetteville; on March 15 at Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington; March 16 at Garber Memorial Methodist Church in New Bern, and on March 17 at the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. Several churches of eastern North Carolina, whose proposed building plans were viewed and evaluated by Dr. Gothard, have applied to the Duke Endowment for financial aid.

Churches Strengthened in the N.C. Conference

By DALLAS MALLISON

In its total or overall outreach as well as in certain particular aspects, such as the Turnage field work programs, the church reclamation and strengthening program of the North Carolina Conference is outstanding and perhaps unique in all Methodism.

The program is certainly effective for it reverses a long-time deplorable trend. Today more churches are being revived than are being closed. Hundreds of weaker churches have been strengthened. Scores of churches have been removed from the category of being in danger of closing. Not more than one or two churches are being merged or closed annually, while only a few years ago such churches numbered as much as half a dozen each year. Today the whole atmosphere has greatly improved.

The entire program is under the general direction of the Commission on Town and Country Work. This agency, under the able and courageous leadership of a dedicated rural minister, the Rev. Wey W. Taylor, is one of the strongest and most effective of its kind in all Methodism. Other agencies cooperate and assist the Commission in several important programs, but the N. C. Conference has accepted and recognized the Commission's leadership and value.

The total program has many facets or aspects. Generally, these are action, survey or fact-finding, advice, planning and experimentation. Literally, a dozen or more individual programs, projects, plans, ideas, and experiments are in process all the time. The entire program is marked by freshness, stimulation, resourcefulness, ability, courage, energy, and not a little novelty and daring.

Roy Turnage—Man With A Mission

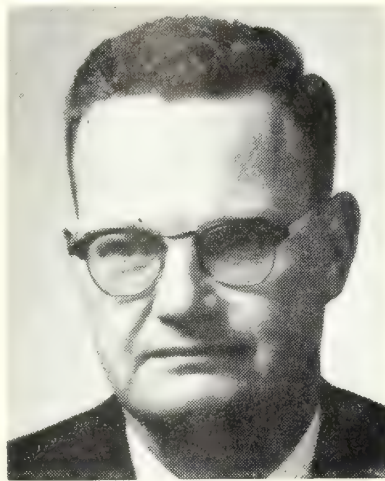
Ralph Leroy Turnage, Jr., 44, is a man with a mission. He still lives where he was born and reared—in Ayden—in the heart of the N. C. Conference. He is an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision. He is a true lay minister whose heart is wrapped up in his work.

Pleasant, soft-spoken and reticent, he sings and preaches and talks like a preacher, yet he doesn't even have a local preacher's license. Endowed with firm faith and great fervor, he has been an active and lifetime member of his home town Methodist church.

A retired clothing store operator, he comes from a long Methodist background. He is married to the former Miss Corabob Elizabeth Smith, a boyhood hometown sweetheart. They have four girls and one boy. Their oldest, a girl named Carolyn, is a freshman at East Carolina College.

As charge lay leader he was asked in 1947 by his pastor, Dr. J. V. Early, to try his hand at reviving old Macedonia Church. It had been a part of the three-point Ayden Charge. As a virtual lay pastor he worked with this church for five years, 1947-52. He transformed the church into a live and effective group.

From 1954 to 1956 he was associate district lay leader in the New Bern District. Since 1956 he has served as New Bern District lay leader. For years he was secre-



ROY L. TURNAGE

tary of the Conference Board of Lay Activities and is now its vice-chairman.

His first conference connection was during 1954-56 when he worked with the Board of Missions' Committee on Research and Survey in helping determine where new churches should be located. Since 1956 he has been director of field work for the Town and Country Work Commission.

A Unique and Varied Program

"I feel that I have found my calling or place in life," Turnage declared with deep sincerity. He has done just that, judging from the effectiveness and enlarging scope and magnitude of his field work program.

His work is, as it started out to be five years ago, mostly concerned with strengthening weaker churches and reviving closed ones. It has already developed other facets, and others are almost sure to emerge. There are four district phases to his program.

The major phase—that of strengthening weaker churches—is the primary subject of this article. His successful reclamation of five closed or abandoned churches was treated in an article in the *ADVOCATE* on January 26. His program of aiding weaker churches by mail is also included in this article. His newest activity—a conference-wide district local church survey and analysis study—will be discussed in the next article.

Including the two-year period, 1954-56, when he worked with the Research and Survey Committee, Turnage has worked in all nine of the N. C. Conference's districts. Since becoming director of field work with the Town and Country Work Commission in 1956, he has sought to strengthen rural churches through on-the-spot help in all but the Elizabeth City and Burlington Districts.

However, in this particular activity, he has been most active in the Raleigh and Rocky Mount Districts and contiguous areas in the adjacent Durham District.

As director of field work Turnage has made around 25 field studies or local community surveys. Sometimes he finds no adequate basis for reviving a closed church but in all but a very few cases these churches have been reopened and strengthened.

Five have been abandoned churches which are now active and growing organizations.

A Well-Defined Procedure

A detailed and rather definite method of procedure has been developed by Turnage on the basis of his extensive experience with declining or closed churches. All of the churches studied under this program have received both the preliminary study and the field study. The preliminary study is made before going to the community. At least one week is spent in the local community.

If the first week's findings show sufficient potential and need an attempt is made to reopen the closed church or to strengthen the weaker ones. The length of work in the community is then extended to eight weeks or more.

Always the call to aid a particular church comes from or through the district superintendent. However, the local pastor usually actually originates the call. Turnage maintains a close working relationship with the local pastor throughout the period he works with his church.

Week By Week Summary

First Week: Locates the families on a community map and establishes contacts. Second week: Summary and analysis of survey; conclusions; the program is launched at a regular preaching service. Third week: Begins intensive cultivation of leadership and promotion of the church program. Fourth week: Revival.

Second four weeks or longer—continuation of leadership cultivation and promotion of the church program.

Church Aided Through Relocation

A study of the Queen's Creek Church on the Hubert Charge, located between Jacksonville and Swansboro, made in January of 1959 has resulted in the strengthening of this rural church through relocation. The people were led by Turnage to see the value of moving the church about one mile to a main highway. This has been done and the church is a growing one on the two-point charge.

Assistance Through Correspondence

An expanding service is assistance by mail to local pastors who seek help for their weaker churches. The calls are usually for on-the-spot help. When Turnage's schedule does not permit an early visit to the community, he sends the pastor a list of suggestions with a personal letter of advice.

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When Is A College Christian?

We believe that a college is Christian when, in its faculty, it requires not only professional competence, but also Christian character and a vital interest in the training of youth.

It is Christian when, in its curriculum, it not only includes courses in religion, but also interprets the religious significance of subjects not specifically religious in character.

It is Christian when, in its daily life, it not only seeks to exclude influences that are degrading, but also strives to achieve and express the ideal in Christian living.

—DR. J. EARL MORELAND
President, Randolph-Macon
College, Ashland, Va.

Troutman Methodist Church Has Full Easter Program

First Methodist Church, Troutman, Rev. Robert M. Hardee, pastor, will baptize babies and receive new members into the church on Palm Sunday, March 26. Holy Week services will be held March 29, 30, and 31, at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday evening, March 29, Holy Communion will be observed. On Thursday, March 30, Rev. Norman Joyner will preach. Friday, March 31, Good Friday services will be held with all Troutman pastors participating. Easter Sunrise services will be held on Easter morning at 6:00 o'clock. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, district superintendent, will preach. Following the service breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 o'clock. Revival services will be held from Sunday, April 2, through April 7 at 7:30 each evening, with Rev. W. D. Corriher, pastor of Providence Methodist Church, Charlotte, assisting in all services.

Revival During Holy Week At Oak Grove Church, Hubert

Revival services will be conducted at the Oak Grove Methodist Church, Hubert, N. C., beginning Sunday, March 26, and running through Sunday, April 2. The pastor, Rev. David M. Lewis, will preach in the first service on Sunday night, Rev. Lester A. Tilley, of Jacksonville, will preach Monday night, Rev. D. W. Charlton, of Swansboro, will preach Tuesday night, Rev. Wade Goldston, professor of Bible at Louisburg College, will preach Thursday night, and at each succeeding service through the Sunrise Service on Sunday morning. The services will begin each evening at 7:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Thomas Eamon, a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, is being congratulated by Mr. H. A. Allred, Jr., president of the Durham Civitan Club, for having won the essay contest sponsored for seniors of the High School. There were more than 100 entries. He received a check for \$50.00. The subject this year was "Preparing Youth for a More Effective Citizenship." The motto of Civitan is "Builders of Good Citizenship." Young Eamon is an outstanding young man, and is active in his church work at Trinity. His essay will be entered in the state competition.

I HEARD A SERMON TODAY

Mr. Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation in Raleigh, spoke recently at the women's prison, speaking from Matthew 11:28: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The matron in charge of the service that day wrote the following verse, which the women thought expressed very well their remembrance of the message.

"I heard a sermon, it was just today,
I listened to hear what the preacher would say;
He looked out into the congregation at me,
As if it were my soul he was about to see;
He quoted from the Bible things which from my mind had faded,
'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden;'
And the next few words he said were the best,
And they were the words, 'I'll give you rest,'
What could be more peaceful than rest?
It was as if Jesus was giving me a test;
A test to see if I loved Him enough,
To accept Him as my Saviour, and not just bluff;
The preacher said our burdens could be as heavy as steel,
Or we could talk to Jesus and to Him our hearts reveal.
Jesus can make all our burdens so light,
If we will only give the old devil a fight;
Yes, Jesus is the answer to everything,
His love can make you feel like a king;
Why is it a sinner like me
Cannot accept all this and at peace be?
I know He's my friend, and the very best,
So please, Dear God, let me pass the test."

American Methodist Historical Shrines Tours

Philip Embury, Barbara Heck, Robert Strawbridge, Thomas Webb, Francis Asbury, John Dickins, Jesse Lee: Wesley Chapel, New York; Saint George's, Philadelphia; Barratt's Chapel, Delaware; Cokesbury College; Lovely Lane, Baltimore; Pipe Creek, Maryland; Leesburg, Virginia; Rehoboth, West Virginia; Redstone, Pennsylvania. These names, places, and personalities thrill historically-minded persons concerned about American Methodist origins.

A 1,500-mile bus tour has been arranged that will cover these Methodist shrines under the guidance of a qualified leader. The tours will start and end in Pittsburgh, the Methodist General Conference city for 1964. Each tour will be of ten days duration, and each tour party will be limited to one bus-load of 38 persons with the tour director travelling with the party. All the above shrines will be visited, and dinner conferences with an historical emphasis will be held with the leaders of seven annual conferences and historical societies. The first tour will be from June 13th to June 23rd this summer, and others will be arranged according to the demand for them.

The director and conductor of the tour is the Rev. W. G. Smeltzer, Vandergrift, Pa., who will answer inquiries. Dr. Smeltzer, a Methodist pastor, author, and traveller, is a member of the executive committee of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies. Persons who become members of one of these tour parties will be equipped for an understanding of and participation in the historical emphasis of the Methodist Bicentennial 1960's.

Interested persons should address all inquiries to: Dr. W. G. Smeltzer, 203 Washington Avenue, Vandergrift, Pa.

Protestantism Called To Prophetic Stance

The fact that Protestantism no longer dominates the religious image of America is "not a reason for a dirge of demise but rather warrants sounding the drums of destiny," in the opinion of Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, outgoing president of the Protestant Council of New York City.

Dr. Taylor was recently succeeded by Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York. In his farewell address he asserted that "God has now positioned us to speak prophetically to society, to challenge this city and this nation to their best and fairest possibilities."

He called for a rediscovery of the historic Protestant tradition for prophetic ministry. "We have become too afraid to be different, too afraid to be 'called out,'" he said. "We need to aim our ethical purposes at more startlingly targets than gambling and liquor and Sunday observance, important as they are, and without neglecting them."

Among targets he cited "the great business of erasing poverty, supporting just wages for the most menial task, alert political aggressiveness, a coming to grips with the 'city' which will dominate American life increasingly, wiping out the fatal flow of discrimination, and challenging the nation to something better than a fat, fatuous, fumbling contentment."

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Edward A. Smith, 63, recording secretary of the General Board of Pensions and a prominent Detroit attorney, died there Jan. 22. He had been a delegate to the last five General Conferences and was chairman of the committee on entertainment for the last two North Central Jurisdictional Conferences.

Summer Program for Children, Youth and Adults in the North Carolina Conference

REV. J. CONRAD GLASS, JR., *Youth Director*
The Methodist Board of Education

As the temperature rises our attention begins to turn to plans for the summer months. Will we go to the beach or to the mountains? Will we camp out or rent a cottage? Shall we plan a fishing trip or shall we just lie around home for a week? So run the questions as vacation plans develop.

But we Methodists have other questions to ask ourselves. Will we go to camp? An assembly? A conference? Will we use our vacation time not only as a time of fun, but also as a time of spiritual enrichment for the whole family?

The N. C. Conference Board of Education is offering a variety of opportunities in its summer program to meet the needs and interests of all persons—from the youngest to the oldest.

Camping for Juniors and Junior Highs

Camping again plays a big part in the summer program. Camp Chestnut Ridge, near Effland, and Camp Don-Lee, Arapahoe, will provide resident camping for Juniors (5th and 6th grades) and for Junior Highs (7th, 8th, and 9th grades).

The boys and girls who go to Chestnut Ridge will experience the thrill of living in the out-of-doors in covered wagons. Many have said that this reminds them of the way the pioneers used to live. In 350 acres of beautiful forest, opportunities are present for interesting nature hikes, natural crafts, and vast exploration. Campers are able to try new recipes in their cook-outs. Many persons come to be quite proficient in cooking after a week at camp. The swimming pool, which was used last year for the first time, will again be in operation. Swimming instruction will be part of the program this summer.

Though Camp Don-Lee does not have as vast forest resources as Camp Chestnut Ridge, there are still opportunities for hikes and crafts and cook-outs. Trips to the outpost and to the woods provide adequate experience of primitive living. Where Don-Lee lacks wooded land, it certainly has an abundance of water. This natural resource is used to the camper's advantage. Swimming, canoeing, sail boating and fishing are all part of Don-Lee's varied program.

The schedule for Junior and Junior High camping is as follows:

Don-Lee

June 11-17—Junior High Camp
 June 18-24—Junior High Camp
 June 25-July 4—Junior High 10-Day Camp
 July 6-15—Junior High 10-Day Camp
 July 23-29—Junior Camp
 August 6-12—Junior Camp
 August 13-19—Junior Camp

Chestnut Ridge

June 11-17—Junior and Junior High
 June 18-24—Junior and Junior High
 June 25-July 1—Junior and Junior High
 July 2-8—Junior and Junior High
 July 9-15—Junior and Junior High
 July 16-22—Junior and Junior High
 July 23-29—Junior and Junior High
 July 30-August 5—Junior and Junior High

Special Opportunity at Kerr Lake

Each year more local church classes, clubs, MYF's, retreat groups and individual families are asking if there is a place where they can go and do some camping for three or four days, or even a week. This year the Board of Education is trying to meet this demand. Camp Kerr Lake, near Henderson, will be used exclusively for this purpose from June 11 to August 19. A camp director, who is a certified life guard, and an assistant will be on the camp grounds during this period to be of service to local church groups. Covered wagons and hogans are available for sleeping accommodations.



Young People at Camp

Certain areas will be available for tent camping. Local churches and individual families desiring the use of the facilities at Kerr Lake Methodist Camp are urged to contact Mr. Bob Reed, Route 1, Effland, N. C., for application blanks.

Senior Program

This year the summer program for senior highs will consist of four phases—Assembly, Workshop, Camping, and ACS. "Lord, Teach Us To Pray" will be the theme of the Louisburg Assembly, June 12-17. Rev. Jack Crum, pastor of the Hope Mills Methodist Church, will be the inspirational speaker for the week. Dr. Clarice Bowman, of the Department of Religion at High Point College, will be the Bible Forum leader. Dr. Bowman will lead a study on "The Prayers of Jesus."

Louisburg Workshop has been extended one extra day this year. The Workshop week will begin on Sunday afternoon, thus allowing more training time. The dates for this week are June 18-24. The Workshop is a specialized experience designed to help the officers and the program area chairmen in the local MYF. The purpose of the Workshop is to train these persons in the skills of leadership and in purposeful planning of the MYF program. Opportunities will be provided for the officers to practice these skills in laboratory situations under the skillful guidance of two adult advisors and several youth leaders. Rev. Kenneth Sexton, pastor of the Erwin Methodist Church, will develop the theme, "Show Me thy Ways, O Lord," in the vesper services.



When the Family Goes Camping

The second annual Senior Camp will be at Camp Don-Lee the week of July 30-August 5. Naturally the activities will include many of the features mentioned for Don-Lee in the above camping section, but the experiences will be designed to fit the needs and interests of senior highs. Senior camp will be the only week of camping which will offer water skiing as an activity. The seniors will discover the meaning of "Christians in God's World" as they live, work and play together.

August 14-18 is the week of the Tenth Annual Conference Session for Methodist Youth. Each local church may send one official delegate to this meeting at Duke University. An official delegate will represent each subdistrict and district. Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, pastor of the University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, will develop the theme "Set Us Afire, Lord." The night programs will deal with the following moral concerns: peace and world order, high school marriages, juvenile delinquency, and the alcohol problem. Special discussion groups will be offered for the representatives from the local church, subdistrict, and district. Attention will be placed on program planning in these respective areas of concern.

The climax of the ACS week is a conference-wide Rally Day on Friday, August 18. The ACS committee has several ideas which will vary the format of this day. A drama will be one of the special features. Every local church will want to bring several carloads on this day.

Young Adult Program

Work! It can't be! Not a part of the young adult program for this year! Yes, work is an important part of the summer program as determined by the Conference Young Adult Council. Two work camps are in the picture for this year—one at Chestnut Ridge (April 7-8) and the other at Kerr Lake (May 12-13). As a result of this work, these two camps will be ready for operation this summer. Fun, fellowship, and worship will be a part of the activity, in addition to the work. The young adults who participate in these opportunities will have a sense of "a job well done" as they render this important service. The only cost involved is the transportation to and from the camps. Meals and other expenses will be taken care of by the Board of Education.

Mr. Harold Fair, editor of the *Adult Bible Course* and *The Adult Student*, is the principal speaker for the Young Adult Assembly, June 9-11. The assembly will again be held at Camp Don-Lee. "Methodist Faith and Heritage" will be the subject of Mr. Fair's message. Rev. James Un of Korea and Rev. Haywood Harrell, chairman of the Conference Committee on Family Life, are also featured on the program. A Love Feast, discussion groups, and planned recreation are other events planned

for this weekend. In addition, emphasis will be placed on the Christian insights of marriage.

The Spiritual Life Retreat will round out the summer program for young adults. Last year was the first such event in the history of the Conference. Forty-seven participated in the weekend retreat. At the request of the young adults, a second such retreat is being planned for September 29-30 at Camp Chestnut Ridge. Final plans have not been determined as yet, but the speaker has been secured. He is Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, author of the newspaper column, "Bread of Life," and pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in Richmond, Va. Keep this date on your calendar.

Family Camps

There are two family camps in the 1961 summer program. A five-day camp will be at Camp Don-Lee, July 17-21, and a weekend Family Camp at Camp Chestnut Ridge, August 18-20. These camps are open to every member of the family—from baby to grandmother. No cooking and no dishes! This feature alone ought to be enough to interest the housewife. Worship, planned recreation, and classes for all ages are included. Optional cookouts and plenty of free time for such activities as swimming, fishing, canoeing, and hiking are other vital aspects of Family Camp.

New Older Youth Program

For the first time in several summers, opportunities will again be provided for older youth. A weekend Older Youth Assembly is the first feature. "The Cross and the Capitals" is the theme to be explored. The political situation will receive the attention of those attending. "Terry Sanford's Program on Education," "The role of the U. N. in problem-of sharing technical knowledge between nations," and "Compulsory Military Training" are the political issues to be discussed. A committee of older youth has scheduled an interesting weekend which includes a debate, a film ("Alternatives"), discussion, "A Political Party," and plenty of "pier-walking time." Attempts are being made to have Governor Sanford or one of his aides

present. Rev. G. Robert McKenzie, Jr., pastor of the Wynnewood Park Methodist Church in Raleigh, will bring the message on Sunday.

In the ever-expanding camping program, an unique opportunity is provided for older youth this year. The first N. C. Conference trail hike for older youth will be held the week of August 27-September 2. The hike will take place along a portion of the Appalachian Trail in the Smokey Mountains. The group will hike from Newfoundland Gap to Davenport Gap. The trail hike is being limited to twelve older youth. Miss Martha Jeanne Henson, director of Christian Education at Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, and Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, will accompany the group.

Camp Training Opportunities

Local churches which desire to do day camping or resident camping as a part of their church program are urged to take advantage of the Camp Leaders Camp. This leadership training program is sponsored by the Directors of Christian Education of the Methodist Churches in North Carolina in cooperation of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference Boards of Education. Persons administering camping on a local church level are invited to participate, May 1-5, at Chestnut Ridge.

Applications

The program is varied. The leadership is qualified. The needs and interests of all age groups are taken into account. This is something for you. These summer opportunities are an extension of the local church's ministry. Through these opportunities, you may receive a new spiritual rebirth, which in turn will affect the life of your church.

Additional information and application forms may be secured from your pastor or by writing the Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Include a church assembly, conference, or camping experience in your vacation! Your life may be changed if you do!

Wesley's spiritual legacy would not have emerged over the decades.

He formed strong, fruitful friendships with George Whitfield, Thomas Maxfield, Lady Huntingdon, John Fletcher and Dr. Thomas Cate, plus a host of lesser-known folks who claimed and received his attention. He was involved in the Calvinistic controversies and put forth the doctrine of Christian Perfection now little heard about. He published sermons, tracts and revised works for the use of the congregations. Receiving a tract from Wesley's hand must have been to a newly-literate Englishman an invitation to learning.

Some of his educational interests and aims were promoted through his direction of Kingswood School, an institution that continues to the present. Hear this admonition to Charles: "Look upon our little ones at Kingswood as often as you can. A word from you will be a quickening to them. O how many talents are we entrusted with!" (January 15, 1768).

Wesley's wide range of intellectual interests and scholarly endeavors is manifested also in the letters. His was no evangelical fervor without intellectual undergirdings. He asked of his brother some invitational hymns in December, 1761. He requested and offered literary criticisms likewise. He delved into histories dating back to the Romans. He prepared a *Calm Address* to the American readers in pre-Revolutionary days. For the little one's discipline and erudition at Kingswood he prepared grammars in English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and French. He has been acknowledged by one authority as one of the best informed men of his day. Few of his contemporaries knew as much about social and economic conditions in the land as he.

Of Julius Caesar it has been said: "He came; he saw; he conquered." By Martin Luther it was said: "Here I stand—I cannot do otherwise. God help me." By Wesley it may be truthfully have been said: "Here I preached and prayed and wrote, God helping me."

John Wesley fully availed himself of letter-writing to lead the Evangelical Revival onward, offering direction, encouragement, inspiration and the shining light of personal example.

Cites Opportunities for Young Women in Physical Education

Misenheimer—Young women undecided as to a career might well consider the many opportunities now open to them in the field of health and physical education.

This is a suggestion from Dr. Lloyd Lowder, chairman of Pfeiffer College's Division of Education, who reports that the college is unable to fill the demands for young women with a major in health and physical education.

He lists five groups which constantly seek women graduates with degrees in health and physical education: junior and senior high schools for teaching and coaching situation, community recreation agencies such as YWCA's, city recreation departments for program directors and leaders, industrial enterprises seeking leadership for employee recreational and service projects, and school systems for directors of physical education in elementary schools of the system.

John Wesley's Letter To Charles Wesley

By GRADY L. CARROLL

John Wesley, clergyman, organizer and humanitarian, was also John Wesley the correspondent. He wrote a large number of letters to his brother Charles, ninety-seven of which have been preserved in John Telford's eight-volume *Standard Edition* of letters. This is the largest number preserved to any one individual from him. They began in 1736 during Georgia missionary days and ended in 1788, the final year of Charles' life. These letters, brief and lengthy, were penned in more than forty villages, towns and cities in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and a representative few from Germany. A very large share of them was written in or near London, one of the three main focal points of the early-established itinerant activities of the Evangelical Revival, Bristol and Newcastle in the North being the others.

Noteworthy are several enduring characteristics of Wesley reflected in the letters that helped nurture and sustain for more than fifty years the brotherly ties between John and Charles Wesley, "The Romulus and Remus of Methodism."

Wesley was constantly aware of his and his brother's life purpose, or sense of mission. Notice its recurrence: "I desire only to spend and be spent in the work which God has given me to do." (December 4, 1751). "Let us draw the saw no longer, but use all our talents to promote the mind

that was in Christ." (June 28, 1755). "We must, we must, you and I at least, be all devoted to God." (February 28, 1766). Again, "Oh what a thing it is to have *curam animarum* (the care of souls). You and I are called to this; to save souls from death, to watch over them as those that must give account!" (March 25, 1772). And finally, "Your business as well as mine is to save souls." (April 26, 1772).

Wesley's concern for the progress of the Evangelical Revival is ever in evidence. He was possessed of a sure sense of responsibility for the spiritual revival beyond itinerant preaching. This he planned and carried out carefully. He directed the work of the Classes and Societies and the lay-speaking that became an integral part of the work the Wesleys could not carry on as a pair. Personal visitation was a part of this total work.

Wesley sought to change the nation's spiritual climate from decay and indifference to fresh vitality. The Conferences became an annual event from 1744. The quality of his endeavor has been embodied in the title of Dr. E. D. Bebb's book *Wesley: A Man with a Concern*. He was indeed Christian concern written large across the land from Norwich to Dublin and from Chester to Plymouth Rock. Without his steadfast devotion and keen weapon of concern, the great achievement that was



Woman's Activities



Speakers for Annual WSCS Meeting Named

By MARY GARDNER



REV. ANWAR BARKAT



MRS. CREIGHTON LACY



DR. CREIGHTON LACY

Speakers for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been announced by Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, chairman of the Program Committee. The meeting will be held at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church in Raleigh, April 11-13. The principal speakers will include Dr. and Mrs. Creighton Lacy, the Rev. Anwar Barkat, all of Durham, and Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Lacy spent one year on sabbatical leave in India during 1959-60. On their return trip to the States, they visited a number of other countries where the Methodist church is at work, including Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan. Dr. Lacy is assistant professor of missions and social ethics at the Duke University Divinity School.

Mrs. Lacy will address the first session of the Annual Meeting on the topic, "New Frontiers of The Church," and on Wednesday evening she will present in words and pictures stories from Asia in general, titled, "New Frontiers of the Heart." Dr. Lacy will speak at the Tuesday afternoon session on "The Chinese in Dispersion," and Wednesday morning on "Impressions of Pakistan."

Born in a Christian family in Pakistan, the Rev. Mr. Barkat holds a B.D. degree from Leonard Theological College, Subbepure, India, and an STM from Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Currently, the Rev. Mr. Barkat is in the Department of Political Science at Duke University. He will speak on Wednesday afternoon on the topic, "Significant Trends in the Church in Pakistan."

Bishop Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond Episcopal Area of the Methodist Church, is always a welcome and effective speaker at any Woman's Society meeting. A native of New Market, Va., Bishop Garber was professor of church history at the

Duke University Divinity School prior to his election to the episcopacy and his appointment to the Geneva, Switzerland Area. Since 1952 he has served as presiding bishop of the Richmond Area, embracing the North Carolina and Virginia Annual Conferences. Bishop Garber's address at the Thursday morning session will be concerned with "Our Mission Today."

Among other chief features of the three-day meeting will be the annual message of the president, Mrs. H. C. Turlington; the Pledge Service, conducted by Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer; the Service of Holy Communion, and reports of officers, committee chairmen and conference workers, and the ministry in music of Philip Cartwright.

Following the Wednesday afternoon session Mrs. Terry Sanford will be hostess at the Governor's Mansion to the officers, delegates, and the Wednesday session visitors.

A dinner meeting of the enlarged conference executive committee to be held on Monday evening, April 10, at the Occidental Life Insurance Building, will precede a Service of Spiritual Preparation at 8:00 o'clock at the host church. The service will be under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, with Mrs. J. C. Burwell, immediate conference past secretary of Spiritual Life as the leader. Also featured in the service will be a solo, "Prayer," by Mr. Robert T. Bedle, minister of music-education at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. The service is open to the public.

LOVE OFFERING FOR PAKISTAN

During the past few years the Methodist Church has become aware of its role in meeting the need for developing Christian leadership in Pakistan. Methodist missions in that country, in the field of education, is now concentrating more on the education of children at least through the primary

schools in the underprivileged areas where there is a concentration of Christian families.

The four schools under Methodist work in Pakistan are in the area of Bura Maidan, in the Nazimabad vicinity; Islamabad, Drigh Road Colony, and Mauripur, the latter for children of servants of the Air Force officers.

Limited finances, limited space, and pressure from Muslim parents for Muslim teaching for their children make it necessary that the school admissions be limited to children from Christian homes.

A visitor to any one of the areas where these schools are located would observe ten times the number of children inside the school, running about the outside, dirty and unattractive and with little hope of finding the joys and benefits of an education.

These schools are only a portion of the work in Pakistan. In addition to school work, there is a committee of national women who are carrying on a program of home visitations and frequently hold meetings of



BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER

a devotional type for women and girls of the outlying areas, who find it difficult to attend church services or who, as in the case of nurses, are sometimes on duty at the time of the church services. Several Woman's Society of Christian Service groups have been organized. Where there are some educated women living in the area, a Woman's Society functions successfully, but when the group does not have the leadership of an educated woman, it usually dies within a short time.

During the Service of Holy Communion at the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, love offerings will be laid on the altar for primary education among refugees in Pakistan.

TWO NEW WSCS ANNOUNCED

An organization meeting for two new Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the Wilmington District was held recently at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach. They are Shiloh and Old Dock, both on the Hallsboro Charge. Assisting in the organization were Mrs. E. L. Smith, Columbus subdistrict leader, and Mrs. C. B. Hicks, secretary.

The presidents of the new societies, Mrs. Odessa Dew, Shiloh, and Mrs. Estelle Simmons, Old Dock, will be recognized at the district meeting to be held at the St. Paul's

Church, April 20. Mrs. J. Frank Collier is president of the host church.

The Rev. E. V. Dunn is pastor of the Hallsboro Charge. outlines . . .

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



News of Mrs. Ralph Ward

"Food parcels to be air-dropped over the famine-stricken mainland of China," is the subject of a portion of a letter from Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, written from her home in Taipei, Taiwan, in February.

The members of the Taipei church had dedicated their morning offering for this cause.

All through her letter there is a great yearning for those "yet on the mainland." Then she tells of progress being made on the new girls' high school and gives news of the three T-3 girls now working in Taiwan.

Her final words, "with warm affection for the Western North Carolina Conference" lend added warmth to her letter.

Her complete letter is as follows:

"At our Annual Conference last fall, Taiwan was divided into two districts, not that our growth merited such a division, but that the work-load of the district superintendents might be lessened. These men have to be pastors, as well as superintendents. But leaders in both districts are eager that we maintain our Island-wide connectionalism. To this end there was held recently a meeting of leaders from both the south and north, to plan a year's work together.

"At Christmas time the Taipei church WSCS gave a buffet supper for those members of the church who have no relatives in Taiwan. I was impressed by the large number of men whose families are yet on the mainland in China. Also present were overseas students from Sarawak, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

"Our church Christmas manger offering was for the rehabilitation of Chinese refugees from Indonesia who are being relocated in Taiwan.

"This month citizens of Taiwan are urged to contribute money in order that food parcels may be air-dropped over the famine-stricken mainland of China. The first Sunday in this month, the Taipei Wesley Church offering was dedicated to this purpose.

"In January I accompanied two of our T-3 girls on an orientation tour to Taichung and Tainan. Ruins of the old Dutch Fort at An Ping in the southern part of the Island helped remind us of the fact that Taiwan was recaptured from the Dutch 300 years ago by the Chinese whom now we call Taiwanese.

"The contract for our girls' high school has been awarded to one of the ten contractors who sent in bids. Immediately after the Chinese New Year's holidays, construction will begin near Taipei in a beautiful valley which is to become a cultural center. The government is to build a National Museum near our school site. This museum will house the priceless Peking Palace objects of art which were rescued from the mainland. We rejoice that both Soochow University and our Wesley girls' high school

are located in this scenic region which will become a tourist attraction.

"No entrance visa to Taiwan is now needed, if a tourist remains here less than 72 hours. On your Pacific tour, do plan a stop-over in Taipei.

"In celebrating the 75th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer, five centers around the world were chosen by United Church Women for Prayer Fellowships. Miss Florence Chen of our Taiwan Methodist Church was one of the two women elected by the Protestant women of Taiwan as a delegate to the Hong Kong Prayer Fellowship for Eastern Asian countries.

"Of the three T-3 girls now in Taiwan, Dorothy Jones is working with Leadership Training classes and advising on curriculum while studying the Chinese language here in Taipei. In early April she will move to Taiwan where she will have Taiwan-wide responsibility in the field of Christian Education. Ann McCurdy will teach English and music in the new girls' high school when it opens this fall. In the meantime she is teaching English in a university and studying Chinese. Wenda Carter is teaching English and music at Tunghai University in Taichung. Louise Crawford is due this month. She will also teach English in Tunghai.

"Cordially yours,
KATHERINE A. WARD"

DISTRICT NEWS

The executive committee of the *North Wilkesboro District* had first-hand news of the meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Buck Hill Falls when Miss Virginia Miller, rural church and community worker in Avery County, told the group some of the highlights of the meeting.

Plans were made for a district-wide Day Apart service the first week in April. Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of spiritual life, will be in charge of the observance.

Plans were also made for the annual district meeting to be held at West Jefferson on April 25th. Mrs. Julian Reeves, president, will be in charge.

Mrs. Hal Finney was chosen as the new district secretary of Children's Work.

The *Statesville District* adopted a new 23-point policy at a meeting of the executive committee held in February at the home of Mrs. Paul Henkel in Statesville.

The committee had a report on the district's Jewel Lineberger Fund. Further information was asked from the Woman's Division about the project.

Mrs. Carl King, president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, was chosen as conference speaker at the annual district meeting to be held on April 27th at First Methodist Church in Hickory. Miss Ethel Bost will also speak on mission work in Japan.

Mrs. W. E. Marlow, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

Important Notice

Out of 823 ministers whose pictures are eligible to be published in our 1961 Journal all but 39 have been received. We hope to have 100% of these pictures, and any not received by April 1 will not be included. I also want to thank each of you who have cooperated in this.

CHARLES D. WHITE, *Secretary*

What The Record Shows In Benevolent Giving

Receipts for The Methodist Church's World Service fund for the past nine months have pushed up beyond 8½ million dollars (\$8,586,516.43). This represents a gain of \$1,208,153, or 16.37 per cent, over receipts for a similar nine-month period last fiscal year.

In a report for the period from June 1, 1960, through February 28, 1961, six other general funds of the church show gains ranging from 1.43 per cent to 42.64 per cent. Three funds registered losses from 4.83 per cent to 20.46 per cent.

The report for the nine months, together with comparative figures for the same months last fiscal year, was issued by the church's Council on World Service and Finance in Chicago. The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke is general secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Cooke's report for the nine-month receipts with percentage of gain or loss when compared with figures for the same months last year is as follows:

World Service, \$8,586,516.43—up 16.37 per cent; General Advance Specials, \$5,937,647.26—up 15.11 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing, \$93,320.61—down 6.16 per cent; Fellowship of Suffering and Service, \$575,552.19—down 26.46 per cent; Methodist Television-Radio Ministry, \$148,317.36—up 1.43 per cent; World Service Specials, \$48,318.19—down 4.83 per cent; Chilean and Pacific Basin Relief, \$878,926.58—new fund; Episcopal Fund, \$1,166,338.39—up 3.98 per cent; General Administration Fund, \$483,351.52—up 42.64 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, \$296,527.54—up 17.21 per cent.



OUR EASTER GIFT

On Easter morn I walk alone
And to the songbirds listen,
While from the carpet at my feet
Soft purple violets glisten.

And through the arbor o'er my head
The gentle breezes play,
And shafts of shimmering sunlight steal
Their silent golden way.

The music from a murmuring brook
My weary ears assail,
While to my mind and soul and heart
A widespread peace prevails.

These are thy gifts, oh little one
The gifts of love and life,
For Thee I walked earth's narrow way
Endured man's angry strife.

Hung pierced upon life's rugged cross
Lay silent in the tomb,
Till with that love that never dies
I rose from earth's dark gloom.

That you should know thy Father's love
And share His wondrous gifts,
With the weary ones I left behind
Their hearts for you to lift.

Then when life's sunset comes to you
And in your tomb you lie,
I'll call you softly from above
To my love which never dies.

—ARTHUR WILSON BURROWS



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Violet's Easter

In a little town called Brookville there was a big river by which the children used to play. Now on the bank of the river there grew one lonely violet plant that bore one violet a year. No one had ever noticed it before, so it just grew for the joy of growing.

One day about a week before Easter, a lovely lady was walking by the river, when all at once she saw the little violet looking so sweet and pretty in the grass. Delightedly she said, "Oh, what a lovely violet! I will take it and put it with the others that I have to decorate the church for Easter." So saying, she knelt down and plucked it. The violet was so happy that it could have cried for joy. The lady carried it home and put it among some other very handsome violets. They stayed in the beautiful house until one day the lady took them to the church. Everyone admired them, but above all the rest they noticed the little violet that had come from the river-bank. "Oh, how lovely that one is," they said.

"And see what a lovely color it is."

"Where shall we put it?" someone asked.

"We will put it on the altar," said the lovely lady.

So the little violet and all the other violets were placed on the altar, where they looked especially beautiful on Easter morning. After the service was over, a lady with a very kind face said, "Would you please let me have the violets from the altar? They are so lovely, and I know a poor little sick girl who would love to have them."

"Why, certainly, you may have them," said the lady who had placed them there. So the little violet and all the rest knew that the happiest part of their Easter was yet to come.

They were placed lovingly in a box, and taken to the little sick girl who lived in a very poor home. When she opened the box, she exclaimed happily, "Oh, Mother, look — a beautiful bunch of flowers from the altar. And do come here and look at this dear little one."

"Yes, they are very beautiful," replied her mother fondly. "I'll put them here in the window where they can get the sunlight, and you can see them all the time."

In that dreary room a little girl had a happier Easter because of the visit of the flowers. And if the little violet could

have talked, it would have said, "I am the happiest violet in all the world."

—Exchange



The Crocus

Crocus bud, just through the sod,
Did you have some word from God
Saying, "Easter time is near?"
Is that why we find you here?

Did His sunlight pierce the gloom?
Did He break earth, making room
So that you might rise and grow
As Christ arose so long ago?

—CLARICE FOSTER BOOTH



The Fifth Commandment

*Honor thy father and thy mother, that
thy days may be long upon the land which
the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

When God made the world He ordained that people should live together in families, with mothers and fathers and children. And because the mothers and fathers had learned a great deal about life and understood many things, God gave them the responsibility for teaching and guiding the children. And so, in giving this Fifth Commandment He made it plain to the children that they should respect and honor their parents, and be willing and eager to learn from them the right way of life.

Don't you think God must be very much hurt and disappointed when boys and girls are disrespectful, impudent and disobedient toward their mothers and fathers? And maybe you've noticed that children with this attitude usually get into a lot of trouble, and sometimes very serious trouble. Not only is God's heart hurt, but the hearts of the parents are often broken because of the way the children disregard their love and concern for them.

God knew what was best when He said, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and He even made a promise that people would live a longer and happier life on the earth if they followed His Commandment.



My Prayer

As spring steps forth in lovely garb,
with flowers in her hair, fill me, dear
Lord, this Easter-tide, with more of Thy
beauty fair. Amen.

Chuckles

Tommy: "Mom, is it true that we came from dust and will go back to dust?"

Mom: "Yes, dear, that's what the Bible says."

Tommy: "Well, I just looked under the bed, and there's somebody there either coming or going."

The geography teacher asked Bobby a question about the English Channel.

"I don't know," answered Bobby. "We don't get that channel on our TV set."

Sonny: "What does the Chaplain of Congress do, Daddy?"

Daddy: "Oh, he just gets up on a platform, looks at Congress, and prays for the country."



The Editor's Address

Recently the editor of our Boys and Girls' page has received stories and poems that have gone to the ADVOCATE office in Greensboro, and been forwarded to her in Raleigh. Yes, she used to live in Greensboro, but for the past year or so has been living in Raleigh, and continuing to edit the page there. We hope we will continue to receive material from children, young people and adults, and suggest that it be mailed direct to the editor, at 518 N. Bloodworth Street, Raleigh, N. C.



Bible Quiz

1. How many windows did the Ark have?

2. With what river do we associate the story of the baby Moses in the bulrushes?

3. In what sea can no fish live?_____
4. What city wall fell down after an army had marched around it thirteen times?

5. What queen came to visit King Solomon?



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

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| 1. New Testament | Luke 10:30-37 |
| 2. New Testament | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| 3. Old Testament | Genesis 6:13-22 |
| 4. New Testament | Luke 15:11-32 |
| 5. Old Testament | Daniel 3:11, 15 |



Worth Quoting . . .

The great gift of Christ is great purpose. I believe the struggle we are in is a religious one, and the outcome will hang on what the church does.—BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 2

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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CHRIST, OUR LIVING LORD

Background Scripture: John 20 and 21

Lesson Scripture: John 20:11-22

This is the last in a five-session unit on "The Meaning of Christian Discipleship." Beginning next Sunday our theme will be "God, the Source of True Wisdom," a unit consisting of twelve sessions drawn largely from Job and Proverbs.

Easter Day is perhaps the most widely observed of all the festivals of Christendom. Church attendance which is said to be at an all-time high, will be even higher on Easter Sunday. It is a little difficult for us to know why Christians today seem to confine the celebration of the Resurrection to one day only. We have reason to believe that the ancient church kept this great doctrine at the center of its preaching and teaching throughout the entire year. St. Paul, for example, made the Resurrection a principal theme of his preaching, declaring, "If Christ be not raised our preaching is vain, and your faith is vain." Our Lord himself, in discussing the theme with certain groups of his contemporaries, declared the chief grounds of hope lay in the fact that God was "the God of the living, not of the dead." Man, who is the only part of the Creation that knows he will die, needs to feel himself to be a part of something which outlasts his own life and every life. The universal appeal of Easter, therefore, rests in the great affirmation of the faith that "what is excellent, as God lives, is also permanent."

Coming now to consider the Scriptural basis for our lesson, we see a woman weeping before the garden tomb where Jesus has been buried. "And as she wept she stopped to look." How often, in our Christian experience, have we merely wept, not looking, at the same time, to see whether there are signs of hope! Because this disciple looked, she was rewarded with a vision which revolutionized her life, and indeed that of the other followers of Jesus. Earlier in the story (see John 20, verse 1) we are told that Mary came to the tomb "while it was yet dark." That's what we have to do; venture forth into the realm of faith even though it may still be dark, and our way be not altogether clear. There is a couplet from a poem which goes like this:

"Forget not to pray; to pray is right.
Pray in the darkness, if there be no light."

According to John's gospel Mary, in her joy, reached out to touch Jesus, or to take hold of him. She may have wanted the same type of material evidence that Thomas demanded; that is to know for certain it was the Jesus she had known. She received the warning, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended." She was then instructed to go and tell the disciples (he calls them here "my brethren"): "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God." Note that in Acts it is stated that the Ascension did not occur until forty days after the Resurrection.

Next we see the disciples in a meeting

behind closed doors. The record suggests that they were afraid of the Jews. They were not yet ready to venture forth declaring their faith. But while in this evident state of fear and indecision there came an experience that transformed them. It was the appearance of Jesus to them.

The fact that the doors were shut suggests that the writer of the fourth gospel believed the resurrection body was a spiritual body (compare also Paul's doctrine set forth in I Corinthians 15:44), and "therefore free from all limitations of space and closed doors" (cf. Filson, in International Lesson Annual, p. 121). However, it must have resembled the physical body that was crucified, for the wounds in the hands and side were apparent to the disciples.

"Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20). Their gladness came from the assurance that theirs was no "lost cause," as they had feared. This hope was further strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of

peace from their Lord. This gift of peace was not the peace of death, but the peace of life: "As the Father hath sent me, even so I send you." The poet Keble caught the true meaning of this holy act when he wrote:

"Peace be to you!"—their peace who stand
In sentry with God's sword in hand
The peace of Christ's loved champions
Warring in his sight."

The history of the early Christian church abundantly verifies the fact that these disciples did, in fact, possess a Spirit that made them capable of heroic trials and, at last, martyrdom for the Divine Mission upon which they had been sent. They were not the mere passive receivers of a blessing. They became creators of a new life for those who accepted their teaching. Paul put it this way: "Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4).

First Methodist Church for Deaf Established

The deaf of Charlotte, through the call of a young deaf couple, sought help from the Methodist Church to establish the first Methodist church for the deaf in the south.

Rev. Lee P. Barnett, of Belmont Park Methodist Church, was approached by two members of his church, Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Brown, Jr., who were seeking a solution to the problem of worship services for the deaf. Through his efforts the chapel of Dilworth Methodist Church was made available to his people. The officials and congregation of Dilworth Church, together with their pastor, Rev. Harlan L. Creech, have made the deaf feel at home in their lovely chapel.

In the late fall of 1960 Mr. Brown was examined by the District Committee on Qualifications and granted license to preach.

In January, Rev. Lewis W. Foxwell of the Baltimore Conference, who is pastor of two churches for the deaf, came to Charlotte and preached for a week to the deaf.



There was excellent attendance at the services. On the final night 26 persons came to the altar to become charter members of the newly-organized Charlotte Methodist Church for the Deaf. Rev. Walter Miller, the district superintendent, held the organizational conference at which time he announced that Bishop Nolan B. Harmon had authorized the appointment of Rev. C. Richard Brown, Jr., as pastor of the church. The name chosen for the church was Charlotte Methodist Church for the Deaf.

On Sunday afternoon, February 12, 1961, the first quarterly conference for the newly-organized church was held by the district superintendent, Rev. Lee P. Barnett was present and assisted in setting up a budget for the remaining months of this conference year. A full slate of officers was elected. Upon invitation of the district superintendent, Rev. Mr. Foxwell was present at the annual Charlotte District Mission Society meeting February 21. Fifteen members from the new church for the deaf were present and sang in sign language. Mr. Foxwell spoke of the need for ministering to the deaf. He stated that in Methodism there are only eight full-time churches for the deaf and that more than 250,000 deaf persons are being neglected in not having the opportunity to worship God in their own language. The work among the deaf in Charlotte is growing and every effort is being made to offer the more than 200 deaf persons an opportunity to worship in their own church. It is hoped that in the not too distant future they will have their own church building. Much interest has been shown by the Methodist churches of Charlotte in this new and unique church.

The newly-appointed pastor, Rev. C. Richard Brown, is a native of Charlotte and a graduate of Gallaudet College for the Deaf, located in Washington, D. C. This is the only college for the deaf in the world. While a student at the college he met his loyal wife, Dixie, who is the daughter of a Methodist minister and a sister of the associate pastor of Lovely Lane Chapel, Rev. Philip Dixon. She is also a graduate of Gallaudet College. The Browns have two small daughters.

Thomas S. Myers Receives High Scholastic Honor

Ashland, Va.—Eight seniors and one alumnus have been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, at Randolph-Macon College.

The alumnus, Mr. William J. Barrow, is an international authority on document restoration who has offices and laboratory in the Virginia State Library.

Students elected include Richard A. Beauchamp of Nashville, Tenn.; Reuben W. Farley of Ellerson, Va.; Douglas W. Foard of Springfield, Va.; Burke O. Long of Richmond, Va.; Ronald L. Moore of Poquoson, Va.; Thomas S. Myers of Leaksville, N. C.; Robert E. Shoun of Matoaca, Va.; and John P. Stith of Richmond, Va.

Myers, a mathematics major, is president of the Student Government and past president of the Independents Organization.

The Randolph-Macon student holds membership in Chi Beta Phi, national honorary science fraternity, and in Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership fraternity.

Myers has lettered in tennis and is a member of the Varsity and was recently named to listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Myers plans to enter graduate school in September.

Myers is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Myers of 321 North Patrick Street, Leaksville, N. C.

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Speakers Announced For Annual Men's Conference

Principal speakers and program leaders for the Third National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 14-16, have been announced by Dr. Lloyd M. Bertholf of Bloomington, Ill., chairman of the Planning Committee. Dr. Bertholf, who is a member of the General Board of Lay Activities, is president of Illinois Wesleyan University.

Planners of the conference anticipate an attendance of some 5,000 Methodist men.

Speakers announced for the week-end conference include Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco, J. Clinton Hawkins of St. Louis, Dr. Ernest C. Golwell of the Southern California School of Theology, and Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of the Chicago Temple.

Dr. Colwell, who as a layman trained in theology has achieved outstanding success in the educational field, will direct the dramatization on the opening night of the conference, exploring the question, "What Is the Church?" One-time vice-president of the University of Chicago and former dean of the faculties at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Colwell is now president of the Southern California School of Theology.

Widely known as chairman of the National Board of YMCA's, Hawkins is a former president of United Church Men and is lay leader of the St. Louis Conference. He will be the featured speaker at the Saturday evening service.

Dr. Goff, who has served 18 years as pastor of the famed Chicago Temple, will speak to the men at Purdue in a service that will be transcribed for a Methodist Men's Hour broadcast. Dr. Goff is in his third year as the speaker on the weekly radio program, Methodist Men's Hour, which is heard on more than 350 stations.

Bishop Tippet will speak at the closing worship service on Sunday morning. In addition to administering the work of the church's San Francisco Area, Bishop Tippet is president of the denomination's Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFECO) and chairman of the Commission on Chaplains. He has also headed the department of ministerial education of the Board of Education for several years.

"Chug" Courrier of Winnetka, Ill., who wrote and produced dramatic programs at

previous national conferences of Methodist Men, will again be in charge of that phase of the program this year. Courrier is a specialist in the dramatic and churchly arts.

Bill Mann of Dallas, Texas, will be the director of music for the conference, and Ed Stallings of Oakland, Calif., will direct fellowship singing as the men gather in informal groups.

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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

☞ REV. M. C. ELLERBE, pastor of Catawba Methodist Church, preached at Shiloh Church Wednesday evening, March 22, at 7:00 o'clock.

☞ THE CONGREGATION of the Grace-Longhurst Charge, Roxboro, held dedication services for the new parsonage last Sunday afternoon, March 26, at 3:30. Rev. W. A. Seawell is pastor.

☞ SALEM METHODIST CHURCH, Mount Airy, will have as the visiting minister, the Rev. Paxton T. Dixon during revival services March 26-31. The Rev. Dixon Adams is pastor of Salem Church.

☞ THE REV. H. W. HUDSPETH, pastor of Pinnacle Charge, has planned Easter services at each of the three churches on the charge—Chestnut Grove, Pinnacle, and Mt. Zion—using the subject, "The Ongoing Life."

☞ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, will preach in revival services at the Centenary Church, Greensboro, Sunday through Friday evenings, April 16-21. Rev. Leo Pittard is pastor.

☞ AYONDALE METHODIST CHURCH, Marion District, last week observed Spiritual Enrichment Week with the Rev. B. A. Haire as guest minister. Services were held each day Monday through Friday at 7:15 p.m. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is pastor.

☞ GOOD FRIDAY services will be held by the Greensboro Methodist churches, meeting at West Market Street Church, from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. Ministers from the various churches will bring the messages. The service is so arranged that one may come and leave between the messages.

☞ MR. O. W. GODWIN, SR., of Dunn, will be with Carroll Chapel Methodist Church on Friday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. He will show slides of his trip to the Holy Land. The public is invited to this Good Friday program of the church. Rev. Frank D. Salmon is pastor.

☞ DR. G. NELSON MOORE and Rev. W. L. Thompson were featured ministers at a series of Holy Week services at Pfeiffer College March 28, 29 and 30. Music for the special series was provided by the male chorus on Tuesday and Thursday morning while the concert choir sang on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

☞ SPRING EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE services will be held April 9-16 by the Rev. Dr. George H. Pigueron, Jr., at Horne Memorial Methodist Church in Clayton. Dr. Pigueron is executive director of Methodist Country House, new \$3 million retirement home of the Peninsula Conference in Wilmington, Delaware. Sunday through Sunday services begin at 7:30 p.m. The crusade will be seen on WRAL-TV, Raleigh, Channel 5, Sunday, April 9, at 1:30. Daily radio meditations by Dr. Pigueron will be heard over WETC, Wendell-Zebulon, at 9:15 a.m.

☞ A BOOK CALLED "Edenton Street In Methodism—1811-1961" is being published in observance of the sesquicentennial. The book will be ready about April 15. The price is \$2:50 each. It is designed to be impressive, beautiful, and inspiring. It is a non-profit book. Orders should be placed with Edenton Street Church, Raleigh.

☞ REV. C. J. HUNEYCUTT, pastor of Central Terrace, Winston-Salem, is assisting Rev. George W. Thompson in revival services at Morris Chapel this week. Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, pastor at Oak Summit, and a member of the famous Johnson singing family of Charlotte, will be in charge of the music.

☞ THE METHODIST MEN of Milford Hills Methodist Church, Salisbury, observed their anniversary Tuesday evening, March 21, with a supper meeting. Ladies of the WSCS were invited to meet with the men. Supper was served and Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, was guest speaker.

☞ DR. WALTER C. BALL, district superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, is preaching this week in revival services at Queen Street Church, Kinston. He began Sunday night, March 26, and is preaching each day at 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ball was pastor at Queen Street from 1940 to 1944. Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., is the present pastor.

☞ REV. GRADY N. DULIN, pastor of Asbury Church, Lincolnton, is speaking this week on the Seven Last Words in Holy Week services at his church. Titles are "The Word of Forgiveness," "The Word of Salvation," "The Word of Remembrance," "The Word of Atonement," "The Word of Suffering," "The Word of Victory," and "The Word of Commitment."

☞ THE HARKERS ISLAND Methodist choir will present the Easter cantata, *The Resurrection Song*, at a sunrise service in the Harkers Island Methodist Church Easter morning at 5:30 o'clock. This cantata inspiringly tells the story of the resurrection of our Christ, in music that thrills the heart, by Louise E. Stairs. It will also be presented at 7:30 p.m. for the benefit of those unable to attend the sunrise service. The public is cordially invited.

☞ DR. W. A. KALE, professor of Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School, was the preacher at Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh, last Sunday and Monday evening, in Holy Week services. On Tuesday night the choir presented "St. John's Passion" and "The Messiah." On Wednesday night a church supper was held at 6:15, followed by the MYF Easter play. On Thursday night—Maundy Thursday—Holy Communion was observed. On Friday from 12:00 noon till 3:00 o'clock Community Good Friday services will be held at First Baptist Church, with the Hayes-Barton pastor, Rev. Paul Carruth, giving one of the 30-minute messages on "The Last Seven Words."

☞ THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Pleasant Grove Church, Route 3, Thomasville, closed its club's charter during the March meeting with 50 members signing. The club had its first regular meeting in January this year. Rev. H. T. Penry is pastor.

☞ A UNITED EASTER sunrise service will be held at 5:55 a.m. Easter Sunday at Horne Memorial Church in Clayton, sponsored by ten churches of the area. Five denominations will be represented by their ministers and people in this annual celebration of the Resurrection.

☞ REV. G. A. HOVIS, pastor of Haw River Methodist Church, will preach in revival services at Flat Rock Methodist Church, Greensboro District, beginning April 3rd and running through April 7th. Services each night at 7:30. Rev. L. Paul Heafner is pastor.

☞ THE CLINTON CIRCUIT METHODIST Churches will come together on Thursday evening (today), March 30, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Epworth Church for a circuit-wide at Epworth Church for a circuit-wide Communion Service prior to Easter. The Rev. R. A. McLean is pastor and hopes to make this an annual observance on the Clinton Circuit. The churches are Epworth, McGee, and Trinity.

☞ AN EASTER Sunrise service on a community basis will be held on the church lawn of the Atlantic Methodist Church April 2 at 6:30 a.m. A community choir will bring special music and the Rev. Wm. Adams of the Atlantic Missionary Baptist Church will be the speaker. Rev. H. F. Pollock, pastor of the Methodist Church, will preside.

☞ REV. H. C. YOUNG, JR., pastor of Hayesville Methodist Church, is preaching each evening this week in special Holy Week services. "Questions of the Last Night" will be the basis of the message each evening, and include the following: "Where is My Guest Chamber?" "Know Ye What I Have Done?" "Lord, Is It I?" "Whither Goest Thou?" "Do You Now Believe?" "Whom Seek Ye?"

☞ THE REV. WAYNE G. WEGWART, pastor of Lillington Methodist Church, will be the visiting preacher during a week of revival services April 2-7 at Pleasant Plains Methodist Church, Buies Creek. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 o'clock. Holy Communion will be observed Thursday, April 6, with the Rev. L. R. Sparrow of Marners, offering the Communion meditation. Rev. Lewis H. Morgan is pastor at Pleasant Plains.

☞ MISS KATHRYN ANN VALE, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Vale, of Norlina, was one of the winners in the Angier B. Duke Scholarship Awards at Duke University last week. Miss Vale has made a good record in her high school career, having won the Cooper, Class Scholastic and Latin medals; served as a Student Council representative and as a member of a number of school organizations; won a trip to New York in a World Peace speaking contest, and held the position of assistant organist and accompanist for the youth choir in the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Her father is pastor of the Methodist Church at Norlina.

☛ REV. A. G. AMICK, pastor of the Norwood Circuit, last week assisted the Rev. Bruce Nelson in revival services at Union Chapel Church, on the Albemarle Circuit.

☛ AN EASTER SUNRISE service of worship under the direction of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held in the First Methodist Church, Hamlet, on Easter Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock.

☛ TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH, Albemarle, is holding revival services this week. Rev. Earl P. Crow, Jr., pastor of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, is assisting the pastor, Rev. Joseph Morris.

☛ A Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Freedom Park in Charlotte Sunday morning at 6:30. Bishop M. George Henry of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina will bring the Easter message.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem District, April 9-14 at 7:30 each evening. Rev. N. C. Williams, Jr., pastor of the Maple Springs Methodist Church, will assist the pastor, Rev. R. L. Young, Jr., in these services.

☛ REV. I. L. SHARPE, pastor, is holding pre-Easter services at Salem Methodist Church, Albemarle, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings of this week. On Wednesday the topic was "Sin and its Remedy," Thursday, Holy Communion, Friday, "The Cry from the Cross."

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES for Epworth Methodist Church near Clinton in the Goldsboro District will begin on Sunday night, April 9, and continue through the week. The Rev. H. B. Baum, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Church near Raleigh, will conduct the evangelistic services each evening beginning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. R. A. McLean is pastor.

☛ THE BETHEL-PALESTINE Charge is conducting revival services in each of the two churches this week. Rev. David Cowart preached Monday through Wednesday at the Bethel Church. The Rev. Robert L. Vickery, a student in the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, is preaching Thursday through Sunday at the Palestine Church. Services are held at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Budd Ellington is pastor of the charge.

☛ CHURCHES OF THE DURHAM area will join in an Easter sunrise service on Sunday morning, April 2, at 6:00 o'clock at the Durham County Memorial Stadium. Choirs from the various participating churches will provide the musical program. It is hoped to have 2,000 voices in the choir for this service. Rev. Robert Henderson of the Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church will preach the sermon.

☛ The Asbury Methodist Church of Route 1, Cove City, N. C., will hold a Layman's Revival the week of April 2-9. The speakers for the week are: G. T. Richardson, Roy Turnage, R. V. Rider, Jim Putman, Ed. Blair, Pat Ipock, Ray Williams, and Linwood Sutton. There will be a nightly song service led by Jim Putman and Paul Cox. Services begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

☛ Rev. Gordon E. Allen, pastor of Elm Street-Falling Creek charge, Goldsboro district, is assisting Rev. E. M. Rhiner in revival services at City Road Church, Henderson.

☛ Rev. Wade R. Bustle, pastor of Pisgah Church, Gastonia district, will assist Rev. Ralph Jacks in revival services at Clover Hill church on the Fallston-Clover Hill charge April 9-14.

☛ MR. TRUDGE HERBERT, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Herbert of High Point, has been awarded a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina and the Angier B. Duke Scholarship at Duke University.

☛ Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., is holding Holy Week services at Trinity church, Gastonia, this week. Assisting is the Rev. Jack H. Cooke, who preached last Sunday. The preacher for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings was Rev. William T. Ratchford, pastor at Marshville.

☛ Members of the Brevard Methodist Church enjoyed a Family Night meeting with a covered dish supper at the church last Thursday evening, March 23. A delegation from Allen High School, Asheville, presented the program, and a quartet under the direction of Miss Winifred Wrisley sang.

☛ SUNRISE EASTER SERVICES will be held at Stony Hill Methodist Church, near Morrow Mountain in Stanly County Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock. Rev. N. C. Kirkland will bring the message. Rev. Bruce Nelson of the Albemarle Circuit will be in charge.

☛ Under a "cut" appearing in last week's Advocate reference was made to "Garber Memorial Methodist Church of New Bern." Our attention has been called to fact that it is "Garber Methodist Church." It was named, not as a memorial, but in honor of Bishop Garber, who is very much alive. We turned the copy in as it was sent to us: We regret the error.

☛ REV. JOHN S. OAKLEY, pastor of the Peachland Charge, has sent us a list of 110 subscribers to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, for which we are most grateful. Brother Oakley is just one among many of the ministers of the two conferences who have sent in good lists of subscribers. They know the ADVOCATE will contribute greatly to the success of their work.

☛ Mr. Charles L. Hunley, active business, civic, and religious leader of Monroe has been awarded the plaque by the Chamber of Commerce as the "Outstanding Man of the Year." He is vice president and general manager of Belk Brother's, Inc., of Monroe. Mr. Hunley is chairman of the Commission on Missions, a member of the official Board, member of the Membership and Evangelism Commission, and a member of the Finance Commission of Central Church. He is also vice president of Monroe Hardware Co., and a member of the Board of the American Bank and Trust Company.

☛ Rev. Paul Taylor, pastor of Bethesda church, Gastonia district, is holding a series of Holy Week services this week. Rev. George M. Carver, of the River Bend Methodist church is preaching each evening at 7:30.

☛ DR. WILSON O. WILSON, pastor of the Myers Park Church, Charlotte, has been conducting a series of special services at First Methodist Church, Montgomery, Ala. He returned to Charlotte late Wednesday evening.

Central Church, Albemarle Is Conducting Easter Program

Central Church, Albemarle, is holding Holy Week and Easter services, which began with the Palm Sunday morning service. Special music is provided by the choir for the Sunday services both morning and evening. From Monday through Friday morning 7:30-7:55 early morning services will be held at which Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District, will be the speaker. This is an annual feature of the program for Easter at Central Church. The youth of the church will form the choir for the early morning services. On Maundy Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 the Holy Communion will be observed. The climax of the Easter observance will come on Easter Monday when the workers of the church will meet for "One great evening to the church." Members of the official board, the five commissions, and church committees will meet on Monday evening for a supper meeting at 6:15. Following the supper the groups will meet separately to plan the work of the church in the various areas for which the group is responsible. Rev. Cecil Heckard is pastor of Central Church.

A Unique Experience

On the morning of March 13th, fifty Greensboro ministers attended and participated in their monthly assembly in the beautiful fellowship hall (temporarily used as the sanctuary) of the new Centenary Methodist Church of Greensboro. Rev. J. Leo Pittard, host pastor. District Superintendent, Dr. J. Clay Madison, presided over the meeting.

A few announcements and matters of business were dispensed with, after which the men adjourned to an upper room in silence, where tables and seats were provided for all in attendance, to partake of a unique communion service. Dr. Madison stated that since these pastors always administered the Lord's Supper to their people, they seldom, if ever, had the opportunity of experiencing the full significance of it themselves.

Before each man at the tables had been placed a hymnal, opened to the communion ritual, and a saucer containing a wafer and a glass of wine. Slowly and effectively the ceremony was followed in its entirety, giving all of them time to meditate upon the full significance of the experience as applied to each individual life. The participants left the Upper Room feeling greatly enriched spiritually.

The fellowship ended with a sumptuous luncheon served by the good ladies of the church.

—E. LESTER BALLARD

EDITORIALS

Easter Gives Expression To Man's Deepest Desire

With unfailing regularity, by countless links of the golden chain that holds us to the essentials of our Christian faith, the Church of Christ today turns from the sorrowful memories of Holy Week with passion and poignancy to the glorious resurrection of the Incarnate Son. Religion at its heart is essentially a confession of the universal belief in immortality. The poet has said

*'Tis life of which our veins are scant,
O life, not death, for which we pant,
More life, and fuller, that we want.'*

And Jesus declared, "I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The resurrection of our Lord, which is the foundation fact of our Christian faith, cannot be too clearly proclaimed. It is the bed-rock upon which the structure of Christianity is reared. It is the most powerfully significant fact recorded in religious history. And that is not to underestimate the value of other things: His miraculous birth; His baptism; His early ministry; His crucifixion. Someone may say without Christmas we could not have Easter. But let us remind ourselves that without Easter Christmas and the others would be less meaningful. There is something in the very soul of man that yearns for immortality, or eternal life. It is an innate, or inborn longing, which finds universal expression in the lives of men and in the religious systems of the world. "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." This desire to live on after death, and to have those we love live on, is natural. You and I have it; so does the man across the aisle, and the man on the other side of the globe. When we go far afield, turning back to the religious beliefs of the ancient Babylonians, the Egyptians, the Hebrews, the Greeks, and the Romans, we find it there:

*'It must be so, Plato, thou reasonest well—
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond
desire,
This longing after immortality.'*

It persists from age to age, knitting up the centuries into a mighty trust that humanity will not go down into final defeat before the physical experience which men call death. We believe in it because we believe in God. Life cannot take on its highest meaning without this faith. The great apostle faced the fact that death stands here in the natural

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"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you."—Matt. 28:5, 6, 7.

order by divine appointment . . . "By man came death." But he also believed that victory over death stands just as firmly within the divine appointment . . . "By man came also the resurrection of the dead."

Let's Make Our Highways More Safe

Notwithstanding the many warnings issued by the highway patrol, newspapers, and other agencies, the death toll for the week-end of March 18-20 reached one of its highest peaks in years. Twenty-nine persons lost their lives by violence, according to reports. Some of these were highway accidents, others were tragedies in homes. No doubt drinking played its part, but there was evidently a great deal of carelessness, and some of just plain, intentional murder. Just why we are so careless and disregard the sanctity of life is beyond explanation. It could mean a lot more happiness and certainly insure a lot better safety if all of us would just take time to think intelligently and resolve to be more considerate and therefore more careful. If we really want to we can reduce this needless toll of unnecessary deaths. Suppose we all make such resolutions right now and drive more carefully and otherwise avoid tragedy.

The Thing That Counts In Our Religion

Mr. J. Irwin Miller, a Christian layman, who is president of the National Council of Churches, told an audience in Detroit the other night that the Christian layman must do more than pass the collection plate in serving the kingdom of God. A layman, he said, through the church has the chance to make sense out of what he may consider a useless existence. And how true he spoke we are all aware. Too many of us are inclined to feel that just so we are active in some way all is well, when Jesus said, "not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, but he that doeth the will of my

Father in heaven." Some years ago the late Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon told a group of ministers that some people think they are doing something for the kingdom if they get on a train or in an automobile and attend a meeting somewhere. He reminded them that was not the end, but only a means to an end. What really counted was what they did when they got back. Henry Scrougall, a young man who entered the university in Aberdeen, Scotland, around three centuries ago at the age of 15, was made professor of philosophy at the age of 20, and died at the age of 28, in some of his writings lamented the fact that among so many pretenters of religion there seemed to be so few who really understood what it meant. He emphasized the fact that true religion is the union of the soul with God, a real participation of the divine nature; the very image of God drawn upon the soul. We believe it is a transformation of character. There is a tendency just now to emphasize numbers rather than quality in religion. Each denominational group is trying to build its constituency roll. We are not opposed to growth, in fact we believe in it and would encourage it. But we may be in danger of letting our enthusiasm overrule our judgment. We need quality Christians if we would succeed in bringing the kingdoms of this world to be the kingdoms of our Christ. Let us remember that the slogan of the Methodist church for this quadrennium is "Jesus Christ Is Lord." That means he is Lord of our lives, he is enthroned in our affections, he is given first place in our loyalties. If that is not true, then we are not measuring up to our professions. It is not enough just to belong to the church—we must belong to God, and our daily lives should reflect our loyalties to that which is of eternal duration. This is the strongest witness we can give to our faith. It is good to be active in various ways, but let us guard against substituting this for spiritual realities. "This ye ought to have done, but not to leave the other undone."

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The Easter Hope

BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

Easter 1961

Text: "The Lord is risen indeed."

(Luke 24:34)

The whole gospel of the Christian Church can be compressed into three words: *Christ is risen*. Not Christ *has* risen, but *is* risen; not Christ *arose*—though that past event certainly happened—but that Christ is now and always our risen Lord. That is the message the whole gospel proclaims; that is what the Easter music is about; that is what the Easter sunrise foretells; that is what the flowers in our churches, the crowds on our avenues, and the voice of the whole Christian world is saying today—Christ is risen.

I sometimes tell my brother ministers that we do not really need to preach a sermon on Easter Sunday—or on Christmas Sunday, either, for that matter. These are occasions when the church itself takes over from the pulpit and preaches and witnesses in a thousand ways to the truth of the Incarnation, or, as it does on Easter, to that of the Resurrection. Certainly on Easter, the music, the flowers, the crowds, the very atmosphere transcends all that anyone may say, as the church her voice upraises, singing "Hallelujah to the Lord our God—Christ has risen indeed."

But surely in quietness and reverence, some things can be said that cause us to lift up our hearts as we meditate upon the greatness and goodness of God. St. Paul wrote, as he closed his thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, or as we have closed it for him in our printed Bibles, that while many of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit would be withdrawn from men, three great gifts would remain. These were and are—Faith and Hope and Charity, or Love. The Apostle affirmed, and he was right about it, that Love was the greatest of these permanent and abiding gifts. But it has always seemed to me that upon Easter day, the second of this divine trilogy, is mostly to be emphasized, and that is *Hope*. It is the day of Faith, and it the day of Love, but above all it is the day of Hope—a hope that broke upon the ancient world like a lightning flash, and which yet remains as the light that lights and cheers us all as we pursue our way through the mazes of this present world.

We might look at this day poetically, and indeed many do, as there is something about it which calls for poesy and rapture. The fact that Easter has been associated with the advent of spring in these northern parallels has not been forgotten by the poets. One said:

"In every trembling bud and bloom that cleaves the earth, a flowery sword,
I see Thee coming from the tomb, thou risen Lord . . .

"Thou art not dead; Thou art the whole of life that quickens in the sod;
Green April is thy very soul, Thou great Lord God."

Now it is something at which we can rejoice that just at this season the Resurrection is duplicated, as the breath of spring awakens all nature in marvelous and manifold ways. A man once said to me: "Is not this Easter season of yours just simply taking advantage of spring, and following out the old pagan rites that used to welcome in the rebirth of nature's life, of spring itself, amid primitive peoples?" Yes, we can rejoice and do enjoy a certain advantage of drama here, but the mighty hope of Christianity is not tied to days or seasons or months or years or particular regions of the earth.

I made an extended visit to South America sometime ago and there I found a hot summer in contrast to our northern winter. Among the friends I left down there, on Easter day, they will be watching leaves falling instead of leaves budding; they are seeing days grow shorter while we see them lengthening; they celebrate their Christmas in what would equal our hot July, and now Easter in their fall. And yet I say unto you that I have found some magnificent Christian spirits there, and the hope that animates them, as the hope that animates us, is not affected by or tied to either spring or fall. Indeed the Christian hope is not *natural*, in the sense in which we usually use that word; it is not the natural hope that arises in all persons, as the prisoner in bonds hopes to be released, or the lost mariner hopes to escape the sea. The Christian hope is not based upon something natural but something supernatural.

Others follow up this same line of thought by trying to take a philosophic or scientific view of life in an unfolding universe. They see immortality in the ongoing universe all about us, especially when it is imbued with these tides of spring. The leaves of autumn but fall, they say, for the purpose of preparing the ground to bring forth new leaves in each succeeding spring. People live in what they do, not as immortal persons. A man lives in his children and grandchildren, perhaps in his business or in the memory of friends; a woman lives through her influence or the deeds she does. Threescore years and ten or thereabout is allotted to each, and then, like a snowflake falling into the ocean, we go, they say, into the great sea of existence and add our life to universal lives. "Life is the law of the universe."

But I am here to say today that death is the law of the universe as much as life, if not more so. It is a non-realistic optimism that sees this universe, which does move on like a vast machine, producing an endless life all by itself. Spring does follow winter, but winter follows summer and fall just as relentlessly. "Everything liveth, everything dieth," said skeptical old Nietzsche in his tough-minded way, and he was right about it. No. These vagrant, wishful thoughts are but partial answers. Death has been and death always was the law of the universe—even more than life—until—an Easter morning long ago. Then

something new happened in the universe of God, and the world turned on its hinges. When Jesus Christ came forth from the broken tomb, he put an end to this hopeless grinding of a doomed world. Something brand new happened on that first Easter as the Lord came forth to be, as St. Paul called Him, "The first-born of many brethren." A new Order was started. A new and higher life was opened to men as, at his side, the risen Lord told his followers that he bore the keys of death and hell, and said to them in words they never have forgot, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

So in our lilies we ask the world to catch the fragrance of a great and holy Hope; in our Easter anthem we want it to hear the lilt of an immortal chorus; and in our pilgrimages out to the resting places of our dead, we want others to see that we know that over these the deathless angel is watching until in God's own time the shout of triumph shall awaken those who sleep in Him.

There is something else here. "We have this hope as an anchor, sure and steadfast," wrote the Apostle Peter. And how great a need is there today for this particular type of anchorage in a shifting, changing world. A world in which the individual is growing less and less, and the groups growing more and more. Whether we like it or not, we are going to be forced to live in a collectivistic society in which our individual hopes and plans and lives are to be guided more and more by the state, the nation, the crowd. Some of this will be all right; some will not. But here is where I think the Easter Hope shoots a penetrating ray into all our tangled social interplay, into our political turmoil, into our cold war unrest, into our interplanetary rocketry. Each of us can bear within himself or herself this immortal hope, each can be partakers with the saints of God in light; each of us can look for our place in the house of many mansions.

St. Matthew in his account of the Resurrection tells how the women ran from the open sepulchre to bring his disciples word. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, according to our English Bible, "All hail." He really used a word that was a glad, explosive greeting. The Greek word is *Xairete*—a sort of combination of "rejoice" and "hurray"—the sort of glad greeting that the conqueror shouts forth from his triumphal chariot—a cheering greeting with upflung arm. Rejoice!

Let the church rejoice! Let the multitude of the isles be glad! Let the anthem roll from high-sounding organ; let the Christian people rejoice in heart and take a greater grip on this immortal Hope. In the words of an old hymn:

"Come ye saints, look here and wonder,
See the place where Jesus lay;
He has burst his bands asunder,
He has borne our sins away.
Joyful tidings,
Yes—The Lord is risen today."

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At least 32,337 of the 38,350 local Methodist churches, and 5,744,398 of the 9,691,961 members of the church are in town and country areas (population under 10,000).—REV. DR. GLENN F. SANFORD

Board of Missions

Vacation Church School Institutes To Be Held



The North Carolina Conference Board of Education, Children's Division, Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, director, will hold a number of vacation church school institutes, the texts and schedule to be as follows:

TEXTS:

Kindergarten: *My Home and Family*. Teacher's text: .75.

Primary: *Love One Another*. Teacher's text \$1.00; pupil's book .25; activity packet .35.

Junior: *Living and Working Together as Christians*. Teacher's text \$1.00; pupil's book .30; activity packet .35.

Junior High (Intermediate): *Making Our Group Christian*. Teacher's text \$1.00; pupil's book .35.

Texts may be ordered from:

Cokesbury
Fifth and Grace Streets
Richmond 16, Virginia

Texts will also be available at the Institutes. However, you are urged to order them from Cokesbury so that you may study them prior to coming to the Institute.



John L. Stokes, III, Awarded Scholarship To Emory

Misenheimer—John L. Stokes, III, a senior at Pfeiffer College, has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lem Stokes, II, and graduated from Albemarle

SCHEDULE:

April 4, Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington.

April 5, Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford.

April 6, Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen.

April 7, St. Paul Methodist Church, Durham.

April 8, St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro.

April 17, Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton.

April 18, Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington.

April 19, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern.

April 20, Ann Street Methodist Church, Beaufort.

April 21, Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh.

April 24, First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

April 25, First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids.

April 26, First Methodist Church, Wilson.

April 27, Plymouth Methodist Church, Plymouth.

*NOTE: These are *changed* dates from all earlier publicity. Disregard any other dates announced earlier.

Attend the Institute nearest you. Each Institute will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m., and close at 3:30 p.m. Lunch arrangements will be announced by letter to all ministers. Check with your minister for the lunch arrangements at the Institute which you plan to attend.

High School in 1957. Dr. Stokes is president of Pfeiffer College.

At Pfeiffer Stokes has served as president of Kappa Chi, pre-ministerial fellowship, vice-president of the concert choir, was elected to membership of the Order of the Sundial, and lettered in tennis for four years.

Stokes is planning a career as a minister or as a teacher of religion.

A Man Named Jesus

A man named Jesus was impaled upon a cross,
And His captors thought His followers would be at a loss
To explain the awful shame!

Had He not claimed He was King over all He surveyed?
Yet the lowly Iscariot thirty silver coins was paid
To betray his Master's name!

Others He had saved, why Himself could He not free
From the cross which seemed to end His message for eternity?
What would be His future fame?

Some would call Him liar, and others charlatan,
And some would deride members of His caravan
For the message they proclaimed.

But, regardless of their censure of the Man and what He said,
Even Thomas did not deny He had risen from the dead;
And His message was the same.

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do . . ."
This is the message, the example for all to follow who
For His crucifixion share the blame.

—By ALISON SIMONTON, JR.

Collins and Bailey to Hold Revival at Bethel

Revival services will be held at the Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, N. C., Rocky Mount District, beginning Monday, April 3, and running through Friday evening, April 7. The Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, will preach Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30; Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will preach on Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:30, with morning and afternoon services on Friday. Rev. Carl W. Barbee is pastor at Bethel.

Christ Still Speaks From The Cross

Down through the ages men have heard,
With great concern, each sacred word
Our Saviour spoke before He died,
The day that He was crucified.
Those words now make the same appeal
As when He spoke them; words so real
That on the cross He seems to be
Forever nailed, and never free.

Yet multitudes have onward plod
In sin, as if the Son of God
Had never met Gethsemane,
And shed His blood on Calvary.
Man's sin caused Him the cross to bear,
Our sin forever keeps Him there;
And still He prays for me and you:
"Forgive! They know not what they do."

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Salisbury District Holds Special District Conference

The Salisbury District Conference met in special session at Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, Sunday afternoon, March 19, to consider the question pertaining to the future program of the district. With Dr. James Stokes, district superintendent, presiding, the district voted to invite the newly-formed Albemarle District to join the Salisbury District in building and developing a full summer camping program on property previously purchased by the Salisbury District. At the time of purchase several churches in Stanley County, now in the bounds of the Albemarle District, assisted in purchasing the property. The property joins the Morrow Mountain State Park, and many of the recreational facilities of the park will be used in the summer programs. Enabling legislation was passed establishing the Stanley-Albemarle District Camp, and rules and regulations were adopted concerning the management and administration of the camp. Trustees representing the Salisbury District were elected and they will join trustees elected by the Albemarle District in carrying out extensive plans already made to fully utilize the 47 acres of the camp.

The property will be used this summer in Day Camps by the young people of the two districts under the direction of Rev. B. C. Adams.

The question of providing additional living and office space for Dr. James Stokes and his family in the district parsonage in Salisbury was presented. Necessary legislation was passed providing for the addition of two rooms and a bath, along with necessary improvements on the driveway.

These two forward-looking projects are but an indication of the full and progressive program being carried on by the Salisbury District under the leadership of Dr. James Stokes, and with the full and enthusiastic support of able laymen and ministers of the district.

Two Pfeiffer Directors Review Progress At College

Misenheimer—Two directors of the Gustavus and Louise Pfeiffer Research Foundation on March 27 reviewed the progress of Pfeiffer College programs in science with leaders of the college.

They were Henry R. Herold, vice-president and director of the western operations of Warner-Lambert Pharmaceuticals, San Marino, Calif., and George P. Pfeiffer, Los Angeles business and professional leaders.

In 1956 the Pfeiffer Research Foundation made a grant of \$750,000 to the college to expand its program in the sciences. In later years the foundation made grants to broaden the college's program in preparing young men and women for careers in the health sciences and in nursing.

During their visit they conferred with Dr. J. O. Manly, chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, and Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, president, reviewing the majors offered by the college in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and nursing, as well as the pre-medical and pre-dental programs.

Following their conferences, the two directors flew to New York City to attend the spring meeting of the Foundation.

In Memoriam

MRS. JULIA LANKFORD FOREHAND

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church, South Mills, wish to pay tribute to our beloved member, Mrs. Julia Lankford Forehand, who passed away February 14, 1961, at the age of 57. A devoted Christian worker, her church was very dear to her and she was an active member of the Woman's Society for many years. She was formerly president of the Ladies' Bible Class, and at the time of her death was Spiritual Life leader for the Woman's Society. She was unfailing in her attendance at the prayer group, a devoted wife and mother, and a friend to many. She will be missed by our community, our church, and most of all by her family to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. The memory of the loyalty and devotion of this Christian woman will last for many years and be an inspiration to those left behind to greater service for the Master.

"The lights are out in the mansion of clay,
The curtains are drawn for the dweller is away;
She silently stepped over the threshold by night,
To make her abode in the City of Light."

Woman's Society of Christian
Service

MRS. CAROLINE G. HALSTEAD
MRS. NORA MAE MCPHERSON
MRS. BERNICE W. JOHNSON

MRS. MARVIN J. COWELL

Our hearts are heavy with grief for our beloved friend and co-worker, Louise Sholar Cowell. The memory of her presence lingers in our hearts even though her chair is vacant—but how we miss that enthusiastic ring of her voice as she joined in the discussions of all matters as they were brought before the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hayes-Barton Methodist Church! She always shared the very best of her store of wisdom and knowledge concerning the program of work to be done, and prodded us to give of our best, stretching our minds and deepening our feelings to be "more than we are."

While we feel deeply our loss, we are grateful that Louise came our way because we are sure our community, our church and our lives have been greatly enriched because she came to work and live among us.

A tribute to Louise would not be complete without mentioning the other church families that were hers along the way which she loved so much. Fifth Avenue in Wilmington where she began her services in the church through the Epworth League. Here she met Marvin Cowell and they were married in 1916. She began her work with the women in Wesley Memorial Church of Winter Park, Wilmington. Then in 1939 Louise and Marvin moved to Goldsboro and Saint Paul's became their church home. Louise taught a Sunday school class

and was an active member of the Woman's Society. In 1945 they moved on to Rocky Mount. Here, First Methodist Church became their church home and again Louise found her place as Sunday school teacher and actively participated in the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. When her husband became treasurer of the North Carolina Annual Conference, they moved to Raleigh and to Hayes-Barton Church, Louise brought to us the fruits of her dedicated services along the way as she worked for her Lord through the Asbury Sunday school class, the Commission on Missions and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Louise Sholar Cowell will continue to make her contribution to others through her two fine sons, Marvin Jr. and Russell, in whom she planted many good seeds and through the host of friends whose lives have been enriched because she lived and died victoriously.

—MRS. HUBERT A. DAVIS

MRS. HATTIE LANCASTER WHITLEY

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Stantonsburg Methodist Church wish to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Hattie Lancaster Whitley who passed away December 8, 1960, at the age of 81.

Mrs. Whitley was a devoted Christian worker, a Sunday school teacher and church organist for years. She took an active part in all phases of church work and community activities.

Her memory will live on among us, as we bow in submission to our Father's will.

Committee:
MRS. NELL OVERMAN
MRS. MOSES TYSON
MRS. ANA WHITLEY

Attention: All Rutherford College Graduates and Alumni

Brevard College is in great need of catalogues, pictures, printed brochures, or historic relics from Rutherford College. The library at Brevard College does not contain a single catalogue of this parent institution. Such items as the college is fortunate enough to receive will be carefully kept in the college library, and later in the Weaver-Rutherford Memorial Room that is being planned in one of the new buildings at Brevard College.

Brevard College is proud of her heritage as the descendant of Rutherford College and Weaver College, and feels that we offer a proper repository for such items as those requested. At present there is a Weaver College Room and a Rutherford College Room in Dunham Hall. Alumni of these parent institutions are always welcome on the Brevard College campus. The administration and the office of public relations will welcome suggestions as to how the college can better keep in touch with alumni of both Weaver and Rutherford Colleges. Should alumni groups wish to have class meetings or reunions at Brevard College, we shall be glad to arrange banquet and meeting place facilities upon request.

Please address responses and inquiries to E. K. McLarty, Jr., Brevard College, Brevard, N. C.

Reverend A. S. Barnes Dies In Raleigh

The Rev. Albert S. Barnes, retired superintendent of the Methodist Home for Children at Raleigh and a minister for 63 years, died Monday morning, March 20, at Rex Hospital. His age was 87.

The Rev. Mr. Barnes devoted the major portion of his life to the interests of homeless children, serving from 1915 until 1948 as head of the Raleigh institution, a record tenure for Methodist orphanages in this country. He was named superintendent emeritus, and for the past nine years directed the Student Loan Fund there.

During the many years he was Children's Home superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Barnes made it a point to keep up with his gradu-



ates after they left and to take a personal interest in their careers. He said once that his greatest pride was in the records of numerous of his charges in life after graduation. He was affectionately known to them as "Daddy Barnes."

A native of Wayne County, the Rev. Mr. Barnes was a graduate of Trinity College, now Duke, and served a number of years in Methodist pastorates before going to Raleigh to head the Home, then known as the Methodist Orphanage. He was pastor at Wilmington, Whiteville, Clinton, Oxford and Smithfield.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 22, at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, with the pastor, Dr. Howard P. Powell, in charge, assisted by Rev. W. A. Cade. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Alumni of the Methodist Home served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Board of Trustees of the Home and the present superintendent, the Rev. R. L. Nicks.

Surviving are his wife, the former Daisy Wooten; one son, Speight Barnes of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter, Mrs. Maude Barnes Wells of Wake Forest; a step-son, Kendrick Smith of Butte, Mont.; one sister, Mrs. Mamie Sauls of Wake Forest; two brothers, R. E. Barnes of Raleigh and Charles Barnes of Alexandria, Va.

Mount Pleasant Church To Open New Sanctuary Easter

The congregation of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Greensboro District, will have the formal opening of its new sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Dr. J. Clay Madison, district superintendent; Rev. P. L. Shore, Sr., and Rev. Reid Harris, former ministers; and Rev. Joe L. Erwin, present minister, will participate in the opening and cornerstone laying. A series of evening services will be held the week following the opening. Mr. J. Sam Hinson, a Methodist layman; Rev. Reid Harris, Rev. P. L. Shore, Sr., Dr. L. R. Akers, Rev. V. A. Morton, and Rev. Ralph Jacks, all former ministers, will preach at these services. Rev. E. Lester Ballard will lead the song services.

The church was organized about 1830. For years the congregation met in a brush arbor and later in a log hut. About 1867 a sanctuary was built and services were held in it until 1957. Ground was broken for an educational building and chapel on Easter Sunday, 1956. This was completed in June, 1957, at an estimated value of \$90,000. The building was dedicated Easter Sunday, 1959. Construction on the sanctuary was begun in the summer of 1960. This building is valued at \$125,000. The Building Committee was composed of Fred R. Paisley, chairman; Mrs. Garland Clapp, Houston Gerringer, H. F. Fries, Curtis Kennedy, C. G. Clapp, Worth Gannon, Roy Starr, E. A. Adams, and Turner Sockwell.

Daniels Memorial Holds Evangelistic Prayer Vigil

The Daniels Memorial Methodist Church Goldsboro, will conduct an "Evangelistic and Prayer Mission" beginning with a service of hymn and praise on Easter Sunday night and followed by a 24 hour prayer vigil before the nightly services begin on Monday night.

Prayer will be the keynote of the week, with books and materials on prayer offered to those who desire them. The church will be open each day for those who desire to pause to pray. Also cottage prayer services have been held in the area served by the church for ten days prior to the services.

Speaker for these special services will be the Rev. John W. Morrison, pastor of the Hinton Avenue Methodist Church in Charlottesville, Virginia. He has served several other pastorates in the Virginia Conference before coming to his present charge.

Song leader for the services will be the pastor, Rev. A. F. McClung.

West Jefferson Church To Present Lenten Cantata

The West Jefferson Church choir will present a lenten cantata by J. H. Maunder, on Good Friday night. This musical composition is entitled, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace." Following this, a Holy Week color film, "Conflict," will be shown. The annual Easter sunrise service will begin at 6:30. At the 11:00 o'clock hour the pastor, Rev. C. A. Rhinehart, will conclude a series of sermons on the Seven Last Words of Christ as He hung on the cross.

Bumgarners Will Counsel Caravan to Europe

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, of Kannapolis, will serve this summer as counsellors for the Methodist Youth caravan from the Western North Carolina Conference who will work among the Methodist churches of Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Norway. The caravan will end in Oslo, Norway, August 17, and members will leave the next day for the return trip to the States. Mr. Bumgarner, however, will remain in Oslo, for the remainder of the World Council of Methodism, to which conference he is an official delegate. He expects to return to the States in time to preach at his church in Kannapolis Sunday, August 27. Besides the Bumgarners, the caravan will be composed of four young ladies and four young men. During the absence of the pastor, Midway pulpit will be filled by visiting ministers and laymen.

The City Tree

Poets and people that may be called dreamers find beauty, grace and grandeur in God's trees.

Trees speak to them of power, of rest, of tranquility, and give them a sense of quietness, hope and peace.

Blessed is the city dweller who can look upon trees in his daily surroundings.

Doubly blessed is he, if he sees their beauty with eyes of gratitude.

The city, because of its nature, may not offer its people the peace of the open countryside, nor the hush of noiseless plains or mountains, but it can yet bring much of beauty to the discerning eye.

The oval sky does not lose its color over city dwellings; the song of birds is ever present for the ear attuned; the trees spread their arm-like branches far over the streets, meeting other trees.

Wise is the city that keeps and plants trees.

—JOHNNIE SPEAS CARTER

The Risen Christ

Once on Easter morn some people
Did not find their Lord in grave,
They were told by heav'nly angel
Rose He from the dead to save.

Lord's disciples, friends, relations
Saw Him in the risen form;
They did all in adorations
To the world around inform.

He is risen! He is risen!

Yes, Christ has on death prevailed,
Made us whole to live forever;
On the Cross our sins were nailed,
We shan't die in sin, no, never.

But, do we have Him in us living
Do I as a Christian show, how
Living Christ is still saving,
Can I show Him, can I now?

Is He risen? Is He risen?

—VICTOR J. JACOBS
(from India)
Drew University
Madison, N. J.

**Greensboro District Makes
Second \$10.00 Club Call**

Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro district, has sent out the call for the Ten Dollar Club for assistance in building the new Woodmont Methodist Church, Reidsville. Woodmont is a new church, organized last summer. Rev. Garland S. Gammon is pastor. The congregation, with a membership already of 210 and a church school enrollment even larger, is presently meeting in an elementary school building, but must move out by next September. This young congregation has already pledged a budget of more than \$25,000. It is urgent that the first unit of their building program be constructed at once. A splendid five-acre lot has been purchased for the site of the new church.

Greensboro district has already contributed through the Ten Dollar Club this conference year to the erection of St. Paul Church, Greensboro, between five and six thousand dollars. The district is seeking \$10,000 for the Woodmont church. Last fall the district mission society set as a goal one member of the Ten Dollar Club for every ten members of the church. Four churches have already reached that goal. They are Christ Church, and Grace Church, Greensboro; Guilford College Church; and Woodmont Church, Reidsville. The other source of income for the church extension program for the district is through the apportionment of \$1 per member for each congregation. Most of the churches, says Dr. Madison, have accepted this apportionment and are meeting it nicely. The Rev. Glenn Lackey, secretary of church extension for the Board of Missions of the conference recently made a survey of the Greensboro district, and reports there are in Greensboro alone at least five areas where church sites should be purchased immediately and a new congregation organized. The conference Board of Missions has offered to provide \$10,000 for the district, provided four new church sites are purchased within the next year. Those concerned with becoming members of the Ten Dollar Club and helping establish these new churches should contact Mr. Harvey J. Smith, Sr., 1211 Buckingham Road, Greensboro, N. C. He is chairman of the Special Gifts Committee for the district.

**Saint James Church, Newport
Holds Training Workshop**

The Saint James Methodist Church at Newport recently held a workshop to train church visitors in effective techniques of visitation evangelism. The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, N. C. Conference Director of Evangelism, led this three-night workshop after he preached Sunday morning and evening on "Motives in Evangelism." Twenty-four church visitors representing each youth and adult Sunday school class and organization attended. Following a closing dinner, Rev. Heath directed the group in a church evangelism planning session. Wilbur V. Garner, chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, led the closing devotion.

**West Market Street Received
New Members Last Sunday**

Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of West Market Street Church, Greensboro, received sixty-seven members into the church last Sunday morning. Thirty-four of these came through training classes for young people held during the last few weeks, and were received at 10:00 o'clock services held in the sanctuary. Thirty-three were received at the 11:00 o'clock service, at the close of the sermon by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. Forty-one of these were on profession of faith, and others came by transfer. These were largely the result of the continuing program of evangelism under the direction of the Rev. Thomas A. Summey, minister of Evangelism and Membership of the West Market Street Church. Bishop Harmon has been preaching each day Sunday through Wednesday at the West Market Street Church in Holy Week services. Services were held at 12:00 to 12:30 each day and at 7:30 each evening.

Christ Is Risen

C hrist the Lamb of Calvary.
H e gave Himself to set men free.
R ock of Ages, a refuge H e
I n time of storm for you and me.
S hepherd of our souls, H e guides
T he trusting sheep—their need provides.

I n skies of clouds or darkness the
S un of Righteousness is H e.

R ose of Sharon; Great Physician;
I ncarnate God; Sure Foundation;
S avior, Lord; Our Great Redeemer
E ndured death then broke grave's prison.
N ow JESUS LIVES! Christ IS risen!

—LENA H. THACKER

**Easter Sunrise Services Scheduled
On NBC Radio**

Sunrise services will be broadcast live from New York City and Arlington, Va., by NBC Radio on Easter Sunday, April 2.

Easter Dawn Service in Radio City Music Hall, New York, will be broadcast from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. EST in cooperation with the Protestant Council of the City of New York. (Note: WNBC, New York, will carry this program from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. EST).

Dr. Robert D. Hershey, minister, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City, will preside. The Rev. Pablo Cotto, minister of Riverside Church, New York City, will deliver the invocation; Patrick Waddington, English actor who is a communicant member of St. Thomas Church, New York City, will read the gospel; and Mrs. Edward B. Willingham, president of Manhattan United Church Women, will offer the prayer. The 150-voice interracial chorus, directed by Harold Aks, will sing. Ashley B. Miller will be organist.

Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery will be broadcast from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. EST in cooperation with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Associate Justice Tom C. Clark of the U. S. Supreme Court, will offer the prayer, and the Rev. Dr. Phil Porter, R. E. Grand Prelate, will deliver the sermon. William Jones will sing "The Lord's Prayer," and the U.S. Marine Band will play "Lift Up Your Hearts."

The two broadcasts will be NBC Public Affairs presentations.



**Heard at Board of Christian
Social Concerns Meeting . . .**

God does not resist change—God initiates it. Far from approving reaction, God actually punishes those who won't change. —BISHOP F. GERALD ENSLEY, *Des Moines, Iowa, board president.*



The above group of high school students from Sylva, N. C., all members of the Methodist Church, are shown conferring with Dean John B. Bennett during a recent visit to Brevard College. Interested in encouraging students from his congregation to attend Brevard, Rev. Asmond L. Maxwell arranged the visit. Dean Bennett reported that several Methodist ministers in the Western Conference had made "campus calls" with prospective students this year. He said, "This kind of effort on the part of Methodist ministers enables the college to be of greater service to young people of the conference." From left to right in the picture are: Rev. Maxwell, Eddie Baldrige, Mrs. Maxwell, Brenda Sutton, Susan Maxwell, Carolyn Goddard, Mary Katherine Sherrill, Patricia Dillard, Dean Bennett.

Spiritual Enrichment

By HARRY DENMAN, General Secretary
General Board of Evangelism

Spiritual enrichment comes through faith in Christ. Material enrichment comes through faith in mammon. If we desire to have spiritual enrichment we must decide in favor of the spiritual.

The rich ruler made this decision. He said he wanted life. He had kept the law pertaining to human relationships. Jesus gave him the opportunity to have what he wanted. Jesus knew that "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things" were choking out the spiritual. Jesus said, "lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me." He turned away.

He was rich in the material. I presume he became richer, but became poorer spiritually. He missed the opportunity and privilege of being with Jesus and having fellowship with Him. He exchanged the rich fellowship of being with Jesus for the poor fellowship of his possessions. All he had was property and things. The spiritual is eternal, the material temporary. He said he wanted eternal life. He did not. He wanted the temporary. He turned away sorrowful. He knew Jesus was right. He knew Jesus had found the way, but he did not desire the spiritual sufficiently to give up the material. All that Jesus left materially was a robe, and the soldiers gambled for that. Whatever we leave materially will be gambled for by someone.

Why was it that man chose the material instead of the spiritual and life eternal? He did not have faith to obey the command of Jesus.

Spiritual enrichment comes through faith in Christ. You desire to be rich spiritually. Here are the words of Jesus: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him." These are spiritual riches—to have Christ and the Father make their abode with me.

We must have faith to obey the words of our living Christ. We must take time to listen to His voice for us and not for others.

He may ask us to have family and individual daily devotions. I know that obedience to this request brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to teach a Sunday school class. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to accept some responsibility in the service of the church. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to ask forgiveness of someone we have sinned against. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to witness to someone who needs a Saviour. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to give our material resources to the hungry and the naked. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to visit the strangers, the sick, and those in prison. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to show mercy to an unfortunate person along the road of life. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to love our enemies, bless

Earth Waked That Morn to Grief of Cross and Tomb

By W. W. REID

Earth waked that morn to grief of cross and tomb,
All hope abandoned, mankind mired in gloom;
But God's bright angel spoke good news again,
"He who was dead arose and walks with men."

"The Christ is risen!" Blessed word of life,
New hope and meaning for all human strife;
Yea, now the Living Spirit walks our road
And shares the burden of our leaden load.

And still that Spirit broods o'er earth and man
To bless, to guide in God's bold cosmic plan
Where justice, truth, and beauty bide no chain,
And death is passageway to life again.

We thank thee, God, our hopes and strivings live
Through dark of night; that graves on morrow give
New visions clear, and right o'er wrong has won:
We know for we have met the Risen Son.

We thank thee, God, 'mid pain and loss endured
We joy in immortality assured;
For, though the mortal rest neath kindly sod,
The soul wings far in work and care of God.

those who curse us, do good to them that hate us, and pray for them which despitefully use and persecute us. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

He may ask us to humble ourselves and obey Him. I know that this brings spiritual enrichment.

Spiritual enrichment comes through obedience to the words of Jesus. We need a dynamic faith in Christ. We miss spiritual enrichment by disobedience to Christ and this is caused by unbelief. We limit the limitless Christ by our unbelief. He can only enrich others and us through our faith in Him.

Let us put our faith in Christ and obey Him instead of the material.

Many Young People To Be In Ecumenical Workshops

Eleven hundred young people from 55 nations will seek a new understanding of each others' religious beliefs and cultural background this summer while laying bricks or digging foundations for schools, houses, chapels, and refugee centers in 37 countries.

The young people, 250 of them Americans, will participate in the fifteenth series of Ecumenical Work Camps which have been conducted since 1947 by the World Council of Churches. Sponsor in the United States is the Ecumenical Voluntary Service of the National Student Christian Federation. American program director is the Rev. C. Frederick Stoerker of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education.

The concern which motivates these work campers to help meet a specific need, said Mr. Stoerker, has received further impetus from President Kennedy's projected Youth Peace Corps which "parallels in its program much of that of the Ecumenical Work Camps."

Michael Briggs Surratt Is Young Organist At Welcome

Michael Briggs Surratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Surratt, of Welcome, is probably the youngest regular church organist in these parts. "Mike" is 12 years old, and has been playing for Sunday school since he was 9. He is now the regular church organist of the Welcome church and does a good job. It was the privilege of the editor to preach for Rev. C. E. Williams, pastor



at Welcome, on a recent Sunday, and he can testify to the fact that Mike handled the organ and choir like a veteran. He is also active in other parts of the church program, being president of the Junior Hi-MYF, pianist and honorary member of the Methodist Men's Club. He is in the sixth grade at school and is an "A" student. His parents plan to further his musical education. His present teacher is a former teacher at Woman's College and is regarded as one of the best. He will probably go to Julliard, or some other institution of like standing to study later. His pastor says Mike is one of the finest boys in his age group, and is always smiling and cheerful.

Montgomery Methodists Conduct Campaign



A program of visitation evangelism was carried out in three areas of Montgomery County recently. Each evening, after a supper meeting and instruction period, laymen of the local churches teamed up with the ministers of the county to go forth "two by two." The following schedule made up the three-day program: Monday night, at Mt. Gilead, with Mt. Gilead Circuit, Pekin, and Mt. Gilead Charges participating; Tuesday night at Star; Wednesday night at Troy, with Troy Circuit and Lovejoy-Macedonia Charges participating. Ministers serving one or more nights were C. F. Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism; J. Paul Edwards, Dennis Ricks, George Pullen, J.

A. Russell, J. M. Short, Jack Fulghum, C. J. Andrews, Reginald Ponder, and W. F. Meacham.

Figures do not always tell the full results of a visitation evangelism program, yet they have to be used to give the visible results. The total for the three nights emphasis was six first decisions and fifteen transfer of church memberships. This program was very helpful to all the churches and persons involved. For most of the laymen and some of the ministers, it was their first experience in this kind of visitation. Yet they all returned from their visits radiantly happy for having invited people to "come with us to Christ."

Reasons For Opposition To Federal Aid Given

Reasons for the opposition of the National Council of Churches to Federal aid to non-public schools were presented March 16 before a House of Representatives committee in Washington, D. C.

Representing the Council's General Board, the Rev. Gerald E. Knoff gave his testimony to the General Education Subcommittee of the House Committee on Labor and Education. Dr. Knoff is executive secretary of the Council's Division of Christian Education.

Testifying on the basis of pronouncements on public education which the Council has already made, and which he presented to the committee, Dr. Knoff explained that its opposition to aid for church-related schools applied equally to those supported by Protestant churches, both in and out of the Council, as well as to Roman Catholic and Jewish institutions.

"Nothing is more clear," he declared, "than the likelihood that if substantial grants or loans to church-related elementary and secondary schools were made possible, many religious denominations would come to the conclusion that they, too, should step forward to the public treasury and claim what they would consider their share of Federal funds."

Resolution, Concerning Memoirs

Some of the best history is biographical. The record of the lives of the men who make history is of supreme importance.

Many persons who write memoirs of deceased ministers for printing in annual conference journals confine their remarks to an appreciation of the deceased person and an interpretation and delineation of the salient features of his personality. Thus they leave out many facts which should be recorded and preserved.

Therefore, we recommend that the historical societies and the secretaries of the annual conferences of our Southeastern Jurisdiction see that each memoir of a deceased clerical member that is printed in the Conference Journal contains accurate biographical data concerning such things as the place and date of birth; the names of parents and children; the time and place of the license to preach, the ordinations, and the joining and/or transfer of conferences; the places of service; the unusual contributions of his ministry, such as churches built, and the date and place of death and burial.

—Adopted by S. E. Jurisdictional Methodist Historical Society
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
July 12, 1960

Russell Richey Chosen For Project In Africa

Russell E. Richey of Durham, son of Dr. and Mrs. McMurry S. Richey and a sophomore at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., will work in an underdeveloped area of Africa this summer.

He is one of 11 Wesleyan students who have been selected to go to Africa with "Operation Crossroads." In Africa he will live, work, study and travel with other American college students and African students.

"Operation Crossroads" was founded and is directed by Dr. James H. Robinson, Negro pastor and director of the Morningside Community Center in New York, to promote better understanding between Africa and America through student work-camp missions.

Started in 1958, this independently operated project will send 175 students from all parts of the U. S. to Africa this summer.

Richey will attend classes in New York and Paris in early June and then go to Africa to serve with a team of students in Ghana. He will return about September 5.

He was selected on the basis of interest and aptitude by a committee of Wesleyan faculty and administration members. "Operation Crossroads" will provide half of his expenses. He has to raise the other \$900.00 himself.

Richey, son of Dr. and Mrs. McMurry S. Richey of 2725 Dogwood Road, is a graduate of Durham High School. He was an honor roll student as a freshman and sophomore and this year has been an alternate starter and high scorer on the university's basketball team.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

All workers in the building fund crusade had strict instructions to visit *every* person on their list. One team therefore visited an old lady in a rest home whose only income were the coins her friends gave her from time to time. In such cases the workers were to visit and talk about the new building but were not to ask for a contribution.

As they went in, the shut-in received them gladly and said, "I am so glad you did not leave me out." She had been receiving all of the letters and other materials about the building fund crusade so knew all about it already. The visit was a delightful experience for both the shut-in and the workers.

Prayer was offered and the workers started to leave. The shut-in said to them, "Aren't you going to let me make a pledge? I am a tither and want to help with the new building." She pledged \$5.00 a month, \$60.00 a year.

At the next report meeting those two workers could hardly wait to tell what happened. They said, "This was one of the richest experiences of our lives; we wouldn't have missed it for anything."

Contrast the above attitude with that of the stenographer who was approached by a team from her church for a contribution to the new building. She became angry and said, "You know, the time has come when it costs nearly as much to go to church as it does to go to the movies!"



Woman's Activities



Send Your Old Christmas Cards To Burma!

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Word has been received from Burma that some of the youth groups there would like to continue receiving your old Christmas cards which they can remake and use again. Then give away hundreds of these reconditioned cards and sell many of them.

The following is a part of a letter from the Rangoon Chinese MYF in Burma:

"We are very thankful to our friends in the States who sent to us box after box of used Christmas cards, which are rare and valuable here. It is encouraging to know that many people of the churches, WSCS, adult, senior, and intermediate MYF groups in the U.S.A. are so kind and thoughtful as to give us these beautiful cards. These cards have afforded us joy and fellowship through working together for several hours weekly on selecting and remaking them for use.

"We have finished making 1,000 cards. We shall give out the greater number of them. A portion will be sold which will bring us sufficient revenue to promote our MYF activities for half a year. Another portion will be set aside to supplement funds for securing permanent premises soon, solely for MYFers to use. Words are inadequate to describe fully the usefulness these cards bring to us all."

So, if you still have your Christmas cards on hand and would like to put them to good use, box them up and send them off to Burma soon, for it takes three months usually for them to get there, and they begin work on the cards months ahead of Christmas. Keep the boxes small and mark them plainly: "Used Christmas cards. No commercial value." Shoe boxes do not travel well. Small cartons made of heavy cardboard are best. Do not send envelopes and do not cut the cards unless you wish to cut personal messages off. Send your cards to either of the following:

Chinese M.Y.F.
105 Canal Street
Rangoon, Burma
or
Ko Shwe Tint
Methodist House
Pegu, Burma

These young people will be delighted to receive your cards (preferably religious and scenic ones) and you would be delighted to see the joy they bring to so many. So, pack them up now and send them off to Burma!

-LIB CALLIS
Central Methodist Church
Canton, North Carolina

FOURTH QUARTER ASKINGS IN SUPPLY WORK

The fourth quarter askings for cash for Supply Work are to be used for the Home Department, says Mrs. H. J. Wise of Gib-

son, Conference secretary of Supply Work.

These funds should be sent to the district treasurer not later than April 30th.

Twelve home projects are included in the list. They are:

1. Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, Miss Margaret Hodgins, deaconess.
2. Bethlehem Center, Winston-Salem, Miss Marian B. Wooten, director.
3. Avery County Rural Work, Newland, Miss Virginia Miller, rural worker.
4. Greater Mount Airy Parish, Mount Airy, Miss Anita Benoy, rural worker.
5. Clay County Rural Work, Hayesville, Miss Laura Wells, rural worker.
6. Cherokee Methodist Church, Cherokee, Miss Vera Falls, deaconess.
7. Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, III, president.
8. Holston Valley Rural Work Project, Johnson City, Tenn., Miss Gladys Newcomb, director.
9. Brewster Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla., Jack H. Whittington, administrator.
10. Boylan Haven Mather Academy, Camden, S. C., Winston T. Williams, supt.
11. Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Miss., Dr. Felix A. Sutphin, president.
12. Yancey County Rural Work, Burnsville, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, rural worker.

Mrs. Wise has divided this list among the thirteen districts of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Wise also states that the most recent report of Supply Work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction places the W.N.C. Conference in first place in total giving to supply work (value of new materials and cash), with \$11,905.37 reported.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Annual Meetings Programs Announced

N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild
Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh

April 8-9, 1961

(Condensed)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 a.m. Registration, Carolina Hotel.
2:00 p.m. Opening session, sanctuary, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, presiding. Invocation and welcome, Dr. Howard P. Powell. Welcome, Mrs. Mae B. Pemberton, Mrs. C. F. Parrish; Meditation in Music, Philip Cartwright; address, "Our Widening Faith," Mrs. Hubert A. Davis. Break. "Our Mission Today," as seen through reports and recommendations of conference officers. Address, "Our

Faith at Work," Dr. Robert T. Osborn, professor Duke University Divinity School.

6:15 p.m. Banquet, Carolina Hotel.

8:15 p.m. (Church sanctuary.) Address: "Our Faith In a World Setting," Dr. Thor Hall, Dr. Ernest Sunderam, Crusade scholars; Pledge Service; Fellowship Hour.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m. Meditation, Mrs. Thomas A. Collins, Rocky Mount. Service of Holy Communion, Dr. Howard P. Powell, the Rev. Vernon C. Tyson, the Rev. Graham Eubank, Celebrants. Love offerings for Minga Baby Fold, Africa.

11:00 a.m. Worship service, host church, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, guest minister.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon, Carolina Hotel. Adjournment.

Condensed Program

ANNUAL MEETING NORTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE WSCS

Hayes-Barton Methodist Church
Raleigh, N. C.

April 11-13

Conference Theme: "The Faith That Compels Us"

MONDAY, APRIL 10

5:30 p.m. Dinner meeting enlarged executive committee, Occidental Life Insurance Building.

8:00 p.m. Service of Spiritual Preparation, sanctuary Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Mrs. R. L. Jerome, presiding, Mrs. J. C. Burwell, leader.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 a.m. Registration of delegates.

11:00 a.m. Opening session, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, presiding. Meditation, Mrs. R. L. Jerome. Greetings, report of Credentials Committee. Presentation of program. Appointment of committees. Reports, recording secretary, Mrs. H. W. Doub; vice-president, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn; treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen; chairman of Public Relations, Miss Mary Gardner; Literature and Publications, Mrs. Frank Hauser. Address, "New Frontiers of the Church," Mrs. Creighton Lacy.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon.

2:00 p.m. Address, "The Chinese Dispersion," Dr. Creighton Lacy. Reports: Children's Work, Mrs. J. S. Henninger; Youth Work, Miss Ethelynde Ballance; Student Work, Mrs. Taylor Long; Missionary Personnel, Miss Sarah McCracken; Director Methodist Student Center, Miss Mamie Chandler.

8:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion, the Rev. Paul Carruth, Dr. Howard P. Powell, the Rev. Graham Eubank, the Rev. N. W. Grant, and the Rev. A. F. Fisher, Celebrants.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

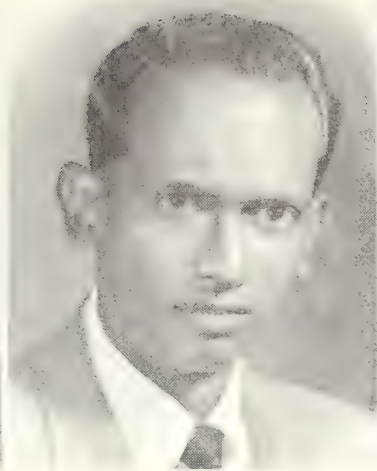
9:15 a.m. Meditation, Mrs. R. L. Jerome. Address, "Impressions of Pakistan," Dr. Creighton Lacy. Reports: Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. L. Jerome; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. T. H. Newbold. Presentation of Special Memberships; dedication of Annual Report. Message of president, "Our Heritage," Mrs. H. C. Turlington. Brief talks, former conference presidents.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon.

2:00 p.m. Reports: Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. C. H. Boyd; Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Harold Braswell; Supply Work, Mrs. L. S. Thompson; Wes-



DR. ROBERT OSBORN



DR. ERNEST SUNDERAM



MRS. THOMAS A. COLLINS



MRS. HUBERT DAVIS

leyan Service Guild, Mrs. Harriett Fralix; Rural Work, Miss Rebecca Modellmog, Miss Barbara Jean Smith. Address, "Significant Trends in the Church in Pakistan," the Rev. Anwar Bartak.

4:00 p.m. Tea, Governor's Mansion, Mrs. Terry Sanford, hostess.

8:00 p.m. Scripture and prayer, the Rev. Graham Eubank. Address, "New Frontiers of the Heart," Mrs. Creighton Lacy (illustrated with slides). Pledge service, Mrs. L. C. Vereen and district treasurers.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:15 a.m. Meditation, Mrs. R. L. Jerome. Preview of 1961 School of Missions, Mrs. Harold Braswell. Reports of Committees. Address, "Our Missions Today," Bishop Paul N. Garber. Congregational singing, "How Great Thou Art," Philip Cartwright, leader. Adjournment.

Each day time session of the Annual Meeting will feature special music by Philip Cartwright, of Milburn, N. J. Noted for his powerful bass-baritone voice and his ministry of music, Mr. Cartwright will make a vitally significant contribution to the spiritual tone of the meeting. The chancel choir of the host church, Mr. James Clyburn, organist and minister of music, will present special music at the evening sessions.

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LETTERS

No Sunday School Criminals

To the Editor:

Sunday schools do not make criminals. This is my observation across 72 years of life. If a criminal is found in a community where there are Sunday schools, it is almost always a certainty that he hasn't been a regular attendant of any Sunday school. Judges who have looked into the crimes of any country find that almost all of the criminals come from the class of people who are not brought up in Sunday school and church.

Sunday schools save from crime. Even if one had no other reason to attend Sunday school regularly than to be a law-abiding citizen, and to keep from crime and prison, this within itself would be worth all the time it takes to study a Bible lesson and be in a Sunday school class every Sabbath. However, Sunday school not only has a

great moralizing influence and effect, but the great majority of all who profess faith in Christ through sincere repentance come from our Sunday schools.

He who would be a real soul-winner would do much in that respect and great work by gathering into our Sunday schools the children, the youth, and even the men and women of the land. There are parents everywhere, children, young people, who never attend Sunday school. They drift about on Sunday, attend places of amusement, or pleasure resorts, or stay at home and look at the ungodly scenes on TV, or ride up and down the country without caring for Sunday school, the Bible and God. It is out of this vast class of people we see criminals behind the bars, or on the roads serving out sentences, or in the penitentiaries, or out dodging the law and the courts.

No, Sunday schools do not make criminals. Let this marvelous truth sink deep into your heart, mind and soul. Then, why not set out to work for the increase in numbers of your Sunday school? Get every child into it that you can, every youth, every parent, every man and woman. Try it; do it!

—WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Taylorsville, N. C.

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The Golden Calf of Egypt

For centuries it has been hoped that when the children of Israel left Egypt that they left their golden calf of false worship behind. It looks like someone has gone back and found this false god and brought it to Raleigh. Beer, wine, liquor, tobacco and soft drinks have become the sacred object of the legislative lobbyists. Are these lobbyists running our legislature? Did they elect our representatives, or did the people elect our representatives? I have been under the impression that the people send the representatives to Raleigh and that the representatives had better listen to the people instead of those self-interest groups.

It is bad when we think our luxuries are as necessary as our food. The liquor, wine, and beer interests have never been worthy of our trust, and they still are not.

Equalization of taxation is what everyone is in favor of but we should never set our luxuries on a false throne and call them sacred.

—ROBERT M. HARDEE

Troutman, N. C.

WSCS Tribute to Mrs. Berry

We, the members of the WSCS of Mount Harmony Methodist Church, Icard, N. C., wish to express our love and appreciation to the memory of Mrs. Gertrude Perry Berry who passed away February 27, 1961. Mrs. Berry was for sixty years a faithful member of the church, having served as a church school teacher for forty-five years. She was a charter member of the WSCS and held an honorary life membership.

Her devotion to the church and her joyful Christian spirit will have a lasting influence on those who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. Berry had a sincere love for her family, home and community. She will be greatly missed.

Her Christian witness and gentle smile has inspired us to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

—WSCS, Mount Harmony
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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Something New for Easter

Deborah S. Morrow

Alice and her mother, Mrs. Morgan, had been planning all week to go shopping on Saturday to get Alice a new Easter dress. Saturday morning found them in the department store at the counter where the ten-year-size dresses were shown. They finally decided on a lovely pink organdy with lace trimming. The saleslady said Alice looked like a fancy Easter egg. They stopped at the boys' counter to buy Jack, Alice's seven-year-old brother, a white shirt and bow tie. Then Mother said, "let's get Dad a bright neck tie, and then we'll all have something new. You know I've been saving my new spring hat for Easter."

After lunch that day Dad was stretched out on the sofa reading the paper, Mother was busy with some mending, and the two children were watching TV. At the end of the program it was announced that now they were going to show some Easter fashions. The family enjoyed watching the models showing the new styles.

"Mother," asked Alice as she turned off the TV, "why do people want to wear something new on Easter?" Mother thought for a minute, and then said, "I think it is because they want to show the world that they are very happy because Jesus is alive. You remember on Friday before that first Easter some people who did not understand and love Jesus had put Him to death. His friends were very sad, for they felt they had lost their best friend. One morning came, and then another—that glad Easter morning when Jesus' friends found that He was alive. Our Bible tells us that Jesus said, 'Lo, I am with you always.' Easter reminds us that even though we cannot see Jesus, He is alive and with us. That is why we want to wear something new and show our happiness on Easter."

Everyone was very quiet after Mother finished talking. Then Alice said, "It seems to me we should do more than just wear new clothes to show our happiness." "How do you mean?" asked Dad. "Why, do something for Jesus," replied Alice. "Our Bible tells us how to do something for Jesus, doesn't it?" asked Mother. "We all know the verse 'As you did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.'"

"How would we like to promise each other that we will do something to make someone happy every day between now and Easter?" Dad suggested. "It would be fun sharing what we have done at

the dinner table each night." "A good idea," said Jack, jumping up from the floor. "I'll go right now and see if I can run an errand for Mrs. Green who is still in a wheel chair." "That's fine," replied Mother, "you couldn't do better than to start right now."

What a happy time the Morgan family had those two weeks before Easter—each one looking for something he could do to make someone happy, and then talking about it at the dinner table. One day Jack told about coming home from school and seeing their neighbor, Mr. Miller, coming from the store with a heavy bag of groceries. Mr. Miller had had a heart attack and had to give up driving his car. "I brought the bag home for him," said Jack. "He said he was just about to give out." "It's things like that that really count," added Mother. "It made me feel good, too," said Jack.

One day Alice baby-sat for Mrs. Carr so she could go shopping. Dad came in one evening just bursting to tell what he had done that day. "I was out on Fourth Street this morning, and found myself near my old friend Sam Slate's house. I remembered he had been sick for a couple of weeks, so I stopped to make him a visit. He was real glad to see me, and when I left he told me he felt like a new man." Then Dad added, almost in a whisper, "Thank you, God, for helping me to remember."

Mother liked best what she did for the Baker family. They had a new baby, and Mrs. Baker had very little time for the other four children. When Mother dyed Easter eggs for Alice and Jack she colored an extra basketful for the Baker children. "I wish you all could have seen the children when they uncovered the basket!" said Mother, with a smile.

Easter morning came, a beautiful sunny day. The Morgan family hustled about getting ready for Sunday school and church. As they sat down to breakfast all dressed in their Easter clothes, Dad said, "My, this is a starry-eyed family this morning. I wonder why?"

"It's because we're so happy inside," exclaimed Alice. "And it's not just because we are wearing something new," added Jack. "No, it's because we have found the best way to celebrate Easter," said Dad.

"It's Easter Day! It's Easter Day! Jesus lives to love us, guide us, teach us," sang Mother to a little tune all her own.

Then they all bowed their heads while Dad returned thanks with a blessing

different from the one he usually prayed: "God giveth us richly all things to enjoy. This morning we thank you, God for your best gift, Jesus, our Friend Amen."

A Soldier's Confession

"Do you have a last request, Sir?"

The soldier might have said
As he watched another place
A crown of thorns on Jesus' head.

"There's not much I can do for you.
The soldiers, you can see,
Were placed in charge of killing you.
Dear Lord, please pity me!

"You surely are the King of the Jews,
The long-awaited One—
For the soldiers speak in whispered tones,
And tremble at what they've done.

"I know your time is near, dear Christ,
And I'll leave you with the Lord.
Just remember this poor soldier's love,
And how he the Christ adored."

—By GAIL BRADSHAW, Age 16
Roanoke, Rapids, N. C.

The Sixth Commandment

Exodus 20:13

"Thou shalt not kill."

Because God created all living things, He placed a value on life, and a very high value on the life of man whom He created in His own image. But sometimes this special creature of God didn't think the life of his fellowman was as valuable as God did, and in times of anger or jealousy he didn't hesitate to kill and destroy human life. God looked from heaven upon a great deal of this, and it grieved His heart, and so among the great Commandments that He gave to the people was this one, "Thou shalt not kill."

Sad to say, people continue to kill each other. But God's law is as firm as ever, and man cannot break it. Through his disobedience he simply breaks himself on the unbreakable Commandment, and has to suffer the penalty for his sin.

God has a wonderful purpose for every human being that He creates, and no one has a right to deprive him of the opportunity to live.

Bible Quiz

1. What animal did Jesus ride on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem?—
2. What name is given to the last meal which Jesus had with His disciples?—
3. Where did Jesus go to pray after this meal was over?—
4. In whose tomb was Jesus' body placed after the Crucifixion?—
5. Who was the first to see Jesus after His resurrection?—

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. One Window Genesis 6:16
2. The Nile River
3. The Dead Sea (or Salt Sea)
4. The Wall of Jericho Joshua 6:12-20
5. The Queen of Sheba I Kings 12:1-2

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 9

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

THE SOURCE OF TRUE WISDOM

Background Scripture: Job 28:12-28;
Proverbs 1:2-7; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14;
James 1:1-8

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 1:2-7;
Job 28:20-28

Our lessons for this entire quarter will deal with Biblical wisdom and its relation to the problems of life and conduct. The first unit (April 9-May 7) will have as its theme "God, the Source of True Wisdom."

The pursuit and teaching of wisdom was one that occupied many of the ancient Hebrews, and indeed men of other nations as well. The sage differed from the prophet in many ways, the chief difference being that the prophet was often a man with a burning message of reform. He was out to change things if he could. If he were not successful in getting men to repent and reform then he must declare that God's judgment upon them was inevitable. The sage, on the other hand, had a cooler view of life. By long reflection upon the ways of God and man he had come to feel he had discovered the answers to some of life's major questions. Often the results of their prolonged meditation and study was the creation of proverbs, parables, figures of speech and even riddles.

A phrase that recurs more often than any other in the literature of wisdom is this: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Thus the reflections of the Hebrew sage had their roots in religion and the religious view of life. At the same time the sayings of the wise may be said to be "earth-bound" in that they dealt with many of the practical problems of life. Certainly it would be fair to say that the religious teachings of the wisdom writings are of an uneven quality, some being much more oriented to the spiritual life than others. This fact can be demonstrated easily by reading at various places in the Book of Proverbs.

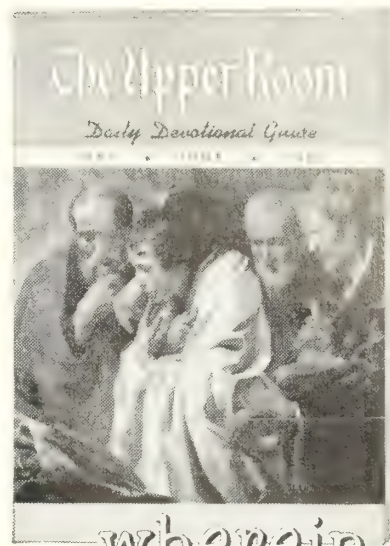
The first part of our lesson scripture sets forth the purpose of the Book of Proverbs "that men may know wisdom and instruction." "They are to receive guidance in righteousness, justice and equity." Not only are the "simple" to receive help, but the "wise man may also hear and increase in learning." By contrast with these, "fools despise wisdom and instruction." This is but another way of saying that the person who thinks he knows all the answers has already put himself into the classification of fools. They are to be found not only in our colleges and universities but also in the world of business and politics.

The second part of our lesson scripture, which is taken from the Book of Job, has

more to say to us than the section from Proverbs. It answers the question regarding the origin of wisdom. It is this: "God understands the way to it . . . he established it . . . the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." True wisdom is to be found, not in the accumulation of knowledge, but in the mastery of the art of life. The writer recalls a conference of students in which the speaker was a distinguished professor from one of our American universities. This man's native country was India. During the discussion that followed a student said to the speaker: "Isn't it true that a very large number of the people of your country are illiterate?" The professor answered: "Yes, it is true that they can't read and write; but that doesn't mean they are ignorant!" What he meant to suggest was that a great part of the culture of his native land consisted of directions for the conduct of life and the appreciation of worship which were handed down from father to son by oral tradition.

Knowledge comes and goes. The statistics that are accurate today are out of date tomorrow. But wisdom is an abiding quality of life. A man's head may be full of facts and yet he may act like a fool. Even King Solomon, who had a great reputation for knowledge, alienated the affections of his people by over-taxation and reckless expenditures upon the luxuries of his palace. His son Jehoboam turned out to be a spoiled brat who would listen to no one except the playboy companions of the royal court. His rashness forced a division of the Kingdom which had long lasting evil consequences for the Hebrew people.

As we proceed into this quarter's study let us remember this basic fact: *Knowledge and wisdom are not the same thing!*



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Lakeland, Fla.—A young Methodist missionary to Argentina has voiced a hearty "Amen" to President Kennedy's proposal of a joint U. S.-Latin America plan to raise living and social standards.

"This is a real step in the right direction," said the Rev. Lloyd Knox of Tampa, Fla., who is due to leave shortly for his new assignment in Lomas de Zamora, Argentina.

He and Mrs. Knox, a registered nurse and also a missionary, are visiting relatives here. They are home on furlough after serving three years in Cuba.

"The United States needs to devote more effort to helping our Latin American neighbors, and I believe they will accept President Kennedy's ten-year plan," the Rev. Mr. Knox said. "This may well be an historic milestone in their democratic progress." Much will depend upon our willingness to understand the problems and personalities of the people we seek to retain as friends, he observed.

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Edenton Street Methodist Church Raleigh, In Sesquicentennial Celebration
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★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

☛ ASBURY CHURCH, Route 3, Lincolnton, Rev. Grady N. Dulin, pastor, received 17 new members on Palm Sunday, making a total of 29 for the year thus far.

☛ REV. WORTH SWEET, pastor of Jordan Memorial Church, Ramseur, assisted Rev. Ron L. Hall in revival services at Central Falls Church last week.

☛ DR. LEE TUTTLE assisted the Rev. E. O. Peeler, Jr., in revival services at Bunker Hill Methodist Church, near Kernersville, March 26-31.

☛ REV. VAUDRY WILLIAMS, pastor of Randleman Circuit, is preaching in revival services at the Sandy Ridge Methodist Church April 2-7. Rev. E. O. Peeler, Jr., is the pastor at Sandy Ridge.

☛ REV. AND MRS. CAMERON DODSON of 802 North Main Street, Mocksville, have adopted a four-months-old son, Timothy Mark. Mr. Dodson is pastor of the Mocksville Circuit.

☛ REV. ALISON SIMONTON, JR., pastor of Glendale Heights Church, Durham, preached in revival services with the Rev. A. S. Parker at Carrboro March 19-24. Reports are that it was a good meeting. Eight persons were received on profession of faith, four babies were baptized.

☛ ACCORDING TO *The Henderson Daily Dispatch*, some of the largest congregations the church has ever had attended services at First Methodist Church, Henderson, during Holy Week services the past week. Even on Monday night the sanctuary was filled and overflowed into the balcony. Rev. Warren Petteway, pastor, preached through the week.

☛ THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Saxapahaw Methodist Church sang for the first time on Palm Sunday. The choir was organized as a result of the workshop on church music held in Durham in February. Those who are responsible for organizing the choir and are giving leadership to it are Mrs. Ben Bulla, Mrs. R. A. Stanford, Jr., Mrs. Ben Jordan, Jr., and Mrs. J. D. Aycock.

☛ WATHA METHODIST CHURCH, Burgaw Charge, has just closed a very successful revival in which Rev. C. C. Phillips, of New Mount Vernon-Shady Grove Charge, Winston-Salem, did the preaching. The church was greatly revived and more interest is being manifested in the program. Mr. Phillips is a graduate of Asbury College, and an experienced evangelist. Rev. Franklin Grill is pastor of the Watha Church.

☛ REV. JACK PAGE, minister of the Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville, will be the preacher in the week-long series of evangelistic services to be held at the Page Memorial Methodist Church in Biscoe April 9th through the 14th. Mr. Page formerly served the Biscoe church, as well as Candor and Star, during the years of World War II—1939-1944. The Rev. James G. White, Jr., is present pastor of the church.

☛ THE REV. J. C. REICHARD, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, is this week preaching in revival services at Landers Chapel Methodist Church, Route 4, Lincolnton. Rev. D. D. Broome is pastor.

☛ DR. A. J. HOBBS, superintendent of New Bern District, will be the preacher for the April 9 service in sesquicentennial observance at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. Dr. Hobbs is a former pastor at Edenton Street.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Atlantic Methodist Church April 16-21, with services being held at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Ben O. Merritt will be the preacher for the week, and the pastor, Rev. H. F. Pollock, will be in charge of the music. Wednesday is to be Youth Night.

☛ THE REV. J. B. HURLEY of Apex, will conduct revival services at Coats Methodist Church the week of April 16 through 21. The services will begin nightly at 7:30 o'clock. The Coats Church was organized in 1952 with funds from the Ten Dollar Club and now has a total membership of 88.

☛ FIRST CHURCH, Hamlet, had an overflow congregation of 481 for the morning service on Palm Sunday; 145 for the evening service. Received 36 new members—32 on profession of faith; dedicated three babies in holy baptism; had 455 in Sunday school; and had two inspiring MYF programs. Rev. J. D. A. Autry is pastor.

☛ A SCHOLARSHIP FUND to be established at Methodist College, Fayetteville, in memory of Mr. Alson K. McAdams, father of Rev. Charles McAdams, director of public relations and development of the college, has been set up by the Haymount Methodist Church, of which Charles McAdams is a member. Several persons have already made contributions to this fund.

☛ THE EDITOR and his wife were delighted to have as visitors last Wednesday six ladies from the Sunset Park Church, Wilmington, his last pastorate served prior to becoming connected with the *ADVOCATE*. Those spending the day with their former pastor and his wife were: Mrs. S. O. Floyd, Mrs. H. F. Clardy, Mrs. O. B. Kuhn, Mrs. Clayton Horne, Mrs. Willie Jones, Mrs. Frances Lewis. It was a delightful experience to have them as guests, and to recall some of the pleasant times of fellowship formerly enjoyed.

☛ A TEAM of young students from Pfeiffer College participated in services at Union Chapel Church, Albemarle Circuit, the week-end of March 26. They were under the direction of Guy Kent, pre-ministerial student. They met with the young people of the church Saturday evening in discussion groups, were served supper by the WSCS, Sunday morning seven members of the team taught Sunday school classes, and at the 11:00 o'clock worship service Rick Neal, a pre-ministerial student, preached. Rev. Bruce Nelson is pastor.

☛ The official board of the Friendship Church of the Fallston-Clover Hill charge, Gastonia District, has voted to become a full-time appointment at the next Annual Conference in June.

☛ Revival services will be held at the Pleasant Grove Church, Charlotte, April 16-21 at 7:30 each evening. Rev. Bernard Fitzgerald, pastor of Mouzon church will assist the pastor, Rev. H. R. Jordan in these services.

☛ Revival services will be conducted at City Road Methodist Church in Elizabeth City April 16-21 with Rev. L. C. Vereen of Asbury Methodist Church, Durham preaching each evening at 7:30. Rev. C. G. Nickens is pastor.

☛ An offering of \$2,345.75 was received by the Black Mountain Methodist church on Palm Sunday, to be added to the Building Fund. The church is now in the process of completing plans for the construction of the new building. Rev. J. L. McWhorter is pastor.

☛ WEST MARKET STREET Church, Greensboro, is now perfecting plans for the financial campaign to raise \$750,000 for its new educational building. Rev. Rollin Gibbs, director of finance and field service of the Board of Missions, is working with the church in these plans. It is hoped to complete the campaign and be ready to accept bids by around May 1.

☛ The Rev. Robert L. Jerome, District Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, and former pastor of First Church, will preach at both the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock services on Sunday morning, April 9. The 8:30 a. m. service will initiate the summer program of early morning worship. This program will run until October and there will be no further Sunday evening services until then. The early morning worship will be held in the Chapel.

☛ Rev. Paul Browning, pastor of Sunset Park Methodist Church, Wilmington, recently conducted a "Four Nights For God" visitation program, which preceded the revival meeting held the following week. Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference secretary of evangelism assisted in directing the visitation program and also preached through the revival services. Seventeen new members were received into the membership, and there were several rededications.

☛ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon brought messages of inspiration to the congregations attending West Market Street Church, Greensboro, as he preached Sunday through Thursday during Holy Week. On Thursday evening a beautiful and meaningful communion service was conducted by the ministers and choir for a large group of worshippers, and on Friday afternoon a three-hour service was participated in by several ministers of the city. The climax of course was the great Easter Sunday services attended by large congregations as they commemorated the resurrection of the Lord.

☛ Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, will be guest preacher during the revival services at First Methodist church, Belmont, April 16-20. Rev. E. H. Lowman is pastor.

☛ Pleasant Grove Church, Charlotte, will hold Open House at the new parsonage Sunday, April 9, from 2:00 till 5:00 p. m. The new parsonage is located at 105 Ravendale Drive. Rev. H. R. Jordan is the pastor.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES are being held this week at Harris Chapel church, in the Dabney community of Vance county. Rev. John Blue, pastor at Princeton, is the visiting preacher. Rev. Johnny Lewis is pastor.

☛ Rev. Harold Robinson, pastor of First Methodist church, Salisbury, will preach in revival services at Central Methodist Church, Spencer, April 9-14. Services will be held at 7:30 each evening. Rev. R. L. Young is pastor.

☛ Union Chapel Church, near Henderson began revival services last Sunday evening and will continue through the week, with Rev. W. Robert Frost of Denton preaching each evening at 7:45. Rev. Carl Calloway is pastor.

☛ Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, pastor of Central Methodist church, Shelby, will preach in revival services at Hoyle Memorial Church, Shelby, beginning Sunday evening, April 9 and running through Friday evening. Rev. Kelly C. Brendle is pastor.

☛ Gilburg Methodist Church, near Henderson, began its revival services last Sunday and will continue through Friday night April 7. The Rev. Wade A. Mullikin, pastor of Nash Circuit at Spring Hope will be guest minister, assisting the pastor Rev. Donald F. Funderburk.

☛ Dedication of the education building and parsonage of First Methodist church, Belmont, will be held May 7, under the direction of Dr. Eugene C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District. He will also conduct the Fourth Quarterly Conference. The two buildings were erected during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph R. Bogle at a cost of approximately \$100,000. Rev. E. H. Lowman is present pastor.

☛ The Editor had the privilege of preaching for Rev. Robert F. Nay on Easter Sunday morning. The 10:00 o'clock service was held at Bond's Grove, where a splendid congregation was present. Certificates of baptism were also presented to parents of two children who had been baptized recently. The 11:00 service was at Union church on the same charge. A good congregation was present also at this service. Rev. Mr. Nay, who has been under surgery recently, was present and conducted the service. He is much improved, but will return to the hospital in a few days for further treatment. After sermon the pastor conducted a ground-breaking ceremony for the new educational building, which is to be erected at the rear of the present building. Work is expected to begin soon.

☛ The Methodist Men of the Leaksville-Spray-Draper Methodist churches held their second joint meeting of the year on April 4 at the Leaksville church. Dr. Ben Smith, retired superintendent of Greensboro city schools was the featured speaker.

☛ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Bethel Methodist Church beginning Sunday night, April 9, at 7:30. Services will be held each night through Friday night, April 14. The Rev. Robert F. Moore, pastor of the Carthage Methodist Church at Carthage, N. C., will be the revival speaker. The Rev. Thomas R. Conway is the pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, Cobb circuit.

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Bethel Church, Cobb Circuit Conducts Study Course

The WSCS of Bethel Church, on the Cobb Circuit, presented a study course Monday night, February 20, at the church. Mrs. Ira Brackin Dameron was in charge. Mrs. Warren W. Bishop, wife of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Bishop, of the Yanceyville Charge, gave the very inspiring talk using the text, "Basic Christian Beliefs." The Lelia Gatewood Circle of the church was in charge of decoration and refreshments.

The other two churches on the charge, Locust Hill and Shady Grove, were invited and also the Pelham-Hickory Grove Circuit. There were forty-nine ladies present.

The WSCS attended a study course on March 22 at Locust Hill, using the theme, "Heritage and Horizons in Home Missions." Another course was held March 29th at Bethel. The topic was "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility."

Evangelistic Emphasis On Pinnacle Charge

A three-weeks' evangelistic emphasis is planned for Pinnacle Charge in April.

The week of April 9th the Rev. Earl K. Gibson will bring the messages at Zion Church.

The week beginning April 16th Dr. John R. Church will preach at the Pinnacle Church.

The week beginning April 23rd the Rev. Earl K. Gibson will preach at Chestnut Grove.

The Rev. H. W. Hudspeth is pastor.

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Notice to Pastors

The six-minute recording, "A Message to All Methodists: The Bishops' Appeal for Africa," which was mailed recently to all pastors may not be used on radio and TV broadcasts. Mr. Walter Cronkite, the narrator, is under CBS contract, and it is against company policy to have him appear in other than regularly scheduled broadcasts.

However, the hymn, "A Plea for Africa," sung by the Ambassadors Quartet, which appears as a "spot" on side "A" of the recording, may be used in radio broadcasts. *Commission on Promotion and Cultivation*

*Of the Methodist Church
By Oscar L. Simpson*

Age Longs For Expression

*By S. L. MORGAN, SR.
Wake Forest, N. C.*

I can never forget the grand old man of 88, deaf and almost blind, and his longing for "one more word." I was a visitor in the community and heard about him and his wife of the same age, both of them almost helpless. I found him lying on his bed, and I put my lips near his face and talked a few words, and shouted a tiny prayer into his ear, and left. He got up, followed me to the door, just to say one more word. Cut off from others, he longed for expression.

This old man dramatized age's longing for expression. I talk out of my own experience in my 90th year. All my life I've felt bound to talk out each new problem or new experience with someone who, I believed, deeply cared. Through my teen-age years it was my mother. Then for many years it was my brother (we went through public school, through college and seminary, in the same classes). Then through 45 years it was my wife, until she broke lately and entered an institution, leaving me desolate. One is not normal who lacks the urge to talk out to someone what burns within for expression.

I dare to talk of myself, for I am not far different from other old people. And I am a crusader for them. I read, I think in the night, and my mind grapples with the problems and dangers that threaten our nation, our civilization, our planet, and my heart longs to discuss with someone a possible way out. A fire burns within, and must have an outlet. I long to talk out how I feel into an understanding ear. Pent up, it pains me.

I'd gladly accept an invitation any time to drive 50 miles with any congenial soul just to talk out what is within, and to exchange ideas. If only others knew this longing in old people! Lately I drove 500 miles from Georgia with a congenial couple, who drew the best out of me. I talked most of the 12 hours—a grand release of pent-up desire for expression.

My appeal: Our nation has 16 million old people above the retirement age of 65. Most of them are isolated, and just like me in their yearning for fellowship—if only to talk out their problems, their burdens, their yearnings, their aspirations for something better than they have yet attained. Every church, every church group, every club, every individual should face this problem of loneliness in the increasing multitude of lonely old people, and plan definitely to do something about it.

That was the lesson forced on my attention by the "grand old man of 88."

Revival Services Planned at Mount Mourn

Revival services will be held at the Fair View Methodist church in Mount Mourn the week of April 9-14. The Rev. Thad McDonald, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Mooresville will preach each evening, Monday through Friday, at 7:30. The services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Don Beatty. Both the pastor and the members of the Fair View Methodist church extend a cordial invitation to all the members of the community to participate in these services.

EDITORIALS

Mr. Khrushchev Is In For A Disappointment

According to news reports coming out of Moscow Premier Nikita Khrushchev told the Soviet people on March 21 that Russia is overtaking the United States, but cannot rest until the world is under the flag of communism. He was speaking over a nationwide radio hookup from the city of Alma Ata, capital of the pioneer agricultural Republic of Kazakhstan. He urged the people to work for new industrial and agricultural triumphs in fields ranging from tent-making to corn production. We do not take issue with him for wanting to see the country advance in the development of its resources. That is a natural and understandable ambition of any nation. But when he vows to place the world under communist domination, that becomes another matter. "We are happy," said the premier, "when we build communism (here in Russia) but that is not enough. We shall be happy when people of all countries stand under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and the communist banner flies over the whole planet." For loyal Americans "them's fightin' words." They challenge us to rise up in righteous resentment. We have no intention of living under the domination of a godless, heartless communistic philosophy which tries to rule God out of His universe and tell its people they can lift themselves by their own bootstraps. Common sense as well as the lessons of history teach us otherwise. Russia and premier Khrushchev have proven many times and in many ways that they cannot be trusted. Had it not been for the help given by the allied forces during world war two in furnishing men, machines, and materials, the Germans probably would have landed in Moscow. But once Russia was recognized by the major powers her head began to swell and she turned to bite the hand that helped her. In 1959 Khrushchev was invited to visit the United States, with the understanding that our President would receive a like invitation to visit the Soviet Union. This was supposed to be an effort to lessen tension between the two countries. Mr. Khrushchev accepted the invitation, came to America and was shown every courtesy. He was escorted from one side of this country to the other and made speeches to the assembled audiences. He evidently was interested in picking up all available information that he could use to advance his cause. Then, as the time drew nearer for Presi-

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink, with him after he rose from the dead."—Acts 10:40, 41.

dent Eisenhower to visit the Soviet Union, in desperation Mr. Khrushchev finally laid hold of an excuse to withdraw the invitation to the President, and to hurl all sorts of insults filled with invectives against the President and the American people. He got what he wanted, then failed to carry through with his promise. Americans have no confidence in Khrushchev and his communism. His latest expression should be a challenge to every liberty-loving Christian to withstand any attempt to infiltrate our people with his atheistic philosophy of life. It is a matter of God or greed; Christ or communism; American idealism or Atheistic imperialism. The words of the Psalmist are fraught with meaning: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May it always be so in the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

After Easter, What?

Now that Easter has again been observed, special services of worship conducted through Holy Week, new members received into the church, large offerings received for special purposes, and emphasis given in other ways, the question arises, "What now?" Shall we let up in our spiritual endeavors, feeling we have sufficiently acquitted ourselves by observing the Holy Season? Jesus said, "Because I live ye shall live also." "I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." The Easter season comes in the spring of the year, when all nature is budding forth into new life. That which has lain dormant and listless, and to all appearance lifeless during the cold, drab months of winter season now gives evidence of renewal, the buds begin to swell and eventually burst open, developing leaves and producing fruit by which man is sustained and physical life is made possible. Something of that same analogy should be applied to spiritual things. This time, of all times, furnishes an opportunity and a challenge to demonstrate the fact that we have been reborn and become reactivated. From now on the church should be vigorous and the individual more alert in rendering that service and supporting

those causes which have as their goal the redemption of mankind. The fields are truly white unto harvest, and whether or not we realize the desired results will depend upon the depth of our consecration as we go forth from this season of renewal. This is no time to coast along, but a time to redouble our efforts. From now until the annual conference should be the most productive period that we experience during the year in winning people to the Christ and the church and in getting other things done. Our hope of life eternal should find expression in a more consecrated, a more active, and a more productive life in the present.

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First Church, Rockingham Dedicates New Chimes

A special service of dedication was held at First Methodist Church, Rockingham, at the close of the morning worship service on March 19, at which time the newly installed Norton automatic player chimes were dedicated by the pastor, Rev. J. V. Early. The chimes were given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Covington, Sr., and were dedicated in loving memory of Mr. Leake S. Covington, Mrs. Hannah C. Entwistle, and Misses Maye S., Faith L., and Elma G. Covington. The presentation was made by John W. Covington, Jr., and Milford F. Grantham accepted them for the congregation. The new chimes will not affect the use of the old ones which are played by the organist from the console. The new ones will play two stanzas of two hymns at noon and at 6:00 p.m. daily, and prior to each service on Sunday. The congregation of First Church is grateful for the generous gift made to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Covington. The entire community will profit by the inspiration of them for years to come.

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Raleigh's Oldest Methodist Church Celebrates Sesquicentennial

By MARY GARDNER

Upon a busy street corner in downtown Raleigh stands a church with its lighted steeple looking heavenward and reflecting the cross atop. A church with its carillon bells pealing the great hymns of the church three times daily, and calling people in all walks of life to thoughts of God. A church with a potential of immeasurable spiritual powers.

Rich in history and tradition and strong in membership, Edenton Street Methodist Church has experienced 150 years of material and spiritual growth.

Methodism began in Raleigh in 1800 as a result of the preaching in the State House of Bishop Francis Asbury, known as the Prophet of the Long Road, and the first bishop to be ordained in the Methodist Church. The first Methodist church building was erected in 1805 or 1806. Constructed of hewn logs and located on what is now the 300 block of N. Blount Street, it was known as Asbury's Meeting Place.

Raleigh Circuit was formed at the Annual Conference in New Bern, February 2, 1807, and Christopher Moring was appointed in charge, with Gray Williams as helper. The population of Raleigh, according to census taken March 23, 1807, was 85 families.

The Raleigh District was formed in 1810 and on February 7, 1811 the Annual Conference met in Raleigh for the first time, with Bishop Asbury presiding. According to Tipple's Comments, the sessions were held in the Senate Chamber of the State House. Preaching services were held in the House of Representatives. Concerning the Conference, destined to be one of the great milestones of North Carolina Methodism, Bishop Asbury wrote in his journal: "Sabbath, the 11th, I preached in the State House to 2,000 souls, I presume . . . An old-time revival broke out . . . We have had and mean to have, while Conference is in session, preaching three times a day; meeting sometimes holds until midnight." It was said that Raleigh had never witnessed the like before.

One of the first actions following the Conference in 1810 was the erection in 1811 of a House of Worship. It was built on the site of the present Edenton Street Methodist Church and former parsonage on land donated by Wiley Jones, a colorful figure in N. C. history. A fact which is amusing today is that when the church was built the only objection voiced was that it was too far from the center of town.

In 1812 the membership, reported for the first time, was 32 whites and 44 Negroes. The membership today, as of March 26 this year, is 3,006. It is significant that on that Palm Sunday 64 children and youth united with the church, representing the largest number ever to be received into its membership at one time.

The first building erected following the 1810 conference, a frame structure, was destroyed by fire in 1839. A new brick building was completed in 1841. The third

building, begun in 1881, was dedicated in 1887 by Bishop W. W. Duncan.

The succeeding years of growth in membership and attendance ultimately made necessary an enlarging and remodeling program for the church. Subsequently, after having worshiped in the Ambassador Theatre for nine months, the Edenton Street congregation returned to its church home to find an enlarged and more beautifully worshipful sanctuary.

On July 28, 1956, the entire city and surrounding areas, as well as far beyond, were shocked by the tragic fire which struck Edenton Street Methodist Church, resulting from lightning bolt which hit the cross-tipped steeple during a severe thunderstorm. The entire building, with exception of the new addition, built in 1951, was destroyed.

The great day of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the church's membership came on Sunday, February 2, 1958, when they worshiped for the first time in their new sanctuary.

Edenton Street Methodist Church has become world-wide in its vision and ministry. Over the decades she has given of her members, financial aid and moral support to the organization of a number of new Methodist churches in Raleigh and surrounding areas. Since 1831, when she gave her pastor, Melville Cox, to the mission field in Africa, her support of missionaries has gone into other fields, including Korea, Belgium, Chile, Algeria, and Tunesia. No early record has been found of men going out from Edenton Street Church into the ministry. During the later years, however, the list includes the Rev. John William Garrison, now a missionary in Brazil; the Rev. Joseph Bostick, the Rev. Henry Ruark, the Rev. Eastwood Atwater, the Rev. Jack Crum, the Rev. Robert Wood, Rev. David Williams, the Rev. Jack Hunter, the Rev. Repton Merriitt, the Rev. R. F. Munns, the Rev. William D. Moore, and the Rev. Charles K. McAdams. Also, three women: Misses Mary Pescud, Frances Burkhead, and Mildred Hudgins, have gone out from Edenton Street Church to serve in foreign mission fields.

A retrospective look into the roster of pastors serving Edenton Street Methodist Church reveals a total of 69 pastors and 14 associate ministers. Dr. Howard P. Powell is currently serving his 14th year as the church's pastor, with the Rev. Vernon C. Tyson as the associate pastor. Other members of the church staff are Robert Garrison, business manager; Robert T. Bedle, minister music-education; Mrs. William D. Miller, organist; Mrs. Edward Anderson, church secretary; Mrs. William V. Young, staff secretary; Keith Nickelson, building superintendent; Oris Harris, janitor, and Mrs. Helen Fellers, maid.

Today the church is advancing on all lines of Christian endeavors. Fully organized to promote the denomination's total program, her ministry also includes the staff

and children at the Methodist Home for Children.

An attempt to pay tribute to the entire roster of the long line of loyal, consecrated men and women who through these 150 years have given of their time, talents, and means to the cause of Christ through Edenton Street Methodist Church would be an impossible task here. One may well wonder what the church would be like today had they not lived and served her. They and those sacrificially serving her today have made her ministry rich and full. They have accepted the challenge of the beloved hymn of the church to "rise up and make her great."

The one hundred and fifty years of long and fruitful ministry of Edenton Street Methodist Church have incited the commemoration this year of her sesquicentennial. Following several months of planning and preparation by a sesquicentennial committee, headed by Charles H. Young, the official observance was launched at the eleven o'clock worship service on February 26, with a sermon by Bishop Paul N. Garber, and a former pastor, Dr. F. S. Love, also participating in the service. The Rev. Graham S. Eubank, superintendent of the Raleigh District; Dr. Eugene C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District, the latter two former pastors of the Edenton Street Church, were guest ministers on March 12, March 19, and April 9, respectively.

During the week of April 30-May 7, the church will have other guest ministers of note. They are Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., April 30; Dr. Ralph Sockman, minister, Christ Methodist Church, New York City, May 2; Dr. Charles Goff, Chicago, Ill., May 3; Dr. James T. Cleland, Duke University Divinity School, May 4; Dr. Robert Goodrich, Dallas, Texas, May 7. All services are at 7:30 p.m., with exception of the Sunday morning services on April 30 and May 7. The Duke University chapel choir, the Pfeiffer College male chorus and chancel choir, and the High Point College concert choir will present special music at the evening services on May 2, 3, and 4. Methodists and other interested persons throughout the conference and elsewhere are invited to all services of the sesquicentennial observance.

An added feature of the commemoration is the publication of an attractively-bound memorial book, "Edenton Street in Methodism, 1811-1961." Expected to be off the press by April 15, its contents include, among other features, a history of the church, and a wealth of information in words and pictures of her various organizations and activities.

There she stands—Edenton Street Methodist Church! Her people worship God each Sunday in the atmosphere of her sacred and worshipful sanctuary. They kneel at her altar seeking forgiveness of sins, peace of mind and soul, and guidance for the facing of life's problems. Many of her folk spend countless hours in loving and sacrificial service of their church. May God grant that none shall ever seek solace within her portals in vain; that her people shall continuously move forward with thankful hearts, "like a mighty army . . . one in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

Planning for Christian Education During Summer Vacation Months

By CARL H. KING

SEVEN DISTRICT SESSIONS

District Conferences on Christian education to interpret materials and summer program to local church leaders will be held as follows:

Vacation Church School Materials Interpreted for Vacation School Teachers

Any person elected to teach in vacation church schools will be benefited by participation in these sessions planned for kindergarten, primary, junior, and junior high groups. Attendance in person is necessary for best results. Texts to be used will be on sale and will be discussed in the meeting. There will be no printed or mimeographed material to be mailed to persons who do not participate in the discussions. Thinking together is helpful. Group planning is necessary for good educational procedure. They covet the presence of teachers who want to do better teaching during the summer vacation period.

Administering the Summer Program. For Persons in Administrative Positions

This new feature led by Louise Robinson and others should prove helpful to directors of vacation schools, directors of junior day camping, superintendents of the children's division, secretaries of children's work in the WSCS, pastors, directors and chairmen of the Commission on Education. This workshop will be devoted to The Summer Program for Children: For Administrators: Persons in administrative positions in Children's work should attend. Teachers should attend other sessions planned for teachers.

Summer Activities for Junior Highs (Formerly called Intermediates)

This session will be led by Thomas S. Lee, Jr., conference director of junior high work. Discussions will deal mainly with activities for junior high boys and girls during the summer months, but will also be helpful to persons who teach these groups on Sunday throughout the year. Persons especially invited are teachers for the vacation school unit, the director of the Christian Adventure Week program for the local church, counselors who help to select campers for Camp Tekoa, and persons responsible for other local church or district camping activities.

Summer Activities: Seniors and Older Youth

Youth Activities Week; Conference youth program; older youth trail hike; selection of delegates to Senior Officers Workshop and Senior Christian Faith and Action Assembly at Junaluska, will be discussed. Teachers, counselors, directors who work with seniors and older youth and superintendents of the youth division should attend. This workshop will be led by Mrs. Carl King.

Young Adults in the Church

Leaders and interested members of the Young Adult groups are invited to this discussion. Attendance, program and registra-

tion for the young adult assembly at Junaluska will be considered. The year round activities of young adult classes and departments will be in the picture. Paul H. Duckwall will lead this session and is eager to have presidents and teachers of young adult classes, conference young adult officers, young adult subdistrict officers and district directors of adult work.

Ministers and Directors

Ministers, directors, district directors, secretaries of children's work and of youth work, chairmen of Commission on Education, church school superintendents are invited to the group of their own choice. All people who carry responsibilities of leadership in Christian education should take advantage of one or more of these presentations.

Directors of Christian Education Available in June or September

The conference executive secretary is in a position to assist any church interested in employing an experienced and well prepared director of Christian education. Two of our girls are available in June when they complete graduate study at Boston University.

Another girl and a boy will be available in the summer when they complete their studies at Candler School of Theology at Emory. Call or write Carl King for further information.

Rev. J. W. Bradley Dies In Eighty-Ninth Year

The Rev. James William Bradley, who at 89 was the oldest member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, died March 28 in the Glenwood Hills Nursing Home, Raleigh, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held at Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, Thursday, March 30.

A native of McDowell County, the Rev. Mr. Bradley was educated at Weaverville College and in 1899 was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference at Concord.

The following year he transferred to the Eastern Conference and was ordained an elder at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, in 1904. During the next 45 years, he served the following churches: Ball's Creek, Troy; Rowland, Raeford, Lumberton, Hookerton, Elizabeth City, West Durham, Roxboro, Siler City, Fairmont, Jonesboro Heights, Zebulon and Princeton.

He retired in 1944.

He is survived by two children, J. W. Bradley of Raleigh and Mrs. John Cameron of Falls Church, Va.; and two brothers, George Bradley of Forest City and Vernon Bradley of Old Fort.

An interesting observation is the fact that Rev. Mr. Bradley and the Rev. S. A. Barnes, who died last week, were the last two members of the North Carolina Annual Conference who joined the conference before the beginning of this century.

Board of Evangelism Meets At Miami Beach April 25-27

Nashville, Tenn.—The Methodist General Board of Evangelism will have its annual meeting April 25-27 in Miami Beach, Fla., and the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism will meet there April 28-30.

Both groups will meet at the Roney Plaza Hotel.

Among the speakers for the General Board of Evangelism meeting will be the president of the board, Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, and three other Methodist bishops, Everett W. Palmer, Seattle; W. Kenneth Pope, Little Rock; and W. Ralph Ward, Jr., Syracuse, N. Y.

Four laymen who will be among the speakers for the lay committee meeting are Dr. George Crane, Chicago, psychologist and newspaper columnist; Bradshaw Mintener, Washington, D. C., attorney and chairman of the Department of Social Welfare of the National Council of Churches; Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., business executive and past president of Rotary International; and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism.

The speakers for both meetings were announced by Harold Hermann, Nashville, a staff member of the general board.

Rev. Lee R. Spencer In High Point Revival

The Rev. Lee R. Spencer, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church in Charlotte, was right at home — home town, home church — when he conducted evangelistic services at Main Street Methodist Church in High Point March 19-24.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism used the Fill-a-Pew Plan in extending personal invitations to fellow members, neighbors and friends. The sanctuary was filled each evening. There were many evidences of personal commitments and spiritual renewal. The services were under the direction of the Rev. Robert H. Stamey, pastor, who directed the congregational singing.

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CONFERENCE JOURNALS

As a means of making available a ready reference concerning the age of our individual local churches and of encouraging every church to record its history:

We recommend that the Journals of the Annual Conferences of our Southeastern Jurisdiction record the year of organization of each church. This recording may be listed after the name of a church in the listing of the churches of the charges, or wherever thought best by the Annual Conference secretaries and Conference Journal editors.

We recommend that we call this matter to the attention of the Annual Conference Historical Societies and the Annual Conference secretaries, with the hope that this can and will be done and that each church will be inspired to compile and preserve its own history.

—Adopted by S. E. Jurisdictional Methodist Historical Society
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
July 12, 1960



DR. CHARLES RAY GOFF to Speak Twice In North Carolina

Dr. Charles Ray Goff, minister of the famed Chicago Temple, will speak at the North Carolina Convocation of Christian Social Concerns to be held on May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. This convocation is for all the pastors of the North Carolina Conference and for the chairmen of Commissions on Christian Social Concerns in the local churches of the conference. It is sponsored by the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The program for the convocation will include a major address by Dr. Goff, a panel presentation by laymen telling what they have done through local church commissions in the area of social concerns, and a dramatic report from the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns which is to be held in Washington the last week in April. Pastors and Commission chairmen will receive a free dinner at the church. Reservations for the dinner should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. Jack Crum, secretary of the Board, Hope Mills, N. C.

During the dinner period opportunity will be provided for the people attending to see various filmstrips in the area of Chris-

tion social concerns and to look at various other materials. The North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns will have a dinner meeting with the Rev. C. S. Hubbard, president, presiding, at which the Board will seek to work out its report to our annual conference.

Dr. Goff has been pastor of the "skyscraper" church in the Chicago Loop since 1942. Contrary to the situation found in most churches, Sunday after Sunday the Temple has an attendance of more than double its membership. Sunday evening services, held throughout the year, approach the morning services in attendance. Under Dr. Goff's leadership the two million-dollar debt on the Temple was paid in full in 1955. Dr. Goff's philosophy of life is well expressed in his book, *A Better Hope*. Other books by him include *Anyone For Calvary?*, *Invitation to Commune*, and his latest, *Chapel in the Sky*. Recently Dr. Goff has been chosen as the preacher for a network program, "Methodist Men's Hour," which is currently used by more than 400 radio stations.

Dr. Goff will also be speaking at Edenton Street Methodist Church in the evening on

May 3rd during that church's special sesquicentennial celebration.

This convocation will be the only conference-wide meeting on social concerns until next fall. Tri-district training conferences for local church chairmen for the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, tentatively planned for March 21, 22, and 23, have been postponed until autumn.

Church Vocations Conference To Be Held In Raleigh

A Conference on Church Vocations for 11th and 12th grade MYFers of the North Carolina Conference will be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 21-23. Dr. Mack Stokes, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker.

Areas of Concern will include pastorate; missions; medicine; music; church college jobs; church administration and director of Christian education.

The purpose of this conference will be to inform juniors and seniors of the various church vocations available; to present some of the needs of the world; to provide guidance and counseling aid as you wrestle with the problem of your life's work as you seek to meet the world's needs; to provide fellowship with others who are considering church vocations as a life's work.

Fifteen 11th and 12th grade youth from each district will be accepted. Any who are interested in or might be interested in a church vocation should apply by or before April 1.

In addition, three adults from each district may attend. Special help will be given to prepare the adults to counsel in vocational choices.

Delegates will be determined by a committee from your district composed of the district superintendent, district director of Christian vocations, the district director of youth work, and the district MYF president. You will be notified of your acceptance by or before April 15.

\$6.00 is the cost for the entire conference, meals included. Lodging will be provided in private homes by the host church and other churches in Raleigh. Send entire remittance with registration. Entire amount will be refunded if you are not accepted. Make checks payable to: Conference on Church Vocations.

The following district directors of Christian Vocations are serving as registrars for their districts. Please send your registration form and remittance to the person listed under your district.

Burlington: Rev. Norwood L. Jones, 243 Harden Street, Burlington.

Durham: Rev. J. C. Alexander, Jr., Creedmoor.

Elizabeth City: Rev. Harold Leatherman, Manteo.

Fayetteville: Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr., Southern Pines.

Goldsboro: Rev. Charles H. Mercer, Smithfield.

New Bern: Rev. John M. Cline, 109 Chestnut Drive, Beaufort.

Raleigh: Rev. Troy J. Barrett, Warrenton.

Rocky Mount: Rev. R. L. Baldrige, Pinetops.

Wilmington: Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr., Box 114, Gordon Road, Wilmington.

Macon Methodist Men Receive Charter

Methodist Men is an organization of long standing, with thousands of chapter clubs across the country and the world.

Representatives of the score of Methodist churches in Macon County met at the Slagle Memorial Building, Franklin, April 16, 1951, for the purpose of pooling their programs—chiefly of a missionary nature—and to assume various projects of county-wide interest as opportunity should present itself.

The organization which was effected in 1951 continued without a break, responsible for many mutually beneficial projects (such as, for example, the underwriting of Duke students assistants and other summer time additional ministerial and missionary staff), but throughout that time, the Macon County "dimension" of the group prevented its being chartered from the Laymen's head-



Men of the picture: Erwin Patton, Robert L. Goin, Jr. (the Charter), J. B. Sutton and Carr Hooper of Sylva.

quarters in Chicago, because such recognition had been set up only for organized men's groups in individual churches. However, during this 1960-1961 conference year, through the good offices of Dr. Frank C. Smathers, superintendent of the Waynesville District of the Methodist Church, and others, a special charter was secured for the "larger group Methodist Men" of Macon County.

This charter was presented at the regular March meeting of the Methodist Men, on March 21, 1961, at Clark's Chapel Methodist Church. Visiting Methodist Men from the Sylva First Church, presenting the charter were J. B. Sutton, president of the Sylva Club, and the presentation speaker, Carr Hooper, past president; and, receiving the charter were Robert L. Goin, Jr., and Erwin Patton (district lay leader) for the local club.

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The fourteenth national Methodist ministers' seminar on national and international affairs will be held April 11-13 in Washington, D. C. About 100 ministers are expected to participate, one from each of the Methodist annual (regional) conferences in the United States. The seminar is being sponsored by the in-service training section of the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist General Board of Education. The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann, of Nashville, Tenn., director of in-service training, will be in charge. About 18 speakers and leaders will talk with the ministers in "off-the-record" sessions.

Scarritt College Will Improve Physical Plant

Scarritt College trustees have authorized the expenditure of \$149,000 for improvements and new additions to the college's physical plant, it has been announced by Dr. D. D. Holt, president of the college.

This money is part of the \$275,000 bequest given to Scarritt recently in the will of Miss Anna Ogburn of Winston-Salem. The board stipulated that the balance of the bequest go into endowment, with the interest being used to "strengthen the academic program."

Of the authorized expenditures, \$34,000 will go to repair and redecorate Bragg and Gibson residence halls for women, the Administration and Public Relations buildings.

A new president's home will be built with \$50,000 of the amount and construction will begin as soon as a building committee reports on specific plans and location. The present residence is approximately 60 years old.

In addition to these amounts, \$65,000 was authorized for enlarging the kitchen and improving the cafeteria service line. This improvement will make it possible for Scarritt to take care of a larger number of students for meals. It will also help the college to be host to various national conferences which are held on the campus.

The Board of Trustees, in its semi-annual meeting, adopted a budget of \$542,068.10 for the 1961-62 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$63,340.49 over last year's budget, reflecting the steadily rising cost of college operation, including a five per cent increase in faculty salaries.

The board accepted a recommendation of the Business Affairs Committee which increases the book value of Scarritt's property in line with present-day real estate values. The new evaluation totals \$2,927,000, almost twice the amount which has been held on the books for many years.

The board also approved the establishment of a children's center which would provide a laboratory nursery and kindergarten for Scarritt students specializing in the Christian education of children. This center will be located on the first floor of the new married students' apartment house and will give special attention to the children of Scarritt's married students.

"The actions of the Board of Trustees at this year's meeting reflect the continued growth and expanded service of Scarritt to the church," said Dr. Holt.

Rev. Ralph Epps To Hold Garysburg Revival

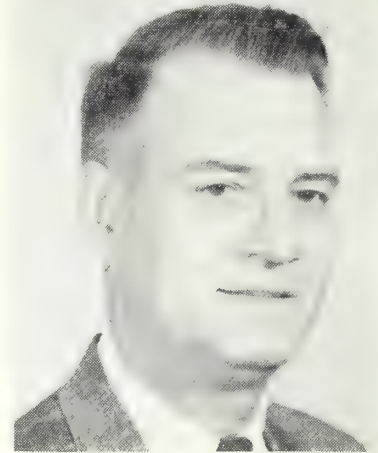
The Garysburg Methodist Church will have as its guest minister the Rev. Ralph I. Epps, minister of the Weldon Methodist Church, for its spring revival, April 9-14. On Wednesday of the meeting there will be a youth night for all the young people of the Spring Church-Garysburg Charge. The Rev. Arnold Pope, minister of Smith's Methodist church and district director of youth work, will have charge of the social and refreshment hour. The Rev. Calvin Knight, minister of the Weldon Baptist Church, will be the guest soloist on Thursday night. The Rev. Don Lee Harris is pastor of the Garysburg Church.

Dr. Charles Gilbert Rowe To Teach At Methodist College

Dr. Charles Gilbert Rowe of Kerrville, Texas, has been appointed to the faculty of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C., as associate professor of foreign languages.

The announcement of this appointment by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, is the first in a series of new faculty appointments to be made in preparation for the second year of classroom instruction at the new college.

Dr. Rowe, who is the son of the late Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of the Divinity School of Duke University, received his A.B. degree from Vanderbilt University, the M.A. de-



DR. CHARLES GILBERT ROWE

gree from Indiana University and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. Each of these degrees was earned in the major field of French. He also did one year of study at the University of Paris.

He speaks, writes and reads French, Spanish and German; and in addition to these three, he also reads Latin. His assignment next year will be in French and Spanish, although he is qualified to teach Latin and German as well.

The co-author of *A French Review Grammar* textbook with second edition in 1957, Rowe is a member of the American Association of Teachers of French, the American Folklore Society and the Modern Language Association.

In addition to his present position as head of the Department of French, German and Latin at the Schreiner Institute, Kerrville, Texas, Dr. Rowe has taught in the following schools: Iowa State College, Southwestern University, University of Illinois and Indiana University.

Commenting upon this appointment, President Weaver said, "I am pleased at having Dr. Rowe, a member of such a distinguished North Carolina family, on our faculty. From the standpoint of his heritage, training and experience, he will add considerably to the strength and influence of our exceptionally high calibre faculty."

Dr. Rowe is a Methodist, the father of two children, and is a Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve. He will assume the duties of his new appointment in September, 1961.

Interesting Methodist Matters

John Brademas, a Methodist layman who is a member of the House of Representatives from Indiana, has been named Young Man of the Year by the South Bend (Ind.) Chamber of Commerce.

Federal grants to enable expansion of graduate training of public health nursing have been announced for Boston University and Emory University, by the U. S. Public Health Service.

A major religious event in the south this summer will be the Sixth Annual Ecumenical Institute for Christian Leaders to be sponsored by the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches. The meeting will bring about a hundred Protestant clergy and laymen together from about 20 states to Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, N. C., June 11-16.

We have been laboring for years to have a missionary program worthy of the potential of the church. The situation reverses itself today and we must have a church worthy of the missionary program. We must have a church at home that exhibits in race relations the principles of brotherhood we preach abroad.

—BISHOP W. RALPH WARD, JR.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. A. Bucke, 85, a retired Methodist minister whose pastoral service in Central Pennsylvania spanned a half century, died March 8 in Harrisburg. During his career as pastor and district superintendent one of his major interests was recruiting young men for the ministry. His daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Miller, is a medical missionary in Nepal, and his son, Rev. D. Perry Bucke, is pastor of First Church, Berwick, Pa. The Rev. Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke of Nashville, book editor of the church, is the other son.

A religious arts festival will be a part of the National Methodist Student Conference to be held August 26-31 at the University of Illinois, Urbana. The festival will feature eight art forms—music, drama, painting and sculpture, poetry, architecture, photography, films, and dance.

Henry A. Lacy, a lay missionary to India for the past 18 years, has been named executive secretary for Southern Asia on the staff of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, New York. On May 1 he will assume his new duties in New York, following an extensive tour of churches in India and Pakistan.

Three out of four Methodist churches observed Commitment Day in 1960, making it the most successful yet, according to the Board of Christian Social Concerns. Washington, D. C. Roger Burgess, associate general secretary for the board's Division of Temperance and General Welfare, said the churches purchased and distributed more than two million pieces of literature to explain the church's stand on use of alcohol.

Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, left New York Sunday for Africa as a member of the seven-woman team which will make a study of women's education there. The group, which will spend six weeks in East and West Africa, will explore women's education opportunities with a view toward making it possible for more African women to further their education in America. Dr. Player is the only college president in the group of Methodist women. While in Africa, Dr. Player will also visit Bennett graduates in Nigeria and the parents of undergraduates who came from Ghana, Kenya and Liberia.

Burlington District MYF Rally At Front Street April 6

The annual rally of the Burlington District Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held Thursday, April 6, 1961. The meeting will be held at Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky



THOMAS A. COLLINS

Mount, will be the featured speaker. The Rev. Mr. Collins will speak on the rally theme, "Christ the Horizon."

Other features and guests of the rally include a slide presentation on Methodist College, Fayetteville, to be presented by Mr. Charles McAdams, director of development; fellowship recreation conducted by Mr. Kirk McNeil of Hay Street Methodist Church in Fayetteville; installation of new district officers by the Rev. Conrad Glass, Jr., North Carolina Conference director of youth; Dr. W. L. Clegg, Burlington district superintendent; and a fellowship supper. Each young person is asked to bring a bag supper. Special music will be provided by the Davis Street Methodist Church youth choir under the leadership of Rev. Robert Gibbons.

The meeting will be presided over by Jayne Anna Culbertson of Robbins, president of the District MYF.

Rev. O. L. Hathaway In Revival at Carolina Beach

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive director of the N. C. Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, will be the guest minister for revival services at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Carolina Beach, April 9-14. Services will begin each evening with a period of hymn-singing at 7:15, followed by the message by the Rev. Mr. Hathaway at 7:45. The week of revival services was preceded by "Four Nights for God," a program of visitation evangelism. Cottage prayer meetings were held in numerous homes of the members during the nights of visitation. It was felt that the power of prayer undergirding those who went forth to witness was a great asset to successful witnessing.

The public is invited to share with the members of St. Paul's Church in this revival. The present pastor of St. Paul's is the Rev. Douglas L. Byrd.



GROUNDBREAKING SERVICE, GRACE METHODIST CHURCH, BURLINGTON—(Left to right): Dr. W. L. Clegg, Burlington district superintendent; Rev. N. B. Hill, Sr., pastor; Rev. Harmon L. Smith, former pastor; Mr. Carl F. Parks, chairman of the Building Committee; Mr. Vernon E. Lewis, architect; Mr. J. R. Rogers, chairman of the Official Board; Mr. Hugh A. Cazell, chairman of the trustees; Mr. B. C. Johnson, Jr., church lay leader; Mr. L. F. Smith, general contractor; Mr. L. H. Kidd, oldest charter member.

Report of District Pastors' Consultations on Christian Education in The Local Church

North Carolina Conference Board of Education
The Methodist Church

This is a report to the North Carolina Conference on the result of the District Pastors' Consultations on Christian Education in the Local Church, held in December, 1960.

The purpose of the consultations was to discover needs felt by the pastors, and to give opportunity for each pastor to contribute suggestions for meeting these needs. All of the recommendations have been compiled, and reviewed at some length by the staff of the Conference Board of Education. An attempt has been made to follow up every recommendation possible, and to offer the kinds of specific help and service requested for local churches.

One major result of the consultations has been an increased attention to local church needs. A further result, it is hoped, will be that pastors and local church leaders will take more advantage of the services offered.

It is stressed that all programs are based on specific requests and recommendations made by the pastors at the consultations, and schedules are suggested tentatively by the staff of the Conference Board of Education.

Recommendations

I. Recruiting and Training Workers

A. Motivation and Recruitment

1. Prepare motivating leaflet for use in recruiting teachers.
2. Prepare simplified leaflet on recruitment procedures and resources.
3. Plan district Christian education rallies for inspiration and recognition of church school workers.

B. Training Workers

1. Increase laboratory courses in all age divisions, in Christian Workers' schools and local churches.
2. Improve Christian Workers' Schools.
 - a. Suggest a graded curriculum for larger schools.
 - b. Place more emphasis on courses adapted to small church.
 - c. Develop a Core Curriculum for Christian Workers' Schools.
 - d. Emphasize "Guided Reading" program to follow-up schools.
3. Prepare a **Guide for a Local Church Leadership Training Program**.
 - a. Include **Standards for Teacher Certification**.
 - b. Develop systematic instructions for use of the **Guide**.
 - c. To be introduced in March, 1962.
4. Prepare Informal, Non-credit Local Church Leadership Training Course (13 sessions).
5. Develop Standards for Teacher Certification, and recognition procedures.
 - a. A-Certificate: Complete **Guide** Program, (see 3) with certified instructors.
 - b. B-Certificate: (1) Complete **Guide** Program, with uncertified instructors.
 - or (2) Complete Informal Course (13 sessions) (see 4) and Guided Reading on **Guide** textbooks.
 - c. Both A-Certificates and B-Certificates will require meeting **Standards for Teacher Certification**.
6. Provide a Training Program in Christian Education for Pastors. (Sept. 10-21, 1962. Subject: Guiding Teachers in Lesson Planning.)
7. Prepare leaflet on guiding a new teacher, including "Steps in helping a new teacher become ready to teach."
8. Hold a refresher conference for certified Christian workers' school instructors (January or February, 1963).

9. Develop college level extension courses in religion for adults in local churches or areas, on one-night-a-week basis.
10. Continue and improve coaching conference for deans of Christian workers' schools. (October, 1962).
11. Plan a conference on Christian education for 2½ days or weekend for local church administration and teachers. Suggested: a college campus, in 1963.
12. District directors in all age divisions write division superintendents in local churches in advance of Christian workers' schools, urging recruitment of workers to attend the school.
13. Explore with Duke Divinity School, the possibility of providing continuing refresher courses for pastors at Duke and one other center.

II. Materials and Use

A. Materials.

1. Prepare turnover chart on adult curriculum selection.
2. Introduce church library service (March 12-23, 1962).
3. Prepare packets of resource material on various areas of work.
4. Simplify the leaflet: "Teachers can learn to teach effectively."

B. Use

1. Offer suggestions for home use of children's materials, and parent education programs.
2. District directors in all divisions cooperate with district missionary secretary in training local church leaders for annual church-wide school of missions.
3. Follow up 1962 national family life conference by emphasis on "home and church working together" in sub-district institutes, November 26-December 7, 1962.
4. Support Conference TRAFICO in seeking to provide audio-visual equipment on a district basis.
5. Make copies of leadership training available through Walton Memorial Library.
6. Expand program of music workshops.
7. Prepare materials, outlining in detail, the adjustment of literature necessary for Sunday school promotion in June.
8. Provide monthly mailing for Education use. Send to chairmen, church school superintendents, and pastors.

III. Organization, Administration, and Relation to Total Program.

- A. Urge every Commission on Education and workers' conference to study **Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches**.
- B. Circulate statement on use of time relative to study and worship in Sunday school and church worship service.
- C. Prepare filmstrips on use of time, and use of inadequate space, in Sunday school, for all ages.
- D. **Reach more to teach**—as part of program of outpost Sunday schools, train superintendents of membership cultivation in subdistrict institutes, November 27-December 9, 1961.
- E. Propose district interboard schools for 1961-62 or 1962-63.
- F. Recommend that Commissions on Education and workers' conferences in each local church invite chairmen of all other commissions to explain program and work of respective commissions.
- G. Circulate **Pastors' Job Analysis in the Church School**.

- H. Prepare simplified plan for a local church annual planning retreat, including evaluation, for use in planning the total program of the church.

- I. Create a set of minimum standards for church schools, and procedure for certification and recognition of standard schools, renewable annually.

- J. Emphasize fourth Sunday world service giving by leaflets, reports of previous giving, and calling attention to disciplinary requirements.

- K. Promote observance of Pentecost as Day of Decision for Christ based on classes to study our faith. Provide suggestions for study resources, possible schedule, etc.

- L. Prepare materials for Rally Day, September 17, and Promotion Day, September 24, 1961.

- M. Cooperate in outpost Sunday schools phase, and other phases of quadrennial emphasis, "Jesus Christ Is Lord."

1. District planning sessions September 11-22, 1961.

2. Subdistrict institutes on outpost Sunday schools Nov. 27-Dec. 8.

3. Cooperate in program for training lay speakers as teachers in outposts.

- N. Set up a special study committee of the Board of Education to evaluate the total program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at all levels.

IV. Facilities and Equipment

- A. Request Glenn Gothard to suggest combination of space for double-duty and double-shift use.
- B. Recommend appointment of district director of general church school work to district board of building and location, and provide special training.
- C. Prepare packet on use of space and facilities.
- D. For annual conference, prepare a display of ideal classroom arrangements, including one adult, one youth, two children's rooms.
- E. Prepare a series of articles on building and equipment to appear in the **N. C. Christian Advocate**.
- F. Pass on to Cokesbury the need for more competitive prices.

V. Staff Cultivation Services

- A. Prepare a brochure for each district listing persons available for local church consultation in various fields of work.
- B. Prepare brochure on conference staff services available, including local consultants on literature, buildings and equipment, lesson-planning and teaching, setting up guide for local church leadership training program, starting outpost Sunday schools, program planning with all age groups, home-church cooperation, work of the Commission on Education.
- C. Recommend quadrennial pastors' consultations on Christian education, for review, evaluation, projection.

Calendar Based on Consultations 1961-62

September 11-22, 1961:

District meetings on outpost Sunday schools and new junior high curriculum (separate simultaneous session)

November 27-December 8, 1961:

Subdistrict institutes — "Reach More to Teach," outpost Sunday schools and membership cultivation, possibly teacher training sessions for lay speakers.

March 12-23, 1962:

District meetings to introduce **Guide** program of leadership. Training and informal training course; introduce church library service.

1962-63

September 10-21, 1962:

Pastors' seminars on Christian education:

"Guiding Teachers in Lesson Planning."

October, 1962:

Dean's coaching conference.

November 26-December 7, 1962:

Subdistrict institutes for church school workers. "Home Church Cooperation" to follow up national family conference.

January or February, 1963:

Refresher conference for certified instructors.

1963-64

Fall, 1963: Subdistrict institutes—Lesson-Planning in the Small Church.

1964-65

September: Quadrennial pastors' consultations on Christian education.

Fall: Subdistrict institutes, "More Time for Teaching."

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

The young widow became unhappy about something that happened in her church and began attending another church. She had attended there for some time and was considering moving her membership. But each Sunday as she and her two small children passed by their own church on the way to the second one, the children would say, "Look, Mother, there is our church; we want to go to it."

When the workers from her own church approached her for a contribution to the building fund she realized that she had not been quite fair to her church nor to her small children so made a contribution and declared her purpose to come back. "A little child shall lead them."

A little rural church had a struggle to meet its financial obligations so launched Lord's Acre projects to supplement the contributions. Among those who undertook projects was a small boy who decided to donate the ducklings from a setting of eggs placed under his pet duck. They hatched so well that the little boy decided they were worth more than he could afford to donate to the church. As a substitute he planted some beans and they too turned out so well that he made the same decision about them. Finally he gave only a small part of what either of the Lord's Acre projects produced. His parents permitted him to handle the matter as he did!

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A TESTIMONY

To say that I don't need the church is mere bravado. I needed it when my baby was born. I needed it when my father died. I needed when we were married, and I shall need it again sooner or later, and need it badly. I am in good health now and could, I suppose, get along very nicely for a time without a clergyman or a choir or even a prayer. But what sort of man is he who scorns and neglects and despises his best friend until his hour of tribulation?

If Sunday finds you not among those who are gathered together to worship God and return thanks, how will you dare to presume upon Him in time of stress and trouble and sorrow? The church will never refuse to help you. She calls! Do you dare refuse her?

—EDGAR A. GUEST

Chaplain William B. Starnes Now Stationed In Turkey

His friends will be glad to learn that Chaplain William B. Starnes, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes, has arrived safely at his post in Turkey, where he will be stationed as chaplain of the post for the next year. His flight over took him on a rather circuitous route from the States, from which he left on Tuesday, March 7, by Newfoundland, Brestwich, Scotland, Frankfurt, Germany, Istanbul, and Ankara, Turkey, and on to his post, where he arrived Saturday, March 11. He preached in the post chapel the next day, and has been carrying on an active schedule since. He indicates he likes the set-up, except having to be away from his wife and son, who will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldon F. Johnson, near Cameron, until his return. Mail should be addressed to him via TUSLOG, Detachment 4, APO 133, New York, N. Y.

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The Battle Cry

On! Go on! Yet on! I pray,

Until none of the inhabitants of the earth
can say,

No one has cared or showed me the Way.

On through the jungles, over the main,

Over the rivers, across the dark plain,
Into the hovels of sin and pain,

Pointing to Him who alone can say,

"I am the Life, the Truth, the Way."

Fighting against the fortress of hell,

Breaking the fetters of Satan's dread
spell,

Trodding the road of death if needs be,

Rising with sheaves for the Master to see.

But on! Go on! Yet on! I pray,

Until none of the inhabitants of the earth
can say,

No one has cared or showed me the Way.

—E.P.P.

National Conference on World Disarmament

A record number of national organizations, including a variety of religious groups, will sponsor the Seventh National Conference on World Disarmament and Development in Washington, April 10-11. Thirty-eight church, civic, labor, farm, professional, ethnic and peace organizations had become sponsors by the second week of March.

Among the speakers will be Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, long-time chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament; the Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, M.P.; Nuclear Physicists William C. Davidson and Jay Orear; Norman Thomas; Kenneth Boulding, professor of economics, University of Michigan, and Victor Reuther of the United Automobile Workers.

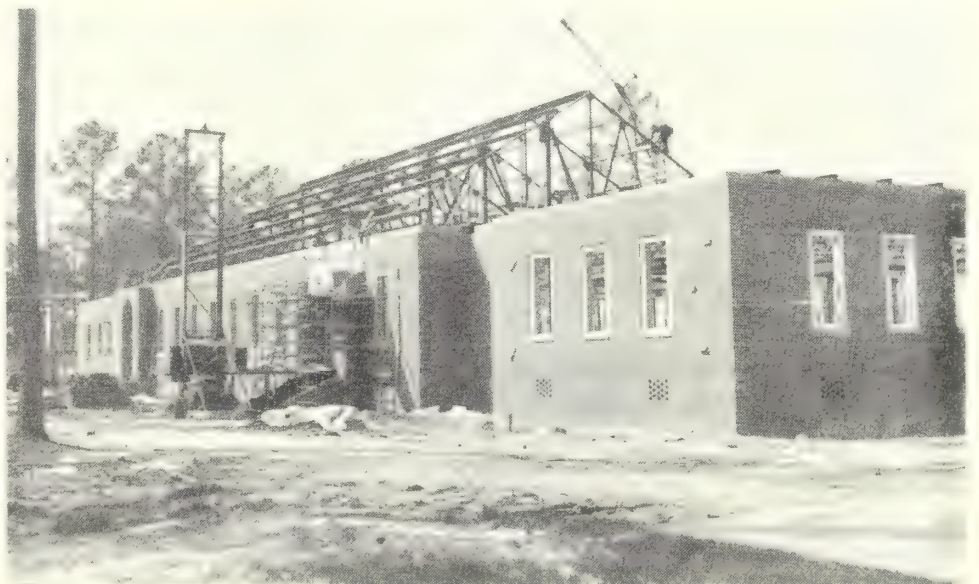
President Kennedy has also been invited to address the Conference.

Discussion subjects will include: Disarmament Negotiations; Coexistence; The Economics of Disarmament; Problems of Inspections; Stabilized Deterrence; and What a Disarmed World Would Look Like.

Pfeiffer Students Available For Summer Work

Misenheimer—Several capable students who are rising juniors and seniors in the Department of Christian Education at Pfeiffer College are available for summer work with local churches. Dr. George M. Schreyer, chairman of the division, explains that when these students have reached this point in their education, they are equipped to render effective service especially in such activities as Vacation Church School, Christian Adventure Week, Youth Activities Week and camping program. Any churches wanting help with their summer programs are invited to contact Dr. George M. Schreyer, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

Cafeteria-Student Union Now Under Construction at Wesleyan College





Woman's Activities



Margaret Beatty Begins Work In Sweden

By MARY GARDNER

A coveted opportunity for service overseas came last year to a young Raleigh woman.

While employed in a school for emotionally disturbed children in Dobbs Ferry, New York, Margaret Beatty, through Miss Ruth Lawrence, executive secretary of work in Africa and Europe, Woman's Division of Christian Service, was invited by Methodist Bishop Odd Hagen, of Sweden, to accept employment as his secretary. The North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service subsequently assumed responsibility for Margaret's transportation to Europe.

Since arriving in Europe last summer, the young Duke University graduate has lived in Germany, studying the language of that country and working as director of Christian education of the Heidelberg chapels. Lack of funds had thus far prevented the opening of the proposed work in Sweden.

In a recent letter to Mrs. Taylor Long, Conference secretary of student work, Margaret tells of the now definite plans for her work in Sweden, which will include interpreting to Methodist youth of that country the Methodist youth program in America. She writes in part:

"At long last my Sweden plans are definite, and I can write you and the other ladies my sincere thanks for the check covering my travel expenses and for all that you have done. When I arrived in Berlin I received a letter from the bishop (Hagen) telling me perhaps I could come in January, 1961; or perhaps in Zurich during August he could persuade someone to provide finances so that we could carry out the complete project for a year—September, 1960-September, 1961. The meeting in Zurich provided nothing.

Of course, I began looking for a job to carry me through the winter. Since I will need German for my graduate degrees in the States, I wanted to attend school, also. After many interviews, followed several blind leads, and meeting many military people, I stopped looking.

"The letter received from the bishop yesterday requested that I be in Stockholm on April 15. He will help arrange for a place for me to stay and I shall be there until September.

"My contacts with the German Methodist Church have been very good thus far. In many ways I am disappointed by some of the conservative attitudes, especially concerning the youth programs and concerning the seminary training of our ministers as compared to that of the Lutheran pastors. We have in Frankfurt a seminary where all Methodists are required to attend. The faculty there contains both academically

qualified and unqualified men under whom the boys learn for three or four years. The Lutheran ministerial students, on the other hand, study under several university theological faculties, picking the best lectures at each university. They also study much longer than those boys in the Frankfurt seminary. The end result is usually a very well educated minister, but he preaches intellectual sermons which do not appeal to the people, especially not to the young people. Both churches have their problems.

"Here in Heidelberg I've been invited to attend the Wednesday services at the Methodist church. Only through constant contact could I ever be able to learn about the church.

"Thank you for your assistance and for your prayers."

Deaconess Describes Work

Speaking at the March meeting of the general circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Deaconess Ethelynde Ballance described the deaconess, her work, and her compensations in terms of joyous service.

The young conference secretary of youth work declared: "A deaconess is one who has felt the call to full-time Christian service; who meets the requirements of health, education, etc.; who is ordained, and who serves in any area into which she is sent. Deaconesses are sent not to work for people but to work with people."

Miss Ballance cited as various areas of deaconess work community work, employed by a local church, serving in homes for retired workers, children's homes, havens for girls who come to the city to work, educational work, and student work. Also, town and country work, on hospital staffs, connectional work, as conference officers, and in other capacities.

Emphasizing the great need for recruitment, Miss Ballance said that of the 737 deaconesses, 414 are active, and 323 are retired. "We are not recruiting new workers in proportion to those retiring," she asserted.

Giving her personal testimony of joy in her experience as a former rural worker in the N. C. Conference and her current work as director of Christian education at the Raeford Methodist Church, Miss Ballance named three values which she has received from having been commissioned a deaconess. There are a deep sense of being called to definite Christian service, strength in fellowship with other deaconesses, and avenues of service opened which would not have otherwise been opened.

W. N. C. Conference

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



New Director Named for Brooks-Howell Home

Miss Reva McNabb of Iowa, deaconess in the Methodist Church, has been named director of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville. Miss McNabb will assume her duties at the Home as soon as the new \$700,000 structure is completed.

Miss McNabb succeeds Miss Mabel Metzger, who has served as director of the first unit of the Home purchased about three years ago.

At the present Miss McNabb is studying at the University of Iowa, taking work related to gerontology. In addition to an independent study, she is enrolled for post-graduate work in social psychology, advanced nutrition, trends in recreation and hospital dietary administration.

She is trained in religious education. She is a graduate of National College, Kansas City, Mo., received her B.S. at Iowa State Teachers' College and her M.A. degree at Scarritt College in Nashville. She is a native of Britt, Iowa, and has had experience as a public school teacher. She was for several years director of Frances Depauw Home in Los Angeles, Calif. From 1958-60 she was director of religious education in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

In June she attended a workshop for deaconess candidates held in Washington, D. C., to study the United States and foreign affairs.

Miss Metzger says, "We feel that her delightful personality, her unselfish spirit, her sunny temperament and love of people make her especially suited for this new position."

It is hoped that the new building with its 60 bedrooms and 20-bed hospital unit will be ready for occupancy by August, 1961.

Lincolnton Church Observes 20th Anniversary

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church of Lincolnton observed the 20th anniversary of the Woman's Society with a special program at the church this month.

Mrs. J. W. Barineau, Sr., presented a history, "Almost a Century of Service," stating in part, "Such labor as this was the part played by the dedicated women who laid the foundation for the women's work—the work of those in the 50 years preceding and the 20 years following the uniting of several groups of Methodists under one great banner. This is what we are commemorating today."

Prior to the history the purpose of the society was read and a meditation given. After the meeting, a social hour was held with the traditional birthday cake. Each president who had served during the 20 years lighted a candle. Beautiful flowers, lighted candles, devout hearts, warm fellowships—this is part of the heritage of Methodist women.

New Wesleyan Service Guild In Salisbury District

A new Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at the South River Church in Row-

an County in February, with 9 charter members.

The officers are Mrs. Betty Lawrence, Cleveland, president; Mrs. Spencer Foster, Cooleemee, vice-president; Miss Louise Campbell, secretary of promotion; Miss Sylvia McDaniel, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Steele, spiritual life; and Miss Mary Stough, missionary education and service.

Mrs. Lloyd Morgan of Concord, district Guild secretary, and Mrs. Frank Stough, wife of the pastor of the South River Church, assisted in the organizational meeting.

High Point Sub-Districts Formed

The boundaries for the sub-districts of the newly-organized High Point District were determined at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the district, held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Hall, president, in High Point.

A study had been made by a committee composed of Mrs. Reid Rich, Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr. Their recommendations were adopted. They are: The district should be divided into two sub-districts according to the boundaries used by the MYF and the Preachers' group. All churches in Randolph County Sub-District, except Archdale, Fairfield, Fairview, Mt. Vernon and Trinity. All churches in Guilford, Davidson and Forsyth Counties, along with the five named above, are in the High Point Sub-District.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell was elected district chairman of public relations, succeeding Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, who was recently elected as an officer in the Woman's Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Albemarle District Quiet Day

The women of the new Albemarle District had a pre-Easter Quiet Day service at the Peachland Church on March 14th.

Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, Conference secretary of spiritual life, led the inspirational service, with Mrs. Fred T. Lisk of Albemarle, district secretary of spiritual life, and Mrs. Ralph Bisel of Badin, district president, assisting.

One hundred fifty women were present for the service.

Yancey County Methodists To Hold Study Course

The Methodist Churches of Yancey County are uniting their efforts for a series of meetings to learn more about the role of the Christian church in today's world. The theme for the series, "Into All The World Together." The worship services will follow the theme: "Mighty Winds of God." Mrs. O. L. Brown has made a sketch to illustrate the theme.

Representatives from the seven churches are working with Tillie Brooks to make these meetings a high spot in the church year. The programs are planned primarily for the adults of the church, but young people will be welcome.

The four sessions will be held at 7:30 in the evening in these churches:

April 6—Bald Creek

April 9—Pensacola

April 16—Celo

April 20—Burnsville

LETTERS

Nyadiri Mission
Southern Rhodesia, Africa
P. B. 636 E., Salisbury
March 13, 1961

Mr. S. J. Starnes, Editor

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

P. O. Box 508, Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I want to let you know how much the Carrolls enjoy receiving the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE in Africa. It helps us to keep track of the progress of some people and some churches among our acquaintances. Often, there are persons mentioned in the ADVOCATE whom we wish to write, but *time* has a way of interfering with such plans.

We have finished our first year in Africa, and we experience difficulty in looking back and *knowing* that we have accomplished much. But, we do know that we have been constantly busy since we arrived in Rhodesia, in January, 1960. We believe that it is no small job to supervise 28 schools, each of which could use \$5,000 for absolutely minimum necessities for school operation. Since we do not have that kind of money at our disposal, we must manage with much less. We know that Christianity has taught these people some important lessons, as we observe them dig deep into their pockets for their "mites" to send their children to school. Unfortunately, they will not "dig" as deeply to build a church, but we are encouraged as we are asked to help supply a few bags of cement for a new church from time to time in the communities.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of my home town, Fayetteville, has collected 1,500 pounds of books and magazines for me to distribute to the 28 schools I am superintending, and I have announced the news to all of the teachers and people of the communities, and they are eagerly looking forward to obtaining some of the books. The journey of the books has been slow. The books, after a number of months, have reached Salisbury, and I am now in the process of trying to arrange economical transportation for the books from Salisbury (80 miles from Nyadiri, our location, and headquarters for all of our schools). I am sure that the books will be in the hands of many Africans by the time you receive this letter.

We are beginning a rather large project, and we do hope we shall have the good fortune to see it develop while we are here. We are wanting to build a large library here at this mission center (Nyadiri), and then build small school libraries at each of our schools. The books of each school will be changed from time to time from the supply of the main library, and I even hope that we might progress to the point of having a Bookmobile, or traveling system to serve these schools. The lack of reading material and the lack of communications facilities is appalling in this area. I marvel at the progress that some of these people make with so little. We shall be glad to receive any second-hand books and used magazines for distribution to our schools.

We are happy to report that all of us are enjoying good health, and we think of our friends in North Carolina often. Carrie (who will be 4 years in September) and

Catherine (who will be 2 years in July) are great sources of delight to us. Carrie and Catherine always enjoy our family devotion periods, and they enjoy helping with the singing and the prayers.

We are expecting the Lord to bless us with another child about the latter part of July. We don't know how we shall "hold" all that happiness.

Please let us know if there is any particular type of news or information you would like to have for publication in the ADVOCATE (also pictures). There is a wealth of interesting material for writing here, but my time for writing is so short that I believe it to be more practical to write on "assignments" than to try to guess what would be wanted.

Sincerely,

—THE CARROLLS

SEAVY, VIRGINIA, CARRIE
AND CATHERINE



Mrs. Lilly's Letter

In the *News and Observer* today (March 28) appears a letter written by Mrs. Mabel Lilly of Raleigh. It has not been my privilege to know Mrs. Lilly, but she is a Negro mother who, traveling on the highway two days ago in a car with her husband and children, they stopped at a public house on the road to refresh themselves with a little ice cream and milk shake. Before they had left the car the proprietor of the place came to the car and told them that he served only white people! Of course, this treatment was bitterly resented. Who would not have resented it? Nor is this by any means the only case of such treatment.

But what shall we do about it? I offer three suggestions: (1) Exercise patience, good will and forbearance on both sides. Such matters cannot be dealt with in a moment's flash of temper. (2) The race issue has a long and chequered history and needs much time for settling it, and we must deal with it accordingly. (3) I have a suggestion which I offered in 1954 when the famous public school decision was handed down by the Supreme Court. It is this: Let each community have a committee of twelve people—half white and half Negro, and half men and half women. Let this group meet regularly, talk the whole matter over calmly and dispassionately and advise their constituents as to what steps to take from time to time. In this way we should be able to secure the best judgment of every community at any given time.

—W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.



A magazine article by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Moon, Fresno, Calif., Methodist pastor, in criticism of the film, "Operation Abolition," was inserted in the February 28 *Congressional Record* by Rep. James Roosevelt in arguments against the House Un-American Activities Committee, which released the controversial film. Moon's article had appeared in the January 4 *Christian Century*.



Boston University honored its president, Dr. Harold C. Case, March 13 upon the occasion of his 10th anniversary as head of Methodism's largest university.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Silver Twins By Helen M. Richardson

Gwendolyn was spending vacation week with Grandmother Yates. There wasn't a great deal going on there to amuse a little girl, but Grandmother told her that if she "watched out" she might see some interesting visitors.

"I don't like company very well, Grandmother, unless it is somebody I can play with," the little girl remarked.

"I wouldn't be surprised if these visitors of mine would amuse you very much," Grandmother replied. "I call them the Silver Twins, because they always dress in gray," she explained.

"Oh, I believe I see them now. Are they squirrels?" Gwendolyn exclaimed.

As she spoke two gray squirrels put in an appearance out on the lawn a little way from the window. At first sight you'd almost have taken them to be kittens, as they rolled over and over together in the grass, clinching and playfully biting each other just as kittens often do.

Then they raced up into a tree and chased each other around the trunk, but never succeeded in catching each other.

They seemed to be very much at home in Grandmother Yates' yard. And how Gwen laughed when one of them scurried up into a little butternut tree that was so small that when the squirrel got to the top the tree bent over so that it seemed the squirrel's weight would break it.

"The Silver Twins think they own that tree because one of them planted it," Grandmother explained in a laughing tone.

"Really, Grandmother?"

"Yes, I think I saw the nut it sprang from punched into the ground," Grandmother replied.

The next place the squirrels visited was the nasturtium bed. Here they nosed around for seeds, which they seemed to enjoy.

The last thing they did before leaving was to dig a hole and take a dirt bath, which Grandmother said was to free themselves of troublesome insects.

"I must get some nuts before they come again," Grandmother said. "They are very greedy little creatures. What they don't want to eat they bury in the ground, and then dig up when they are hungry."

"How do they know where to find them?" Gwen asked.

"I can't tell you, my dear, but they

always know. Those little wildwood people have been provided with instincts which we do not possess. All through the cold winter the Silver Twins may be seen nosing around the yard and digging up nuts they have buried."

"I think I like the kind of company you have to visit you, Grandmother, the little girl remarked in a delightful tone.

"I thought you would," was Grandmother's smiling reply. "And they will be here to entertain you when you come again."

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The Caller

A little dog came over
To call on me one day,
And he was very well-behaved
In his small doggy way.

He wagged his tail politely
When I said "Howdy-do,"
He lifted up his little paw
To shake hands, as we do.

And when the call was over
He walked across the floor,
And gave a bark to say goodbye,
Then scampered out the door.

—SELECTED



It's April

April is a lovely month. The ice and snow have gone, and the sun's warm rays are awaking the sleeping flowers. Many of them have already pushed up through the soil and are blooming in the fields and in our gardens.

And the frogs! Everyone waits for the song of the frogs in April. Once they begin their cheery peeping, we feel spring has really arrived.

Then, too, many of our singing birds are with us again after spending the winter in the warm, sunny south.

And what about our trees and bushes? Many of them have burst into leaf or bloom, and some of the flowering shrubs are in full bloom.

Just think! This is really April! The snow was beautiful as it covered fields and gardens, but how much more wonderful are the warm sunshine, running streams, flowers, peeping frogs, budding trees, and singing birds!

It's especially good to be alive this month — isn't it?

—Selected

And Speaking of Spring

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
But they don't get around
Like the dandelions do.



The Seventh Commandment

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Exodus 20:14

When God created man and woman He intended that they should marry and establish homes and families, in which they would be faithful to each other, and in which the children would see in the lives of their parents the example of purity and faithfulness.

But somehow as the years passed people grew careless, husbands and wives were not loyal to each other, and homes were unhappy. So God gave this Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," as one of the Ten. Adultery is committed when a wife is unfaithful to her husband, or a husband is unfaithful to his wife, by showing interest in other men or women, after they have promised in their marriage vow that they will cleave only unto each other.

Just as people have continued to disobey the other Commandments, so they are still disobeying this one. Many husbands and wives are not taking their marriage seriously and not keeping their promises, hearts and homes are being broken, and children's lives are being hurt. But the Commandment still stands, and those who obey it are living happily, with homes in which God's spirit dwells. Those who disregard the Commandment are already suffering the judgment of God, and there can be no happiness for them unless they repent and live lives that are pure and free from adultery.



Bible Quiz

(Well-Known Sayings)
Who Said Them?

1. "Be sure your sin will find you out."
2. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow."
3. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."
4. "The tongue can no man tame."
5. "Entreat me not to leave thee."



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. A Colt Luke 19:35
2. The Last Supper
3. The Garden of Gethsemane, Mark 14:32
4. The tomb of Joseph of Arimathea—Matthew 27:57-60
5. Mary Magdalene Mark 16:9

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 16

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER

Background Scripture: Job 1 and 2; 19:13-26; James 1:12-15

Lesson Scripture: Job 2:3-6; 19:13-21

The book of Job has received more praise from literary men than any other part of the Bible. It has been compared to Dante's *Divine Comedy* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*. One might fill the space available to us with tributes to its greatness. Years ago someone called it "a drama of the inner life," adding that it was not a fit piece for stage presentation, since the action takes place in the souls of the characters. Yet we have lived to see a modernized version of it appear on Broadway under the title "J.B."

In spite of its literary merit, that isn't why men have continued to read it. They have continued to read it because it deals with several of the main questions of human existence. We may mention three of these themes, and then decide for ourselves after we have studied it and discussed it, which theme is actually the most prominent: (1) Why do the righteous suffer? (2) Is there such a thing as really disinterested loyalty to God, or will man be religious only because of what he can get out of it? (3) How does man's place in the universe compare with God's, or what does man's knowledge of things really amount to? In this lesson our attention centers on the first of the three themes, though it is really hard to mark one of them off from the others.

The prevailing view in Job's time was that sin is always the cause of suffering. If the reader wishes a good Biblical example of this type of thinking he may find it in Psalms 1. Here we are told that, as for the righteous, "whatsoever he doeth shall prosper," but "the way of the ungodly shall perish." This view persisted even down until the time of Jesus, for we find his disciples asking him, whether a certain blind man's condition was due to the man's own sins or that of his parents. Jesus replied that it was due to neither.

We may find evidence that this view of the matter has not entirely disappeared from our world by asking ourselves this question: haven't I heard someone say "Why did all this misfortune come upon that man? *he was always a good man.*" The so-called "comforters" visited Job only to imply that, since he was in such misery he must really have been a great sinner, only

he had been hiding the fact from his friends! This is a form of thinking which does not unite, but rather divides men. The trouble with it is that it grossly over-simplifies the facts of life.

Now all of this is not meant to lessen the clearly obvious truth that a great deal of the sufferings we endure come from our own sins. Not only do we often bring hardship and woe upon ourselves but we often make innocent people suffer also. The writer does not need to cite examples, the reader can think of scores of them: the drunkard's family, the parents of dissolute and irresponsible children, or the children of dissolute and irresponsible parents, the victims of the illicit dope traffic, the sufferers from stupid or vicious economic and political leaders, the numberless and nameless victims of warfare—and so on.

It has often been suggested that the sufferings of the righteous are only for the purpose of testing their characters. That misfortune is a good measurer of courage and endurance no one will deny. But any honest observer must see that there is more suffering in the world than is needed for testing character! We shall probably have to admit that we just don't know the explanation for these things. We do know, however, that Job made one of the greatest affirmations of faith in the ultimate goodness and wisdom of God that has ever fallen from the lips of man when he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21). That is high religion if such is to be found anywhere in the world.

Trusting God

O, my loving heavenly Father,
It has been so good to see,
Through the long years of my journey
Thou hast always cared for me.

By Thy tender love and kindness
Thou hast helped me day by day;
For my needs hast made provision,
Helped me on in every way.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Many, many years ago;
In the days of youthful vigor
When my steps were not so slow.

Many times, when sorely tempted,
Thou hast helped me not to fall;
Gave me strength and needed courage
For my help on Thee to call.

As I near my destination,
When my journey will be through,
Thou, O God of my salvation,
I believe, will take me through.

—JAMES A. GOODEN

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Leet Crusade Team To Be At Wesley Memorial, Raleigh

The Leet Stewardship Evangelism team begins a crusade at Wesley Memorial, at Raleigh, on April 12. Pictures of the team, the Rev. L. J. Leet and the Rev. Idalee McCullar, and a good write-up of them and their work, were carried in the *ADVOCATE* of January 19th.

The unique work of this team in the field of stewardship evangelism caught the attention of our Methodist church and, after thorough investigation by our conference, they were invited to serve churches in our N. C. Conference. The results achieved in many Methodist churches have made an admirable record.

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Youth Conference For High Point District

A Youth Conference for future Christian leaders of the High Point District will be held at First Methodist Church, Randleman, Sunday, April 16, 1961, 2:30 to 5:00 p.m., for high school juniors and seniors, older youth, and adult workers with youth.

The tentative schedule is as follows:
2:30-3:00 p.m.—Devotional and orienta-
tion.

3:00-4:00 p.m.—Interest Groups
4:00-4:30 p.m.—Audio-Visual Program
4:30-5:00 p.m.—Commitment Service

INTEREST GROUPS

1. Ministry—Rev. Glen Lanier
2. Missions—Dr. Herbert Peterson
3. Christian Education—Miss Ann Tyler
4. Teaching—Miss Ruth Worthington
5. Related Vocations—Rev. Grady Whicker
6. Adult Workers with Youth — Rev. Worth Sweet.

Note: Each pastor is requested to bring five of the most outstanding youth leaders in each church. This is a conference for future Christian leaders. The delegates will register and select an interest group. The adult workers with youth, parents, and ministers will meet with Rev. Worth Sweet, district director of youth work.

"Ministry Sunday" To Be Observed By Methodists

A new day on the Methodist calendar, "Ministry Sunday," will be observed by Methodist churches May 21.

On that day, attention will be given to the role of the minister in the church.

This will be the first annual observance of the special day called for by the 1960 Methodist General Conference.

The Rev. Dr. W. Thomas Smith, Nashville, said it is expected that Ministry Sunday will be observed in various ways. He is director of ministerial recruitment in the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist General Board of Education.

By action of the General Conference, Aldersgate Sunday was designated as the annual day for Ministry Sunday. Aldersgate Sunday commemorates an experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. In a religious meeting on Aldersgate Street in London in 1738, Wesley said he felt his heart "strangely warmed," and he seemed to have a new attitude toward life and religion after that.

This year May 21 also is Pentecost Sunday, which many Christians celebrate as the birthday of the Christian church. The Christian observance has been described as commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles on the day of the Jewish festival.

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Trinity Church in Durham is making large plans for the observance of its centennial, to be held beginning on Sunday, April 23, and closing on Sunday, April 30. This will be followed by an evangelistic preaching mission, which is to begin on Sunday night, April 30, and extend through Wednesday night, May 3. Bishop Paul N. Garber will preach the opening sermon, Rev. William M. Howard, Jr., Trinity's minister, will preach the sermon on the morning of April 30, and Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., will be the preacher for the revival services to follow. A Centennial Commission, with Dr. B. G. Childs, chairman, Mr. M. Arnold Briggs, vice-chairman, and Mrs. C. G. Jennings, secretary, has been at work for several months on the plans and hope for a successful and enjoyable occasion. Further details as to complete program will appear in the *ADVOCATE* next week.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ DR. RALPH SOCKMAN, minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, addressed upperclassmen at Pfeiffer College in a special chapel service on Tuesday, April 11.

¶ DR. C. E. ROZZELLE, retired, of Winston-Salem, spoke to the Men's Fellowship Club at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, last Thursday, April 6. Dr. Rozzelle is a former pastor of First Church.

¶ REV. FRANK H. EDWARDS, pastor of the Madison Methodist Church, will assist Rev. J. Marion Fulk in revival services at Pine Hall church, Winston-Salem district, April 23-28.

¶ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, will begin revival services at Centenary Church, Greensboro, next Sunday evening, April 16, assisting the pastor, Rev. J. Leo Pittard.

¶ REV. EDWIN G. NEEDHAM, pastor of Prospect Methodist Church, Route 5, Monroe, conducted a very successful training class for church membership recently. Thirty-four children were enrolled, and 26 joined the church on Easter Sunday, 13 of them receiving baptism.

¶ DR. E. K. McLARTY, president of Brevard College, will assist in revival services at Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, Ramseur, beginning April 16. A prayer vigil will be held at the church Saturday, April 15, from 6:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Rev. Worth Sweet is the pastor.

¶ CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, Mount Airy, will conduct a training school beginning April 16. Instructors will include Mrs. W. R. Reed, Rev. Don Bridger, Mrs. E. H. Ould, and Rev. Wilson Nesbit. Mrs. Ould will speak at the morning worship service on the 16th on the subject, "The Finest of All Arts—Christian Homemaking."

¶ DR. JAMES H. OVERTON, JR., a member of the editorial staff of *The Upper Room*, Nashville, Tenn., conducted the worship service and was the speaker for the *Bible Hour*, of the Memphis Conference, each morning, April 4-6, held at First Methodist Church, Jackson, Tenn. Mr. Overton is a member of the North Carolina Conference.

¶ REV. R. W. BRADSHAW, pastor of Duke Memorial Church, Durham, was the speaker at Home-Coming exercises at the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, Monday, April 3. Mr. Bradshaw was formerly connected with the Home as principal, coach, and assistant superintendent from 1922 till 1931.

¶ THE DURHAM SUB-DISTRICT presents the Rev. Johnny Frye, assistant pastor of Carr Memorial Methodist Church and Duke basketball star, speaking on "Christianity and the College Campus," Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Paul's Methodist Church, Roxboro Road at Hammond Street. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments will be served. The Council Meeting, Sunday, April 16; District Rally, April 30.

¶ REV. THOMAS A. COLLINS, president of Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service at St. Luke Church, Goldsboro, Sunday, April 16.

¶ REV. H. GLEN LANIER, pastor of Montlieu Avenue Methodist Church, High Point, is assisting Rev. Wade Rogers in revival services at Vickery Methodist Church this week. Services are held each evening at 7:30.

¶ DR. A. J. HOBBS, superintendent of the New Bern District, preached at Edenton Street Methodist Church last Sunday morning. This church is celebrating its sesquicentennial. Dr. Hobbs served at pastor of Edenton Street from 1942 till 1947.

¶ THE ANNUAL DISTRICT meeting of the WSCS of the Winston-Salem District was held Wednesday, April 12, at New Hope Methodist Church. Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, and Mrs. Carl King, Conference president, were the speakers.

¶ DR. EUGENE SMITH, head of the division of foreign missions of the Methodist Church, was speaker at a district Call to Witness and Decision meeting held last Wednesday, April 11, at Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte.

¶ REV. GRADY DAWSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Wilson, will assist Rev. Leon Couch in revival services at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, beginning Sunday, April 16, and running through Friday, April 21. Services will be held each night at 7:30.

¶ MAYLO CHURCH, Gastonia, moved into its new church last Sunday, April 9. For a year and a half the congregation has been using the facilities of the Ranlo School while their church building was under construction. On next Sunday, April 16, Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District, will lead the congregation in its service of consecration.

¶ REV. R. HAROLD HIPPS, minister of education at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, attended the Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg, Fla., last week where he served as a member of the staff for the Southeastern Recreation Workshop of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Hipps and Miss Pat Floyd director of Christian Education of Children at West Market, also attended as representatives of the Commission on Fellowship and Recreational Life.

¶ BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH on the King Circuit is holding revival services this week (April 9-14), with the Rev. Barrett D. Wilson of Unity Methodist Church, in Thomasville, as guest preacher. The song leader for the week is the Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson of Oak Summit Methodist Church, in Winston-Salem. On Friday evening there will be a Fellowship Supper, preceding the service, for the guest ministers and their families, as well as the congregation families. The Rev. James E. McNeely, Jr., is minister of the King Circuit.

¶ MYERS PARK METHODIST CHURCH, Charlotte, will conduct a week of preaching April 16-19 with Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, of Christ Church, New York City, speaking each day at 8:00 p.m.

REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Bethel Church on the Flat Rock charge April 23 through April 28, with Rev. S. G. Strader, pastor of Mount Hermon Methodist church as visiting preacher.

¶ SEDGE GARDEN Methodist Church, Winston-Salem District, will hold revival services beginning April 16 and continuing through April 21. Rev. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem, will be the visiting preacher.

¶ THE KANNAPOLIS AREA training school has been in progress this week. Six courses were offered, taught by Mrs. Senah Pulliam, Mrs. W. R. Reed, Dr. George Schreyer, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, Rev. J. B. McLarty, and Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs.

¶ DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York, preached in the new Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, each evening Sunday through Wednesday, April 9-12 at 7:30. Rev. C. C. Herbert is pastor.

¶ THE REV. JOE L. ERVIN, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church will preach in revival services at Gideon Grove Church on the Flat Rock charge beginning April 9 and closing Friday April 14. Rev. L. Paul Heafner is pastor.

¶ THE REV. H. L. BLACKWELDER, pastor of Tabernacle Methodist Church will be the visiting preacher in revival services each night at 7:30, beginning Sunday night, April 16, through Friday night April 21 at Palestine Church on the Flat Rock charge, Greensboro district.

¶ REV. EARL H. BRENDALL, pastor, Central Methodist Church, Mount Airy, is this week preaching in revival services with Rev. D. Austin Hamilton, pastor of Muir's Chapel Church, Greensboro. Services began last Sunday evening and will continue through Thursday at 7:30.

¶ THE REV. RICHARD CROWDER, pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, Charlotte, is preaching this week in revival services at First Methodist Church, Reidsville. The meeting began last Sunday and will continue through Friday evening. Rev. Tom Stockton is pastor.

¶ ACCORDING TO AN announcement by Dr. Wendell Patton, president of High Point College, the board of trustees and faculty have voted to bestow upon Rev. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, the Doctor of Divinity degree. This high honor will be given at the next commencement.

¶ THE REV. WALTER LEE LANIER, pastor of First Methodist Church, Morganton, is attending a Seminar on National and International Affairs in Washington, D. C. during this week. One hundred ministers throughout the United States have been invited to attend this meeting. Leaders from different departments of the government talked with the clergymen in "off-the-record" sessions.

Greensboro District to Hold Vocations Conference April 16

The Greensboro district MYF vocations conference will be held at Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville Sunday, April 16, 3:00 till 8:00 p. m.

Fellowship singing will be engaged in from 3:00 to 3:15, when words of welcome and a devotional will be conducted. A movie, "Choosing Your Life's Work" will be shown. Leading the various groups will be: Teaching, Mrs. George A. Ferguson, of Leaksville; Nursing, Mrs. Robert L. Neal, Jr., of Reidsville; Medicine, Dr. L. Gordon Clark, Draper; Sciences, Mr. Voigt F. Morgan, Spray; Ministry, Rev. W. A. Rock, Draper; Director of Christian Education, Mrs. Jerry Troxler, Greensboro; Law, Judge D. Leon Moore, Reidsville; Music, Mrs. Norwood Cheek, Leaksville; Business, Mr. Irvin K. Davis, Reidsville; Social Work, Mrs. Charles E. Fleming, Reidsville; Missions, Mrs. Herbert H. Petersen, High Point; "Don't Know Yets", Rev. James Allen, Spray; Counselors, Mrs. Annie Ozment, Greensboro.

At 4:15 a second vocational fellowship group will be held. An assembly will be held at 4:45 at which time a film strip, "Split Decision" will be presented. From 5:00 till 5:45 a "Meet Our Colleges" program will be conducted. Brevard College will be represented by Mr. Glenn Hardesty, Greensboro College by Mr. Allen E. Kivett, High Point College by Mr. Stan Broadway, and Pfeiffer College by Mr. James Clemmer. A Fellowship supper will be held in the Fellowship hall at 6:00 p. m. Evening worship, with Mr. Henry Deal presiding, will be conducted at 7:00 p. m. at which Johnny Frye, Duke Basketball star and ministerial student will be the guest speaker.

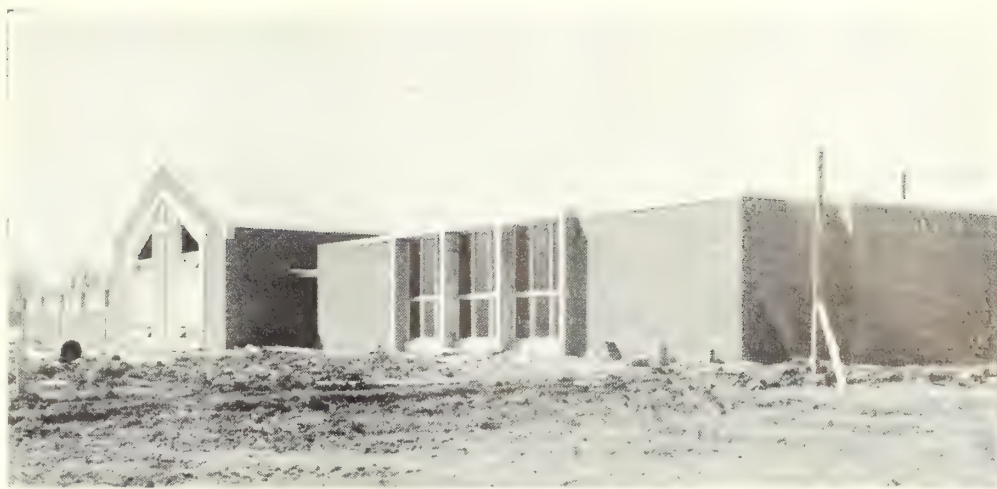
Bob Smith Meets Bob Smith



Mr. Bob Smith of Mount Airy, Western North Carolina Conference lay leader, presents charter to Bob Smith, president of the newly-organized Yadkinville Methodist Men's Club. The presentation took place March 27 in the Yadkinville Methodist Church social hall. Preceding the ceremony was a roast beef dinner served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Rev. Garland Stafford, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, conducted the installation of officers and committee chairmen.

Several churches were represented at the meeting. These included Elkin, Jonesville, Boonville, and Center Methodist Churches. Mr. Fred Hobson, district lay leader, introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Bob Smith, and other church representatives.



New St. Paul Church, Greensboro

St. Paul Church, Greensboro Enters New Building

On Sunday, March 26, the cornerstone was laid in the new St. Paul Methodist Church of Greensboro. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District, participated in the special ceremony which marked the completion of the building. Built at a cost of approximately \$80,000, the new building has a little more than 8,000 square feet of floor space. The sanc-

tuary-fellowship hall combination has a striking chancel area featuring a stone pulpit and stone altar base with architectural solar screen block used throughout the chancel area. The building also has a pastor's study, kitchen, ten classrooms, and three restrooms.

The building was used for the first time on Easter Sunday with record-breaking attendance reported for Sunday school and the worship service. The church is located in the O. Henry Oaks community of Greensboro on North O. Henry Boulevard at East Cone Boulevard. The five-acre site for the new building was purchased in 1957 at a cost of \$25,000. In 1958 a seven-room modern ranch-style parsonage was built on a lot beside the church building site.

The building just completed was designed by Adrian P. Stout, architect, and was built by Joslin Construction Company of Greensboro. It is the first of a three-unit over-all development plan. The Rev. Joel T. Key has served as pastor of the congregation for the past seven years.

Council of Churches to Hold Silver Anniversary Convocation

Evangelist Billy Graham of Montreat will be a featured speaker at the Silver Anniversary Convocation of the North Carolina Council of Churches scheduled at the First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2.

Other speakers for the two-day convocation marking the 25th year of the council include Dr. Frank P. Graham, United Nations mediator; Dr. Liston Pope, of Yale Divinity School; Dr. H. Shelton Smith, of Duke Divinity School; Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; Dr. Rufus Clement, of Atlanta University; and Mrs. Guion G. Johnson, of Chapel Hill.

Highlights of the convocation include an address by Dr. Frank P. Graham at 3:30 p.m. Monday followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. with Dr. Smith as speaker and a worship and communion service at 8 p.m. with a sermon by Dr. Blake; and a closing session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday with Billy Graham as the speaker.



A Correction

It was mistakenly stated in last week's Advocate that Dr. Lee Tuttle assisted "Rev. E. O. Peeler" in revival services at Bunker Hill; also that Rev. Vaudry Williams assisted "Rev. E. O. Peeler" at Sandy Ridge. The pastor's name should have appeared as "Rev. E. O. Temple, Jr." Mr. Temple has been pastor of Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge charge for five years. We regret the confusion of names.



Participating in Cornerstone laying at St. Paul Church, Greensboro, left to right: Dr. J. Clay Madison, District Superintendent, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of Charlotte, and Rev. Joel T. Key, pastor.

EDITORIALS

What Do We Gain By Lowering The Standards?

There seems to be a tendency on the part of some to modernize the church by lowering its standards of ethics and spiritual ideals. There are some who go to church, it seems, solely to be entertained. If the preacher is good at telling jokes and making the congregation laugh they say he is a great preacher. If he concentrates on giving emphasis to high standards of living by condemning sin and challenging men, women, and young people to holy living, they complain that he is dull and too exacting. There are those who judge the church by comparing it with secular institutions of entertainment in its ability to amuse, and the spirit of levity. Some are concerned about bringing jazz music into the church, under the guise of attracting the indifferent; others suggest that certain questionable recreational activities should be provided for the young people in order to win them; still others would make the church a house of merchandise in order to meet its financial obligations. Strange as it may seem, we do not remember hearing of anyone who was converted or brought to repentance through any of these methods. We do remember reading from the **Discipline** of the Methodist Church, "Dearly beloved, the Church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time, for the promotion of his worship and the due administration of his word and ordinances, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world." There are three important questions asked at the reception of members into the church: "Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord and pledge your allegiance to his Kingdom? Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the New Testament of our Lord Jesus Christ? Will you be loyal to the Methodist Church, and uphold it by your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service?" All of which are supposedly answered in the affirmative. This, then, seems to set forth the main purpose of the church. It is not designed to cope with other agencies in magnifying the secular things. There may be a place for some of these things in the life of the ordinary person, but that place is not the church. Jesus gave his idea of the church, as expressed in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel of Saint Matthew when he disagreed sharply with the practices he found, and said "It is written, My house

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Matt. 16:18.

shall be called a house of prayer." Truly, when the world is at its worst, the church needs to be at its best. It is to the church that men turn to find God, to secure forgiveness, to gain assurance. As the church holds the ideals high men go out challenged to live nobly. In answer to the question, What do we gain by lowering the standards, we can be sure we gain the contempt of those whom we are trying to reach. Intelligent people are not looking for a secularized church; they are looking for a spiritual institution that is different. Jesus never tried to make the requirements of discipleship hard, neither did he try to make them easy, but simply stated the facts: "Ye must be born again." It may be our problems are due to the fact that we have been majoring on the minor things, and minoring on the major things. "Let the church be the church."

Sunday Observance Can Enrich Life

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Thus spake the ten commandments in the long ago. To look at some of the practices of the present day one would hardly be able to detect any influence of the ancient commandment on modern conduct. Time was when men thought Sunday was to be observed as a day of rest and worship. They felt it prepared them better for the duties of the following week. But we have become very gullible in yielding to the sinister influences which have set themselves to destroy respect for the Sabbath day. Little by little inroads have been made, until many people have come to accept as a matter of course any sort of practice. Business places are kept open in some sections and people, who could just as well make purchases on Saturday or some other day wait till Sunday, when they should be in church, to do their shopping. Little children, who should be in Sunday school are seen carrying bags of groceries or playing along the streets. Recently a county fair advertised that children under 12 years of age would be admitted free on Sunday. And some parents fell for such bait and permitted their children to attend. No wonder many young people have

lost their interest in, or never cultivated any appreciation for, the church and religion. Parents will have to answer, no doubt, for many shipwrecks that could have been avoided if they had instilled in their children a proper respect for and loyalty to the church and Sabbath day. Children are to be pitied who are brought up under such conditions. Many of the finest citizens of every age can trace their success back to the influence of childhood days when parents set before them high ideals both in the home and church. Some know from experience the wholesome feeling that comes from a proper observance of the one day set aside for rest and worship. If we would overcome the danger of a moral breakdown we need to turn from a silly to a sane usage of the Sabbath day. The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath, but in some instances the process seems to have been reversed. We could profit by studying its purpose and conforming to its privileges.

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Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson Attends Chaplains' Conference

Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson, chaplain to Duke University, is in attendance at the annual conference of the National Association of College and University Chaplains, which is the interdenominational, professional organization representing more than four hundred universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. The conference is being held on the campus of Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, Texas.

Chaplain Wilkinson was selected to preach the sermon in the Sunday morning University Service of Worship, in Perkins Chapel at S. M. U., on April 9, just prior to the opening of the conference.

At the end of the chaplains' conference, he goes to Houston, where on April 16 he is scheduled to preach at St. Matthew's Methodist Church. He will also address the Duke Alumni Association of the Houston area prior to returning to the Duke campus.

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Norwegian Methodists Will Welcome American Brothers

By INGVAR HADDAL OF NORWAY

You would be surprised if you knew just how warmly Norwegian Methodists will welcome you to their country and to their churches. In a few months time some 1500 of you who attend the coming world Methodist conferences will be in a position to know.

Our friendly feelings towards American Methodists are due to several facts, the first of which is that a great many of you have a Norwegian background.

When first you see our mountains and fjords you will no doubt ask yourselves "How could our grandparents leave a country like this for America!" That is what we ask, too! But fact is they did, during sad years of depression and relative overpopulation. So they became Americans—we hope good Americans!

The second reason for the warm feelings we harbor towards you American Methodists is that Methodism came to us from you. The first contact we had with the great spiritual movement in the new world was through a love letter!

A young Norwegian sailor, Ole Peter Petersen, met his Saviour in the Swedish Methodist Battleship, then at a pier in New York harbor. He was converted, found assurance of forgiveness and salvation and felt that everything had become new. These things he described in a letter to his fiancée in Norway.

This young girl did with her letter what not every girl would do. She showed it to her friends and neighbors who all found this experience of the testimony of the Spirit remarkable. So they wrote to him urging him to come home and share with them his new found faith.

He came and the people who thus were converted built up the first Methodist classes in this country. All this happened more than a century ago.

In 1956 Norwegian Methodism celebrated its hundredth anniversary. Our late King Haakon attended the observance in the great auditorium in the University of Oslo. Methodism had come to these mountains to stay.



Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm who administers Scandinavian Methodism. He and his area will be host to the tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 17-25.

The Unique Functions Of the Christian Church

By W. W. REID

In what, indeed, may have been a somewhat cynical mood, I once posed the question, "I wonder if this city is any better this Monday morning for all the sermons that were preached here yesterday?"

And a wise elder pastor, who had preached and labored in that city for many years, made reply: "You may not be able to measure and detail the change from Saturday to Monday in the moral and spiritual tone of the city because of yesterday's hours of preaching and worship, but close the churches and stop that preaching for a period of weeks or for a few years, and you will notice the change! Even if the immediate results of sermonizing and of corporate worship cannot be computed, they do have the effect of maintaining some degree of morality and ethical conduct."

I believe this - - and most of us believe it. Who among us would want to live in a city or in a rural region in which there was no house of worship?

Yet it is good to look at ourselves once in a while and ask what we, as a church, are doing, and where we are going. It would be worthwhile to look at ourselves and our church in the mirror through which we are reflected in our community. My particular church has stood - - and we hope served God and man - - in my town for upwards of 130 years. What has been accomplished in the lives of the procession of people who have listened and spoken, prayed and sung, been taught and trained, served and been served through these years? Is the community better for these activities - - or does the community-at-large know us only as a brick building occupying a corner that might be used for business?

Of course, we have no yardstick to measure 130 years of effectiveness or ineffectiveness. And we may be even a bit hazy as to definitive purposes of the church, the objectives of the worship program, the outside-itself-service program, even what the church school is aiming to develop in the lives of its children.

I like this statement of "the unique functions of the church," stated recently by the Department of City Work of Methodism's Board of Missions, but applying equally to town and rural churches:

"First, and above all, the church is here to afford us a place for regular, *public, corporate worship*. No other institution on earth gives us the privilege. Only here do we find a common approach to God in adoration, praise, thanksgiving, petition, commitment: all of the attitudes which men feel toward God but which are expressed most forcefully when they are done in a group.

"Second, the church is the only place where we experience together *Christian fellowship* between all kinds and types and ages of people. This fellowship is one that has as its central focus a love of God and a love of men. No other institution finds its primary source of fellowship in a direct primary relation to God which inevitably makes all of us members of one family.

"Third, the church is unique in that it is the one place where the imperative of bringing the gospel to all the people is linked with the necessity of training up each

individual through *adequate Christian nurture*. This means that the church is the place where *evangelism and education* go hand in hand. When they do we can, both as individuals and within a community, give witness to all the people of the Good News which we find in the gospel.

"Fourth, the church is the one institution which affords us the means of community service and action through the *stewardship* of our talents, our financial resources, our prayers and our participation. This is the focal point for the use of these many gifts which God has given us in ways which we believe will help fulfill the Kingdom of God on earth.

"Fifth, the church is unique because it is a group of people with a *common loyalty to and profession of the personal and social lordship of Jesus*. For us Jesus is the person who gives us our interpretation of everything that we value in life. Jesus is the source of all our judgments. Jesus is the personal friend who is able to guide us in our decisions. No other institution has as its primary responsibility the commitment to a common loyalty both personal and social to the Lordship of our Master."

Young Adult Travel Seminar to Hawaii

Nashville, Tenn.—A Methodist young adult travel seminar to Hawaii will be conducted June 24 to July 5.

"The seminar is for young adult leaders interested in the missionary program of the Methodist Church," said the Rev. Edwin F. Tewksbury, Nashville, who will conduct the seminar.

Mr. Tewksbury is a staff member of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, which in cooperation with the Methodist general boards of missions and education is sponsoring the seminar.

The number of participants in the seminar will be limited to 35. On March 31, 22 persons from several states had registered for it.

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I MET MY SAVIOUR THERE

By MRS. FRED SPRINGER
Bethesda Methodist Church
Asheville, N. C.

I wandered through a lonely wood
To a hilltop nearby
And gazed upon the stately trees
That almost hid the sky.

I sat down on an old gray log
And breathed the pure, sweet air
And felt His divine presence
About me everywhere.

The beautiful leaves of every hue
Fell around me o'er my head
And the spicy fragrance of the grove
Its gentle perfume shed.

The joy I felt deep in my heart
Fell like a healing balm
And o'er my troubled spirit
There came a wondrous calm.

I slowly wended my homeward way
Down the moss-grown wooded path.
Feeling deep within my heart
That peace that shall forever last.

High Point District in Important Educational Meeting at College

A very interesting and highly important meeting of the High Point District, under the direction of Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, district superintendent, was held at High Point College last Thursday evening, April 6, at 7:00 p. m. It was a supper meeting, and was attended by several hundred people. The district superintendent had invited every pastor of the district, together with a minimum of three people from each church, and a number of invited guests, together with faculty and administrative members of the college. The purpose was to promote a closer cooperation between the church and the college campus in carrying on the work of Christian education. Dr. Wendell Patton, president of the college, gave words of welcome, and also spoke for the college in its desire to become not only a good college but a great college as it seeks to meet the demands made upon it. It is set to the task of building one of the greatest libraries in the field of group leadership to be found anywhere. It is anxious to train ministers and directors of Christian education as well as to produce good Christian laymen in the various walks of life. Dr. Patton was introduced by Mr. Holt McPherson, editor and publisher of the *High Point Enterprise* and also chairman of the board of trustees of High Point College. He presented him as one of the finest young college presidents to be found anywhere. Presented also were a number of others who occupy places of responsibility in the district educational program. Mrs. W. B. Hall, president of the district WSCS, Miss Anne Tyler, director of Christian education at Wesley Memorial Church, and also district director of children's work; Dr. Frank Jordan, of Thomasville, president of the Conference Board of Education; Mr. Harry G. Bell, district lay leader, along with the editor of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate*, were recognized. The main speaker of the evening was Dr. Fletcher Nelson, superintendent of the Marion District and director of the Commission on Christian Higher Education. He reminded the audience that the campaign for Christian Higher Education in the conference was providential. During the last quadrennium, he said, we have rediscovered our colleges. We now know they are not ivory-clad halls out of the periphery of the church's life. They are heart of our heart, flesh of our flesh, looking to us for understanding and guidance, and walking alongside to help build a greater church. Some raise the question as to why we should be interested in church colleges. Why not, they ask, just leave it to the state. It controls nearly all of it now below the college level, and the majority of it at the college level. But, asked the speaker, suppose it is not a question of dollars—just a question of staying in or getting out of higher education. It is worth staying in simply because the philosophy of education of the church college needs broader acceptance. A college is an invisible web of personal relations—of midnight vigils, of plighted troths, quiet sacrifices, unspoken longings and visions that await realization in the future. When the final moving force of

this invisible realm is a faith in the Christian theme of things and a loyalty to God and the church—there is Christian education. Education without religion is unfinished, and religion without education is inadequate. We must stay in the educational process even with all its high cost because these church colleges provide intelligent and trained leadership for the church. Nearly all of them came into existence during the first two hundred years of our nation's history and mainly for the purpose of training a minister for the church. In this conference it would be difficult to find a minister who hasn't touched Brevard, High Point, Greensboro, Pfeiffer, or Duke, or one of the other colleges. We are not primarily interested in colleges, but that for which colleges exist. We are working for that without which Mr. Wesley said Methodism could not survive. Wesley's statement is really the top step of the stairway. To descend the stairway it will be something like this: The Methodist church is dependent on Christian education for survival; Christian education is dependent on the Christian college for existence; the Christian college is dependent on an adequate support, both moral and financial, for permanence; and adequate support is dependent on that vision, comprehension, and the good will of Methodist people. These are crucial days for our colleges and the crux of the matter is simply the need of additional money. But we have got to stay there and make the sacrifices that are necessary to keep our institutions competitive in every respect. They came into being through the sacrifices and convictions of their founders who had considerable genius in putting their faith to work. If Christianity is to survive it must survive in an environment made by Christian leaders. Unless those who believe in a Christian civilization are willing to sacrifice their good, hard-earned cash to educate Christian leaders, they will find in a few generations that their dreams have vanished. If American churchmen fail to support the kind of colleges that turn out Christian leaders, American life under another leadership will close the churches.

WNC Summer Activities In Christian Education

We regret that the dates and places of the district conferences on summer activities in Christian education in the Western North Carolina Conference were omitted from the article which appeared in the *ADVOCATE* last week. We gladly give them here:

The district conferences on summer activities in Christian education in the Western North Carolina Conference are as follows:

North Wilkesboro District: Sunday, April 16, 2:45 p.m., First Church, North Wilkesboro.

Waynesville District: Monday, April 17, 7:15 p.m., First Church, Waynesville.

Asheville District: Tuesday, April 18, 7:15 p.m., Central Church, Asheville.

Gastonia District: Thursday, April 20, 7:15 p.m., First Church, Gastonia.

Statesville District: Friday, April 21, 7:15 p.m., Broad Street, Statesville.

Marion District: Monday, April 24, 7:15 p.m., First Church, Morganton.

Albemarle District: Tuesday, April 25, 7:15 p.m., Central Church, Monroe.

Roanoke Oratorio Society Presents Easter Program

The Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah* was presented in the Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, on Good Friday night by the Roanoke Oratorio Society. The Society is composed of over forty voices from the various churches of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon communities. During the Christmas season the group gave the Christmas section of the *Messiah* in the Rosemary Church and it was so well received plans were made shortly thereafter for the Easter program. The Society is under the direction of Mr. George Baird, Director of the Roanoke Rapids High School band. Miss Lois Turner accompanied the choir. The Rosemary Church was selected because of the fine acoustics and ample seating capacity. The Society was greeted by an overflow congregation at both performances. The large attendance at both renditions indicated the deep appreciation of the two communities for this type of music and for the work the group did in preparation.



Rev. J. D. Autry, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hamlet, received thirty-six persons into the membership on Palm Sunday. Thirty-two of them were on profession of faith. Shown above are thirty-four of those who were received. Two were not in the picture.

Interesting Methodist Matters

A total of 6,866 decisions was reported during the recent two-week visitation evangelism campaign held by Oklahoma Methodists. All 12 districts participated.

Mrs. Louis H. Fields, Frankfort, Ky., was re-elected president of the Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service at its meeting in Chicago March 17.

The church should supply the ideals and inspiration to make good citizens and to keep the state moving toward higher goals.

—GOVERNOR J. MILLARD TAWES
of Maryland

Bishop Dana Dawson of Shreveport, La., and his son, the Rev. Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of First Church, Baton Rouge, La., left New York April 8 for a week's visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Africa.

Vinson M. Mouser, a Columbia, La., attorney and former judge, has been elected ordering secretary of the General Board of Pensions, succeeding the late Edward A. Smith of Detroit.

Marcus E. Drewa will become administrator of Knapp Memorial Methodist Hospital in Weslaco, Texas, April 15. He has held various hospital administrative posts in Illinois, North Carolina, Florida and Kansas City, Mo.

The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church, New York, diagnoses the ailments besetting churches in our cities and offers a remedy in a leading article in *Look's* April 11 issue. Title of the story is: "Can City Churches Survive?"

A Methodist minister has been named Man of the Month for April by *Pastoral Psychology* magazine. He is the Rev. Dr. Edgar N. Jackson of Mamaroneck, N. Y., author of two books to be published in April—one, *A Psychology for Preaching*, and the other, *Green Mountain Hero*, a Vermont pioneer story for boys.

The place of women in the Methodist Church in the Scandinavian countries is emphasized in recent reports telling of service by women in two areas of church life, the pastorate and nursing.

Because of a lack of ministers in Sweden, four young women have volunteered for a year of service as supply pastors. A total of 64 nurses have recently been graduated from Methodist hospitals in Norway and Sweden.

Further support for federal aid to education, but opposition to extending it to private schools, was voted before a Congressional committee by a Methodist minister on behalf of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, member of New York East Conference and executive secretary of NCC's Division of Christian Education, testified before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The Upper Room, daily devotional guide published by the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., has added two new editions — Danish and Malayalam, it has been announced by the editor, Dr. J. Manning Potts.

The Rev. John S. Wood, a Methodist minister from West Islip, N. Y., is the new executive director of the Department of Youth Work and executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement of the National Council of Churches, New York.

John E. Fellers, Emory University theology student, has been awarded the Helen Stowers Scholarship. Fellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell C. Fellers of 6411 Gainesville, Houston, Texas, is completing his second year in the seminary.

Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, which was chartered in 1911, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding this month. Eminent scholars from over the nation will participate in the semi-centennial festival, which will also herald the establishment of the newly-created Graduate Council of the Humanities. Although granted a charter in 1911, SMU did not commence classes until 1915. The festival got under way at the traditional honors day convocation on April 11.

A Methodist pastor's family is featured in the current (April) *Ladies Home Journal*. In a full-length article, plus side features and more than a dozen pictures, the magazine throws the spotlight of favorable publicity upon the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Knox of Emmanuel Methodist Church in Philadelphia's Roxborough residential section. The article is one in a series on "How America Spends Its Money," and naturally features budget matters, money-saving ideas, and hints on entertaining unexpected guests.

OVERHEARD . . .

Citizen: "Hey, Preacher, how about going with me to my anti-communist meeting tonight?"

Minister: "Sorry, I can't. I'm speaking at an anti-communist meeting myself tonight."

Citizen: "Where? I didn't know there were any other such meetings."

Minister: "At prayer meeting. Every meeting in our church is anti-communist."

—A true conversation, reported in
MISSISSIPPI METHODIST ADVOCATE

WORTH REMEMBERING . . .

The church is in the world for the same reason Christ came into the world. It is the method which now becomes our serious problem. We have tried preachments, denunciations, moral and ethical treatises, pressures, even anger. When will we be ready, as the body of Christ, to accept suffering love as our method for the task of reconciliation?

—THE REV. DR. DOW KIRKPATRICK,
pastor of St. Mark Church,
Atlanta, Ga.

Duke University, Durham, has announced that it will admit Negroes to its graduate and professional schools next September. A resolution passed by the board of trustees said "qualified applicants may be admitted to the degree programs in the graduate and professional schools of the university . . . without regard to race, creed or national origin."

A Methodist layman who has been on the staffs of both the Senate and the State Department is now directing a graduate program of training for international service. He is Dr. Francis O. Wilcox, who has been named dean of the School of Advanced International Studies, a Johns Hopkins University division located in Washington, D. C.

Pension Work Growing

The General Board of Pensions, at its semi-annual meeting in Chicago March 24, heard reports of rapidly growing service to the church.

Funds administered by the board now total \$72,537,643, it was reported by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, general secretary. His report, covering the nine months from June 1, 1960, through February 28, 1961, showed that funds handled by the board had increased nearly seven million dollars during that period. Most gains were registered in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund.

'Can't Stand Another Siege'

The U. S. must attack communism with a ringing declaration throughout the world on what it stands for and believes, and by the quality of private and public living, and not by another siege of McCarthyism, Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles said March 21 in an address at San Diego.

The president of the church's Council of Bishops warned the San Diego Kiwanis Club that the nation cannot stand another such siege.

"As I have traveled about the world during these past years," the bishop said, "I have seen the inestimable harm that movement has done us. In place after place we lost ground we cannot regain because our friends were horrified by what we were becoming. And at home we will never know what the baseless accusations and suspicions did to our leadership and unity."

'Must Stop Running'

The urgent need for the church to do much more than it has in the past in the area of race relations was stressed by eight religious and civic leaders at the Methodist Orientation Conference on Race Relations in Louisville, Ky., March 20-24.

Their panel discussion viewed ways that the church and community organizations can cooperate in a program to improve race relations on the local level. All noted that they can serve as allies of the church and consider the church as their ally.

Edwin C. Berry, director of the Chicago Urban League, said that too many churches and their members run away from their responsibilities in race relations. "When Negroes move into new areas, white churches often lead the exodus from the areas and the people follow the churches," he said. "Churches must stop running."

Pilgrimage to the Grave Of The Rev. John Lee

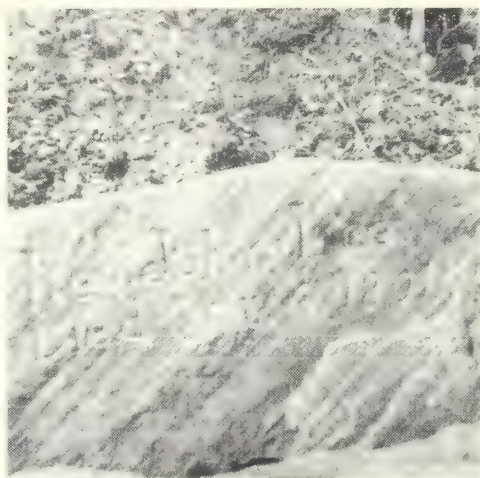
The Reverend Garland R. Stafford, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, for sometime now has been diligently digging into the history of Methodism in that district. Among his exciting discoveries was the grave of the Rev. John Lee. The grave is a few miles west of Hanes' Grove Methodist Church off Highway No. 21 and not far from Brooks' Crossing in Yadkin County on the farm of Mr. Melvin McCulloch.

On Monday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m., a body of people met with Dr. Stafford for a pilgrimage to the grave. The meeting had previously been announced in the churches and the local papers. The group met at Hanes' Grove Church and proceeded to the grave where Brother Stafford, after some appropriate remarks, led the group in singing "O, For A Thousand Tongues." The Rev. Ray Stevens led in prayer. Then the doxology was sung by all present. Before leaving the revered spot there was some



discussion about securing a deed and the right-of-way to the property. The need for a better gravestone with a bronze plaque relating something of his life and most unusual death was apparent to all the pilgrims.

This article would be incomplete unless more is told about Brother Lee. He was a brother to the Rev. Jesse Lee so well known in the early history of Methodism in New England. It seems that after his burial that his grave was forgotten. In 1844, Stephen Denny identified the grave, and the Rev. James L. Nicholson who was on the Jonesville Circuit and the Rev. T. A. Nicholson erected the present stone wall around it. The circumstances surrounding the death of this man are extraordinary. The records tell us that he made a leisurely and circuitous journey in a sort of horse-drawn wheel chair through Yadkin territory and arrived at the home of Dr. James Parkes at or near Jonesville (then Martinsborough) on October 5, 1801. Someone was sick at the Parkes home, and Lee, accompanied by his body servant, Ezekiel, whose freedom he had procured, went a short distance away to the home of a Methodist layman by the name of Mr. Moses, where the night was spent. But he returned the following day to keep a dinner engagement with Dr. Parkes. To both the Moss and Parkes families Lee confided a premonition of the certainty that he would very shortly die. That



afternoon, after riding about ten miles up the Yadkin River in Wilkes County, he stopped at the home of Dr. Brown's widow. Dr. Brown was now dead, but his home had always been a haven for the traveling Methodist ministers. Less than two years prior to Lee's coming, Bishop Asbury had spent a week with the Browns while Dr. Brown was yet alive. After Ezekiel, the colored body servant, had finished stabling and feeding the horses, Brother Lee sat down on a fallen log and after giving the servant his personal effects told him to get back to the old home in Virginia. Then he told Ezekiel that he was going to die, and that he must go and tell Dr. Parkes and Brother Moss to bury his body. Accordingly, to the astonishment and consternation of his friends there, he bathed his hands and laid himself down upon the bed and in two hours he was dead.²

¹W. L. Grissom, *The History of Methodism in North Carolina* (Nashville: The Methodist Publishing House, 1905), Volume I, p. 270.

²W. E. Poovey, *The Beginnings of Methodism on the Branches of the Yadkin*, as quoted in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Volume LXXVIII, January 19-February 16, 1933; W. L. Grissom, *Op. Cit.*, p. 269.

—By W. H. DYAR

Jonesville, N. C.

Hungarian Refugee Receives Top Scholarship Award

Lakeland, Fla.—A Florida Southern College senior who couldn't speak English five years ago is the winner of one of the nation's top scholarship prizes.

He is Paul Marer, 24, a Hungarian refugee, who has just been awarded a fellowship by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo., to do graduate study leading to the master's and doctor's degrees in international economics.

Marer is the only Florida student among the 98 college and university seniors selected by the Foundation.

Marer fled his native Hungary in 1956 following the ill-fated revolution against the Communists. He was admitted to the United States the next year and came to Florida on a special scholarship. He is due to become a naturalized citizen soon. He holds numerous offices at Florida Southern, now speaks fluent English, and plans to become a college teacher.

Several New Scholarships Announced at Paine College

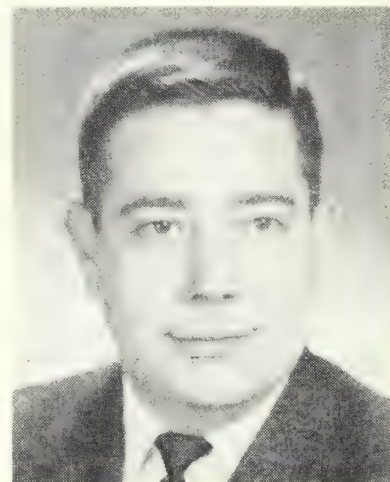
Mr. Cannute M. Richardson, acting dean of Paine College, has announced a series of new scholarships designed to lift the academic sights of Paine students. In a recent college assembly, Mr. Richardson announced that full tuition scholarships would be available for the top five students of both the freshman and sophomore classes. The awards will be given only if the students have maintained a "B" average throughout their college career up to that point.

Additional awards were announced for the junior class. A full tuition scholarship will be awarded to the five juniors with the top averages in the five fields in which Paine offers a major. These fields include Education, English, the Natural Sciences, Philosophy and Religion, and the Social Sciences. To be eligible for these scholarships students will have to achieve a "B" average in the field in which the scholarship, and "C" in his whole academic program.

Mr. Richardson further announced the awarding of one-half tuition scholarships to the second ranking juniors in each of the five fields.

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Thirty-one Methodist women from Canada, Mexico and the U. S. attended a United Nations seminar March 13-16, sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions. Planned to promote a better understanding of the objectives and workings of the UN, most of the seminar took place at the UN during talks on the Union of South Africa and the Congo.



ROGER F. SEARLES

Mr. Roger F. Searles, pictured above, has been added to the staff of St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, as Minister of Music. He is a graduate of Syracuse University. While there, he was co-chairman of the Hendricks Chapel Choir and assistant director under Professor Arthur Poister. During the summer of 1960 he served as organist at the University Chapel. He is married to Gayle Roe who received her degree in architecture at Syracuse last June.

Brotherhood or 'Botherhood'

Churches and civic organizations have an annual observance of Brotherhood Week. In a recent publication, there was a misspelling of brotherhood, and it appeared in print as 'botherhood.'

Is the relation of man to man a bother, an upsetting experience? Some are asking: "Why can't we live as we have always lived? We got along all right in other days."

While we recognize change in our outward world, many seem unaware of change in the minds of men. Undeveloped countries are more enlightened and are seeking higher standards of living.

We live in a world community today, physically speaking. With the melting away of space and time barriers, we are one big neighborhood. All men are our next-door neighbors, but it's hard to get along when we are at odds with each other.

A recent movie, "The Defiant Ones," tells of two prisoners escaping from a chain gang. The white prisoner, John Jackson, and the Negro prisoner, Noah Cullen, chained together, are bitter toward each other. They dash away into the wilderness, where they quarrel, fuss and fume. One falls into the ditch, and the other must help him or stay in or by the horrible pit. The picture symbolizes the predicament of the human race. We are bound together in our human relationships. We must all be saved together.

If we believe in God as our heavenly Father, we must take seriously the brotherhood of man in our world (Ac. 17:26; Col. 3:11). The story goes that someone said to a man from Texas: "I have heard that the state of Texas is so large that all the peoples of the earth could be gotten into it standing up." The other replied: "So they could, if they were friends." But, as Harold C. Phillips said: "We have physical proximity, but we lack spiritual community."

Franklin D. Roosevelt said in his last public address, which he wrote but never delivered in person: "We are faced with the pre-eminent fact that if civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships — the ability of all kinds of people to live together and work together in the same world at peace."

What are the conditions for such a world? For one thing, a better understanding and appreciation for the peoples of the earth. To be one among toiling humanity, a ruler disguised himself and lived with the plain people. Then, as an understanding friend, he became an advocate of good laws for the working man. The noted Japanese Christian, Toychiko Kagawa, crossed "the death line" into Shinkawa Ward, rented a small shanty and brought the living Lord into the Kobe slum.

Tolstoy gave up titles and wealth because he wanted to assume the hardships of the poor. Walking down a country road one day, he passed two beggars. One of the poverty-stricken men recognized the great man and spoke to him. Soon the poor man's face was beaming with a smile. "Well, did the great Tolstoy give you anything?" asked the beggar. "No," replied the other, "he had no money to share, but he called me brother."

Brotherhood begins within, for it is God who gives us a new heart and enables us to live together. Christ placed true religion in one package, the love of God and the love of our neighbor.

The Bible tells us that the person who says that he loves God and hates his brother, is a liar. Ill-will toward others is contrary to the spirit and character of God, for "God is love." Jesus tells us that "you are my disciples if you love the brethren."

Seeing Stephen being done to death by an infuriated mob, someone asked why the Lord didn't step in and save Stephen from the cruel hands of his enemies. Make no mistake about it: the Lord did do something for him. He enabled the man of God to pray for his murderers: "Father, lay not this sin to their charge." The sin of prejudice and a bitter heart needs forgiveness.

Outward appearances and differences are superficial. God sees beneath the outward crust and shell to the heart of man. Strength of character and beauty of soul spring from within.

Facing a critical world situation today, we must come to grips with our common humanity. "Does Christianity offer any practical hope for colored people?" the com-

munist is asking, questioning our integrity and strength, laying bold claims to their superiority over our religion.

The late Bishop Adna W. Leonard told of a visit to New York with his little granddaughter. The most impressive sight to the girl was the Statue of Liberty, and she was thrilled with the long climb inside.

Unable to sleep that night, the father inquired as to what was keeping her awake. She replied: "Daddy, I am thinking of the lady with the lamp standing out there all alone. She must get awfully tired. Don't you think somebody ought to help her hold that lamp up?"

It will take millions of people to hold the lamp of freedom today. Brotherhood must become a reality rather than merely a botherhood, for all men are "entitled to the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

—D. W. CHARLTON

Swansboro, N. C.

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There will be a meeting of a group of ministers at Methodist College, Fayetteville April 20, at 9:30 a.m. for discussion of matters of interest to ministers. Any minister desiring to attend should notify Rev. E. C. Crawford, Rt. 1, Fayetteville.



Bethesda Methodist Church, Asheville, opened its new sanctuary for worship services on Palm Sunday at the eleven o'clock worship services. The pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Howle, presided at the opening service. He was assisted by the Asheville District superintendent, the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, who brought the opening message. The service was concluded with the reception of sixteen new members making the church membership now stand at 206. Following the service a picnic dinner was held in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The sanctuary is the final unit of a \$75,000 building program which began in

1954. The educational building was dedicated debt-free in 1958. The new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 300. The interior of the building is marked by a divided chancel, oak furniture, and twelve stained glass windows with picture insets from the life of Christ ranging from His birth to His ascension. The interior includes red wall-to-wall carpeting and an inset lighting system.

The exterior of the church is Colonial style with a forty-foot steeple which can be seen from all points of the Haw Creek valley and from the Blue Ridge Parkway in the near distance.

West Pakistan—Land of Decision—and Questions

Helen C. Rocky

West Pakistan has been designated as one of the four Lands of Decision for the Methodist Church for the 1960-64 quadrennium. Whose decision is responsible for the new title? Is it that of the Board of Mission of the Methodist Church in America? Is it Pakistan Methodism's own? Is it God's? We hope that is and will be the decision of all three in cooperation.

Why has Pakistan been so designated? It is the west wing of the largest Muslim nation in the world. While it is avowedly a theocratic state under the inspiration of the Quran, it assures the minority religious groups of the Islamic ideal of brotherhood and tolerance toward them on the governmental level. Christianity and Christians are to be tolerated before the law. Since there are times when family and society's reactions toward Christians may be very different, government's impartiality is a great reassurance. Pakistan is a very new state and all of the Christian groups are in a sense fragments left over from the bigger groups of the old undivided India. As such they are greatly in need of morale boosting and practical aid, and are showing themselves worthy of the latter.

Is the decision going to be big enough? A couple of years ago by a strange coincidence the same mail brought into our house two magazines from America, with articles on Bolivia. One was a Methodist magazine telling of Bolivia as one of the current Lands of Decision, stressing the great work the church was doing to help the people in all ways—religious, educational, medical, social, etc., and describing the warm responsiveness of the Bolivian people. This was an encouraging picture. The other was a high-grade popular magazine and it told of the rottenness and corruption of the Bolivian government and business interests and of their scandalous misuse of American aid money. It was an alarming picture. Every nation has its problems. In the case of Pakistan is the decision going to be big enough so that the Christian ideal will really be felt at once by the whole nation in the settling of problems?

Last quadrennium Congo was another Land of Decision. This quadrennium our papers are full of news from there of civil war, mob rule, great disorder, and threats to the peace of the whole world. Yet monthly bulletins from Bishop Booth's office tell of the solidarity of the Methodist Church, its courageous facing of new and old problems under trying circumstances, and its vision and faith. Will Pakistani Methodism's decision be big enough to be a help to the whole nation if times of confusion arise here? Or better still, will it be strong enough to prevent national calamities?

What types of decision must be made in the evangelistic effort? Every preachers' meeting or seminar discusses the need for deepening the spiritual life of the church and widening its sphere of influence. Every pastor tells of his experiences in trying to answer the searching question of non-Christian inquirers who come to him and come and come again. Every church is becoming somewhat acquainted with the twin methods of evangelism, the use of mass media of presentation and the reliance upon individual instruction, line upon line and precept upon precept. How are all of our resource to be best used? What is the Methodist Church to decide this quadrennium in regard to remaining in world-wide Methodism or in regard to combining with other local denominations into one united Christian Church strong in the nation?

What types of decisions must be made in the educational effort? Pakistan is in the beginning of an unbelievable burst of enthusiasm for education. We know of schools running three shifts a day. Of school rooms containing three classes and teachers at a time. Of a village one-room primary school asking to be

made not only into a grade school but a high school and college (just like that!) With out limited funds, how far can we, should we go, and how much should we leave to a government, willing, but also financially strapped? Where from kindergartens to universities shall we place emphasis? Or shall we develop Christian hostels and send students to government institutions?

How in Christian schools do we meet the government demand that Islamiat be taught? Can we satisfy the requirement by teaching it as an historical movement without emphasizing the religion? Can we refuse to teach it and be put out of the educational system of the country by getting our school on the government's unapproved list? Can we insist that even in government schools Christian children may have freedom to study Christianity instead of Islamics? We do not compel Muslim children to study Christianity in our schools, but some voluntarily take the courses. Can we present Christ's ideals sufficiently in indirect ways to those who do not take the courses?

Is vocational education to remain on the level of village crafts which have an important place in the economy and art, or is it to include training for tools and scientific methods? What is the emphasis on crafts to be—the development of pleasurable hobbies or the serious perfection of skills with which to earn a living?

How can we keep standards of education at the highest and yet not keep costs down to where our desperately poor people can afford to educate their children? High school fees of Rupees eighteen per month for one child are prohibitive when the father of five earns rupees one hundred per month for everything. Are scholarships and chances to work going to be available to all who need them? That means for most of our Christian children.

Karachi has a beautiful new Methodist high school for girls, but nothing of the sort for boys. Many suggestions for this new school began to be made even before the building was completed, and some one of these will probably have to be acted upon this quadrennium. Shall it continue as a girls' school and be developed into the only Christian college for women south of Lahore, 750 miles away? Shall it throw open its buildings in the afternoon for boys' classes? Shall it become a co-educational high school? The pressures in each direction are so great that before long the managers will have to make some decision.

How can we train our Christian teachers to make our schools produce graduates who can do more than teach or fill office jobs?

What emphases need to be stressed in our medical program to make it the nation's best?

Newspapers have been carrying the horrible information lately that half of Pakistan's children die before they reach the age of ten. The national minister for health is one of the ablest members of the President's cabinet and under him the government is trying to carry on a far-reaching program of hospitals, clinics, dispensaries, etc., but even government funds and personnel are also scarce. The sociological factors of ignorance of the masses of people on one hand, and on the other the unwillingness of many young nurses and doctors to serve in the villages where 75 per cent of the people live and where the educated person's social amenities are very very scarce, add to the problem.

Where do Christian medical plans fit into the picture? Do we need to strengthen the hands of our highly trained experts in our fine central hospitals? Shall we add greatly to our out-station dispensaries so that more communities will be helped, even to a lesser degree? Can we have more mobile units and public health teams to go the rounds of the village and

towns? We need all of these things, but how do we manage to get them, and when, and where?

Chaplaincy service in our largest hospital training center is often a need and one surprisingly hard to fill.

Implied in all of these evangelistic, educational, and medical programs is the need for raising the literary, social and economic well-being of the whole adult population.

The use of farm and house tools today which were used in the recently excavated village of Harappa of 3000 B.C. seems an ineffectual way of meeting present-day shortages of food and houses and clothing plus other good things say much for it, but life for all nations on earth has changed radically even in the last 50 years. We can establish many fine schools for children to train them for modern life, but they will remain empty unless parents understand a little of the usefulness of education, but until he was given a broad hint to do so, he could not afford to send his little girl to school. Doing so might cost him as much as rupees 5 for a whole year. Yet he is by no means a selfish hard-hearted father. He is (or was) living back in the 300 B.C. status. The Laubach adult literacy workers' standard of what constitutes a literate adult is a very simple and practical one. If he can read and write a letter and if he can keep a simple account of daily income and expenditures, he is literate. But how much more stable and how much wider the world has become for him with the acquisition of these simple skills!

How can the 80 per cent of the adult population which is illiterate, be most persuasively and efficiently taught, and how fast can we develop good reading matter to keep them literate?

From where are all the vast amount of money and large corp of trained and self-sacrificing workers to come?

How much will have to come from abroad, and how much will the Methodist Church of Pakistan contribute itself? Of one thing we are sure: there will be no assuming to capacity limit of the financial burdens of all these great and good works until the hearts and minds of Pakistani young men and women have been so filled with the love of Christ and people that they will take upon themselves the leadership and discipleship of these movements. No Central Conference of Southern Asia ever positively tackled the business of making the Methodist Church of Asia self-supporting in the foreseeable future until the first session came in which the Episcopal leadership for India was all Indian. How can the present leadership of the church, both Pakistani and missionary, so present the Christian challenge for vocation and stewardship that there will always be money and personnel to fill every need?

By now the excitement and amazement at being chosen a Land of Decision has quickly passed away.

The first reaction after receiving the designation may have been that all we need to do is to spread our laps and extend our cupped hands to receive all the blessings which God and the New York Mission Board are sure to put into them. Quickly we have changed our activities to those of searching our own personal and church lives to see how best we can make decisions that will be big enough and good enough and lasting enough for Christ and His people.

Never think that Pakistan is treating the Land of Decision business lightly. Hours of discussion of it have been held in each of the annual conferences. In the new Pakistan Provisional Conference a group of delegates wished to present a memorial that their bishop, after his recent (and only) painful motor car accident be urged never to drive again because they want his life to be spared to lead them clear through this eventful quadrennium of being a Land of Decision. The bishop did not entertain this notion, from which fact you may draw your own conclusion. But make it the right one.

Do Something Constructive

Do something constructive. It is easy to tear down. Fix your mind and heart on something that upbuilds. Too many live beneath their privileges. Don't pattern after those about you whose aims are low, vile, wicked and mean. Behold how they fail a life. Nobody rises up and calls them blessed. They are soon forgotten unless some outstanding evil deed lives on to their discredit after they exchange worlds. Walk not in their footsteps. Take a different course and do not be afraid nor ashamed to live for something worth your time, labor and toil.

Do something constructive. Write a good poem. Help somebody solve a difficult problem that may be for his good and God's glory. Write an article that may bless a thousand homes and maybe ten thousand lives. Speak a good word. Help someone who is discouraged. Sing a good song. Visit the sick and tell them about Jesus who can heal the body and save the soul. Lend a helping hand. Help someone who is failing in life. He may be a diamond in the rough. Bring him to Christ who polishes every soul that surrenders to Him, and who makes fruitful every life that is fully yielded to His blessed will.

Do something constructive. Pray effectual prayers. Those who reach God through prayer help make a better world in which to live and likewise help to defeat the devil and hell. Look up and seek life's best. Win souls and help to populate heaven. Smile quite a bit along life's journey. Keep clean mentally, morally, and spiritually. Let your life and influence be like an index finger that points to Christ and the Glory World. Be kind. Nobody likes unkindness. Make no wounds by words. If you do, apologize, unless you have spoken the truth in the right spirit that has cut to the core of sin. If so, let God deal with the wound and wounded. He knows how and always does a good job.

Do something constructive. Maybe write a good book. Be a good neighbor. Lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. Encourage somebody that is down to rise and walk—maybe toward the cross and the Lord Jesus Christ. Help educate some child who may become a burning and shining light to the world. Seek to do something good. Despise the temptation to do evil. Resist the idea to "get even" by doing evil for evil, wrong for wrong. Anybody can do that. It takes no great brains and great intellect to strike back when you are mistreated. Jesus didn't do it; neither should you. God's plan and way is to do good for evil.

Do something constructive. Be liberal. Who loves a stingy, selfish person? Nobody becomes great and noble who harbors a stingy, selfish heart, soul and spirit within. Give to others of your means, and influence them with your generosity. Help build your church and Sunday school. Tithe your income. God liberally and graciously blesses conscientious tithers. Such is scriptural. Help your fellows to be liberty-loving, law-abiding, God-fearing citizens. If you can help someone in prison, do so. You may be helping him to a wonderful life of Christi-

anity and usefulness. He may become a marvelous soul-winner.

Do something constructive. Run a good, clean business. Shun any kind of business that would curse your country, even though you might make money at it. Realize that there is something far better than money—a clear conscience, a good record, a good name, a spotless character and the approval of God upon your life and soul. Such is great riches. Diamonds that are priceless are found here. You don't need to go yonder to the diamond fields in search of them. Own them in your own heart and home. Yes, do something constructive and your country will know about it—maybe the whole world. Use your talents and your golden opportunities for the best and see what God can do for you and with you. Amen.

—REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

White Oak Community Honors David Lonnie Boone

By IVIE LANE WILDER

Spring Hope—As long as folks can remember, great white oaks have provided beauty and shade in the yard of White Oak Methodist Church near here. These trees, taken for granted, are disappearing—one of the largest was struck by lightning last summer, and several others have died. Men of the church thought something should be done to perpetuate the white oak, from whence came the name of the church and community.

They remembered how one of the residents of White Oak would tell the story of how the community got its name. He said that an elderly slave, when given time off from his master's labors, would steal away to the settlement and trim out the brush and undergrowth so the white oaks would grow straighter and taller. As they thought on this, they compared that member's life to that of the oaks. He had given his time to his church and community but—like the oaks—he, too, had been taken for granted. Now was the time to do something about it.

So when they decided to set out young white oaks to replace the old ones, the White Oak congregation decided they be planted in honor of David Lonnie Boone, who for so many years has been a pillar in White Oak community. These trees would be a living, perpetual testimony to his life of love and service to his church.

"Uncle Lonnie," as he is called by many, has been a member at White Oak Church for 43 years. He has served as teacher of the adult class, has been a trustee and steward. Although he is now 77 years old, he still attends church and Sunday school regularly.

As the white oaks take root and grow, they will serve as a constant reminder of the inspiration "Uncle Lonnie" has given to others. Perhaps they will inspire the young people around him to live a life of service to their community as they remember his faithfulness to his church and to White Oak—the faithfulness that is exemplified by a strong oak tree.

The Future Is Now



This clock tower is becoming familiar to millions of Methodists. It's the principal symbol for the quadrennial program and is carried on educational and promotional printed materials. Title of the unified program—*THE FUTURE IS NOW*—is illustrated with a photograph of a triangular shift which, on each side, records the passage of time. In the background threatening black clouds are thrown into bold relief by sunlight. The light, shining into the night, overcomes the night. Surely anyone seeing this and understanding it in the midst of turmoil and peril will be on the alert, no longer idly waiting for a roseate tomorrow to come. Tomorrow is today!

Wynnewood Park, Raleigh, Breaks Ground for First Unit

Ground was broken on Easter Sunday afternoon for the first unit of the Wynnewood Park Methodist Church, Raleigh. The service was held at 3:00 p.m., and was participated in by Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh district superintendent, the Rev. Jack Crum, of Hope Mills, who is a former pastor of the church, and Rev. G. R. McKenzie, Jr., the present pastor.

The church was organized in 1956 and has been meeting since that time in a converted dairy barn just off Avent Ferry Road in the Wynnewood Park section of Raleigh.

The cost of the first unit will be approximately \$41,000. Davidson-Jones of Raleigh, is the general contractor.



Those participating, left to right: the Rev. G. R. McKenzie, Jr., Preston H. Reid, Ray M. Ritchie, Graham S. Eubank, Jack Crum, and Rodney Jones (representing the contractors).



Woman's Activities



Miss Ethel Bost To Speak At District Meeting

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, will be the guest speaker at each of the thirteen district meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Bost is a teacher at Kwassui College in Nagasaki, Japan. She is on furlough at home and for the past semester has been at Scarritt College in Nashville, taking refresher courses in organ and other subjects.

She returned to her home in Cornelius on March 19th, and is as busy as can be composing the messages she will give to the women of the Western North Carolina Conference . . . thirteen speeches in this order: April 11, 12, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, May 2, 4, 11, 17.

She is a native of Iredell County, N. C. She grew up with a sister and a brother in the home of a local preacher of the Methodist church. Her interest in China began early, when her Sunday school had a "China Special," and her mother talked to her about being a missionary music teacher.

In 1922 Miss Bost received her bachelor of music degree from Greensboro College and later an A.B. degree from Scarritt College. During her furlough months at home she studied at the New England Conservatory and at Columbia University. She received her master's degree from Scarritt.

After her commissioning service in 1925, she went to Huchow, China, then to Shanghai and Soochow. She was in a Japanese concentration camp for a while, but has been in Nagasaki since 1929.

Methodist women are looking forward to having her as a guest at the district meetings.

District Meetings Scheduled

The thirteen district meetings of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference are as follows:

Albemarle District at Bethlehem Church in Union County, April 11, 10 a.m., Mrs. Ralph Bisel, president;

Asheville District, Haywood St. Church, Asheville, April 21, 10 a.m., Mrs. T. C. Roberson, president;

Charlotte District, Trinity Church, Mecklenburg, May 17th, 10 a.m., Mrs. Lyle Beman, president;

Gastonia District, Asbury Church, Lincoln County, April 18th, Mrs. B. E. Callis, president;

Greensboro District, the Muirs Chapel Church, May 4th, Mrs. Max Tucker, president;

High Point District, Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, May 2, Mrs. W. B. Hall, president;

Marion District, First Methodist Church,



MISS ETHEL BOST

Morganton, April 22, Mrs. J. C. Rabb, president;

North Wilkesboro District, West Jefferson Church, April 25, Mrs. Julian Reeves, president;

Salisbury District, Midway Church, Kannapolis, April 26, Mrs. William J. Clayton, president;

Statesville District, First Methodist Church, Hickory, April 27th, Mrs. W. E. Marlow, president;

Thomasville District, Mocks Church, Davie County, May 11, 10 a.m., Mrs. Ned Gibbs, president;

Winston-Salem District, New Hope Church, near Winston-Salem, April 12th, Mrs. H. B. Simpson, president.

Guild-O-Gram

The April issue of *Guild-O-Gram*, published by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference, has a three-page report of the recent meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Southeastern Jurisdiction held in Durham.

This was written by Mrs. Ira Shelley of Greensboro, who said she was an unofficial observer, even though she is chairman of missionary education and service for the Conference Guild.

The report should be read carefully by every Methodist woman in North Carolina—those who attended the meeting and those who did not have the opportunity to be there.

It is a beautiful summary.

First Church, Hickory, Has Meeting

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Western North Caro-

lina Conference, was speaker at the joint meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Hickory, in March.

Mrs. Walter Tillery, district Guild secretary, presented the devotional message. After the meeting the Guild was hostess at a tea in the church parlor.

Salisbury District Plans History

Plans to write a history of the work in the Salisbury District during the last 20 years were made at a meeting of the district executive committee held in Concord recently. Mrs. T. Fred Henry of Salisbury, vice-president of the district, and Mrs. David Smiley of Salisbury, chairman of the district committee on nominations, were chosen as historians.

Mrs. William J. Clayton, district president, feels that it is easier to assemble data while the women who did the work are still here to tell others of the progress made over a designated period.

Other districts should take note!

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Refugee Schools Need Aid

Drighat High School, located in a suburb of Karachi, Pakistan, is one of several Methodist-sponsored schools for refugees in Pakistan. It will, along with the other such schools, receive aid from the love offerings placed on the altar during the Service of Holy Communion at the annual meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in session at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, this week.

In a recent report from Pakistan, Sandra Foley, a missionary serving under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, writes, in part: "Going out of the city of Karachi, we arrive at Drighat Road, one of the suburbs. It's not a suburb in the American sense; rather it is more like a village, except the people have a great deal of contact with the city. Here is a primary school jointly supported by the two divisions of the Board of Missions. This school is Urdu-medium, geared to meet the needs of the community it serves. Most of the children live fairly close. As in the Garden Road School, the staff is completely Pakistani with a missionary manager. Both schools are trying to solve the problem of overcrowding with double shifts. Drighat Road School hopes to add the seventh and eighth grade classes sometime in the near future; it already goes as far as the sixth. In this way they hope to be of better service to the community. In order to do this there will have to be more building. More rooms must be added to the school, and quarters for the staff must be provided. One of the problems in Karachi is in trying to find properly qualified staff. Our educational centers have always been up north. In order to entice teachers to Karachi we will have to provide them with a place to live, no easy task in this crowded city.

"Scattered throughout the city in various refugee hut sections, we also have five primary schools that are purely temporary. These arose out of the need of the moment and are serving a definite purpose in help-

Almost A Century of Service

By MRS. J. W. BARINEAU, SR., *Lincolnton*

ing Christians to get some education. These schools are in Urdu or in Punjabi, a popular dialect. Since the housing is so temporary the schools have also been this way. They have very little in the way of equipment or facilities. Their teachers do not have the qualifications that most of the other teachers have. The government is beginning to build permanent quarters for those people in new sections of the city. As the people are being moved from the old sections of the city to the new sections, the church has to go along with them. We are hoping to replace these tiny 'tree' schools with better, permanent schools. This, of course, will require a great deal of financing, but we cannot afford to pass up the chance. Our Christians must be better educated in order to present a stronger witness to the Muslim.

Besides the schools, the Methodists also have churches in several parts of the city. Our witness here in Karachi must spread far and reach many different kinds of people. There is room for so much expansion here—just in our schools, for one area, and also in our evangelistic and medical work. So far, we have no medical work and no evangelistic worker here. And certainly without evangelism our other areas of service are of less value . . . Among the swaying palm trees, the busy camels with their heads held high, and the sans of Sind; among the business and busyness; among the minarets of the Muslim mosques, there is a great need for Christ."

Durham District Committee Meets

The executive committee of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at Harvey's Cafeteria in Durham, voted to contribute \$100.00 toward medical expenses for a group of Indians at Pembroke involved in a bus wreck. The contributions to be sent to Miss Rebecca Modellmog, N. C. Conference's rural worker on the Pembroke Charge.

Mrs. Clyde Roberts, secretary of literature and publications, announced reports received from every society on the district, with exception of one, thus giving Durham District first place in reporting that line of work. Mrs. J. L. Winstead, secretary of youth work, reported outstanding interest in youth camp and assemblies programs; increased attendance, interest, and participating in youth rallies. Mrs. Winstead emphasized the need for additional workers with youth. Reports were also heard from all other officers and subdistrict leaders.

Mrs. J. A. Warren, secretary of Spiritual Life, gave the opening meditation. Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, district president, presided.

Districts Announce Annual Meetings

The annual meetings for five of the nine districts in the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been announced. These districts, dates and places of meeting are: Burlington, April 26, Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington; Durham, April 19, Hillsboro Methodist Church, Dr. P. Gordon Gould, of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Church, in charge of promotional work in Alaska, speaker; New Bern, April 20, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern; Raleigh, April 20, Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh; Rocky Mount, April 18, Scotland Neck Methodist Church, Mrs. H. A. Davis, Raleigh, speaker.

"With every spoken word a picture is presented to the mind's eye. Without this picture view, words are meaningless." Today I wish to present for your consideration two special words, *missions* and *pioneer*. "The law of missions is the law of love, justice, conquest and expansion. The history of missions is the history of miracles, heroism, prayer, audacity, sublime faith and wonderful devotion."

Volunteer comes from a French word meaning foot-soldier, one who goes before, making a way for others. Can't you just see such a one going through brambles, over rocks, ruts, roots, or whatever obstacle there might be, removing such so that those following might not stumble?

Such labor as this was the part played by the dedicated women who laid the foundation for the women's work—the work of those in the 50 years preceding and the 20 years following the uniting of several groups of Methodists under one great banner. This is what we are commemorating today in this "birthday party."

In 1784 the followers of John Wesley, who longed for a more spiritual atmosphere in churches, withdrew from the mother church (the Anglican communion). In the early days of the Methodist church our section of North Carolina was a part of the Holston Conference or of the North Carolina Conference.

Can anyone imagine how the women of the early church longed for some activity for good of their very own? In 1874 a request was made at the General Conference for authority to organize a Woman's Department of Missions. The request was not granted at that time, but four years later at a meeting of the conference in Atlanta, Ga. After eight days of consideration a favorable report was given. So in 1878 these *pioneers* blazed the trail and lighted the torch, which has been held high to this good day. On May 23rd of that momentous year of 1878, the first Woman's Missionary Society was organized.

In October of that year the women of the Holston Conference organized. Four auxiliaries were on the roll, which are now in the Western North Carolina Conference: Asheville, Franklin, Hendersonville and Waynesville. The North Carolina Conference women organized societies later that year.

At a meeting of the General Conference in St. Louis, Mo., in May, 1890, the Western North Carolina Conference was created. Three months later the women of this new conference organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the W.N.C. Conference. This meeting was held in Salisbury. Mrs. Lucy Robertson was elected the first president. She served 36 years. She was followed by Mrs. C. C. Weaver, who served 15 years.

Nine district secretaries were elected at the time. The Lincolnton church was then in the Shelby District. Mrs. H. T. Hudson was elected secretary. A great need was felt at this time for homes for ministers in the newly organized church over the conference. Dr. A. W. Wilson, the conference missionary secretary (afterwards elected bishop) was instrumental in helping the women organize the Woman's Home Mis-

sionary Society in a meeting in Salisbury in 1901, with Mrs. M. J. Branner as the first president (conference). Its main objective was building parsonages. The first years were discouraging ones—finding leaders for the societies was hard, but the dedicated women were persistent in their efforts. The leaders soon realized there was too great a division of interest. The advocate of foreign missions often opposed those who favored home missions.

In 1912 at a meeting in Gastonia, the two societies were united. There were many, though, who still adhered to the old "Ladies' Aid Society." The name of this united society was the Woman's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference. As such, it grew and developed interest, leadership and service.

There were several branches of children's and young people's societies. In 1930 the General Conference adopted a program for unifying all work of the young people of the church—a program of Christian education. This program retained all the values of the Epworth League, the Sunday schools and the young people's societies. The records show wisdom in the creation of this department of the Woman's work.

In late 1939 the final steps were taken for the union of the Southern, Northern and Protestant Methodist Churches, so now I want to honor our 20-year-old debutante, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Woman's Society was organized in September 1940 with 1,114,000 charter members with 19,484 churches. The twenty-year-old is a capable, consecrated worker. The Methodist Church is a father to her. The Woman's Division has a motherly interest and acts as counsellor and guide. Our debutante is a little thin, she longs to reach the two million member mark.

She loves to study, but sometimes doesn't put much time on the books selected by her mother, and then oftentimes prefers one program instead of the prescribed number. She likes to read, but sometimes neglects the *World Outlook* and *Methodist Woman*. She is oftentimes generous, but fails to realize what sacrificial giving means. Does she often deny herself to give? She likes to travel, has built in 33 countries. She is also a good homemaker—giving of her time and energy to the home projects. She is usually punctual, sending in her reports on time. She is a little too fond of food—feeling that refreshments are essential to fellowship. She is organized for a purpose, that being "service."

So today as we salute those whom we love, let us resolve to move forward to labor in His vineyard.

(The above history was given by Mrs. Barineau at the 20th anniversary observance of the Woman's Society of the First Methodist Church in Lincolnton.)

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A resolution opposing a bill to legalize pari-mutuel horse and dog race betting in Oklahoma has been adopted by the Oklahoma Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Learning a Bible Verse

By Deborah S. Morrow

"Be ye kind one to another" was the verse for the lesson that Sunday morning in church school.

Miss Marlow, a third grade teacher, explained to the children that these words were spoken by Jesus, who taught us that God was our loving Father who would be with us and help us remember. "When Jesus told his friends 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,' I think," continued Miss Marlow, "He must have meant kindness as something we would find happiness in giving."

The children all laughed to think how short the verse was this morning. Jimmy Gordon was the first to raise his hand, saying "I know that verse right now." Jimmy liked church school and came almost every Sunday. He liked the stories, songs and all the things they did. Best of all he wanted to be the first one to say the special verse that day. He could repeat it as soon as Miss Marlow read it from the Bible.

Miss Marlow was standing at the window watching the children after they had been dismissed. She saw Jimmy take the cap of a smaller boy, throw it in some bushes, and leave him to get it the best way he could. Miss Marlow thought to herself, "and Jimmy said he knew the verse, 'Be ye kind one to another.'"

The next day Miss Marlow went to see Jimmy's mother while he was at school. His baby sister came to the door with Mrs. Gordon and smiled when Miss Marlow came in. The little girl had lovely blue eyes and golden curls. "I know Jimmy must love this darling little sister," said Miss Marlow. "I don't know," answered his mother, "he is always teasing her. I can't leave them alone any time before he has her crying." And this was the same boy who said he knew that verse!

Miss Marlow was quite upset. The next day she went to visit Jimmy's room at day school. As she entered the room she heard someone say, "Jimmy Gordon, you stop trying to trip me." At recess she saw Jimmy push a little girl out of a swing so he could have it himself. Later she saw him throw a stone at a bird.

Miss Marlow went home thinking, "just saying the words of a verse does not mean one really knows the verse. I must help Jimmy see the difference."

The next Sunday when all the children were in class, Miss Marlow asked, "How many of you remember the verse

we had last Sunday?" Jimmy's hand was the first one up. "Be ye kind one to another," he repeated. "Of course I know that."

Miss Marlow looked at all the boys and girls and asked, "Do you think a boy who throws a little boy's cap in the bushes is kind?" The children shook their heads. "Do you think a boy who teases his little sister is kind? And what about pushing another child out of a swing?" continued Miss Marlow. "Do you think a boy who does these things really knows the verse 'Be ye kind one to another?'" The children shook their heads, exclaiming "No-o-o." It was only Jimmy who knew who Miss Marlow was talking about.

When the class was dismissed Jimmy stayed behind to speak to Miss Marlow. "I didn't really know that verse today," he said. "No?" Miss Marlow asked with a twinkle in her eyes. Jimmy shook his head thoughtfully. Then a smile came over his face as he said, "I'm going to learn it by next Sunday."

"It's not easy," said Miss Marlow, "but I believe you can learn it—not just saying the words. And remember, Jimmy, you have someone with you to help you."

"I know," said Jimmy. "It's God."

As Jimmy left, Miss Marlow was thinking how happy his little sister, his mother, and his playmates would be when he had really learned the verse "Be ye kind one to another."

And how do you suppose Miss Marlow discovered that Jimmy was really learning the verse?

(To be concluded next week)

When I Grow Up

What will I be when I grow up?
Will I be a dancer,
Or just a romancer?
Will I be a nurse,
Or something worse?
Will I live a normal life,
Or will I be a President's wife?
'Tis time to look forward,
But the dear heavenly Lord
Will help me out,
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The Eighth Commandment

"Thou shalt not steal"

Exodus 20:15

One of the many sins that came into the world as a result of the disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, was the sin of stealing—the willful tak-

ing of things that belong to someone else. And God hated this sin, because when He created man He planned for him to have possessions to call his own and no one else was to have the right to take them without asking for them.

But man became terribly greedy, and stole another man's sheep, or his cattle or anything that he happened to want. So God included with the other Commandments this one, "Thou shalt not steal." It is one of the shortest, but God says some very important things in a few words, and when He said these four words, He meant them.

This Commandment, as well as the one, "Thou shalt not kill," has become a law of the land, and those who steal whether they be boys and girls, or men and women, have to suffer a penalty for disobeying the law. God means for us to have respect for other people's property, and they are to have respect for ours.

Stealing begins with little things, such as a pencil that belongs to somebody else in school, or a nickel out of Mother's purse at home, or a piece of candy from the candy counter. But soon it becomes a habit, and goes on to the stealing of bigger things, until we find we are a thief. By that time we have broken our parents' hearts, grieved God, and seriously hurt our own lives.

Remember, God said, "Thou shalt not steal!"

Chuckle

"How did Noah pass the time in the Ark, while waiting for the flood to subside?" asked the teacher.

Since no one had an idea about this, she suggested that he might have spent the time fishing. However, a bright little fellow came back with the observation, "He sure couldn't do much fishin' when there were only two worms in the Ark."

Bible Quiz

1. What book of the Bible contains one hundred and fifty songs?_____
2. What book of the Bible is made up principally of famous sayings?_____
3. What man had so much trouble that people still talk about his "comforters"?_____
4. Who was known as "the Weeping Prophet"?_____
5. Who was the little man who climbed up into a tree so he could see Jesus?_____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Moses Numbers 32:20-23
2. The Lord Isaiah 1:18
3. Solomon Proverbs 17:22
4. James James 3:1-8
5. Ruth Book of Ruth, Chapter 1 (especially verses 1-16)

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 23

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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Greensboro College

WHEN HUMAN WISDOM FAILS

Background Scripture: Job 4:1-9; 8:1-10;
11:1-20; 21; 37:14-24

Lesson Scripture: Job 21:19-34

This is our third lesson in the series, "God, the Source of True Wisdom." Our specific topic for this lesson is stated above—the limitations of human wisdom. The reader is urged to read all of the references cited for the background scripture. In these he will notice especially the ideas of God repeatedly voiced by Job's so-called "comforters." They keep insisting that the time-worn view of God which they hold is the right view. But their arguing and preaching leaves Job cold. Their view of God is too narrow. The very fact that they *think* they *know* all about God's ways of dealing with men is, in itself, a proof of this; for a God understood completely by man is a God that is already finished.

The entire twenty-first chapter should be read in connection with the lesson. Over against the easy and sure answers to the problems of suffering offered by Job's friends, Job poses some difficult questions. In verses 6-9, for example, he confesses that he can make no sense out of what he sees: "When I think of it I am amazed; and shuddering lays hold of my flesh. Why do the wicked live, grow old and amass wealth? . . . their houses are safe from terror; and the rod of God is not upon them" (American Translation). This fact Job cites in reply to his friends who have repeatedly asserted that the wicked always suffer and the righteous always prosper. It seems like a telling argument. But then Zophar counters with the statement that God stores up trouble for the wicked man's sons. In other words "the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children." Now this was an ancient explanation of evil, but it is vigorously denied by both Ezekiel and Jeremiah. For example, we read in Jeremiah 31:29f: "In those days shall they say no more 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.'" Job is making the point that after the wicked man has died he will not care whether his children are suffering or not. In a word, it seems more nearly in harmony with justice that the innocent should not have to suffer for the guilty.

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that we have a real problem of religious thought here. How can a man believe in (and trust) a God whose standards of right seem inferior to his own? This was the question Abraham raised when he was pleading with God for the salvation of Sodom and Gomorrah, since in such destruction the good would be destroyed with the bad. Abraham asks the question, "Shall not the Judge of the whole earth do right?" (Genesis 18:25). The mother of Madame Chiank Kai Shek was a woman of great piety. When the Japanese were devastating China Madame Chiang said to her mother, "Mother, you are a woman of great power in prayer; why don't you pray to God to utterly destroy all the Japanese there are in the world?" Her mother responded: "You don't realize what you are asking. Do you mean that I should ask God to do something which would be unworthy of me, a human being?"

Job, then, was not content to believe God was a remote being somewhere in the distant heavens whose only interest in men was to punish their innocent children for the sins they committed. To be sure, he didn't have the final answer. That answer had to wait until Calvary. Job did, however, point out that his answer was not just his alone. Says he (verses 29 and 34): "Have you not asked those who pass by on the road? And do you not recognize their evidence . . . how then do you offer me empty comfort? For your answers are nothing but pretenses" (American Translation). Job is saying: "My answer is not just one man's idea; but the people who travel over the world and who observe the ways of men in different places know that what I'm saying is a universal truth, namely, that it *does* appear that very often the wicked seem to sin and get away with it." The answer is not yet forthcoming. At this stage in the drama of Job, human wisdom fails. There seems to be no answer—at least none that is satisfying. Next Sunday our topic will be "When God's Wisdom Prevails." We may find some light on our problem when we discuss that.

Burlington District Conference Held at Mt. Herman

The Burlington District Conference was held last Sunday afternoon at the beautiful new Mount Herman Church near Graham. Dr. W. L. Clegg, district superintendent, presided. Various agencies were represented. While not all progress can be put down in figures, the reports showed substantial growth. A net increase of 285 new members indicated numerical growth. According to the district superintendent twelve of the fourth quarterly conferences have been held to date, and every one of the twelve has accepted the proposed increase in benevolences for the coming year, and it is anticipated the other charges will do likewise.

The climax of the conference came after a bountiful evening meal was served by the ladies of Mount Herman Church, when Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College at Fayetteville, delivered a marvelous message on the subject, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Rev. Rufus Stark, secretary, will furnish the *ADVOCATE* with a more detailed report in a later issue.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Time was when the rich hired a teacher to teach their children and a few invited guests. Time is now when only the rich can hire a doctor and support a drug store. Time will come when only the rich can hire a good preacher and support a modern church. The states had to work out an arrangement for education. The doc said to the paralytic, "You will be walking before night." He was, because the doc took his car. Will the sick man and the sinner be deprived of medicine and religion because the doctor and the preacher price themselves off the market?

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This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

Almost every circuit preacher at times has had difficulty in getting necessary repairs made, equipment and furnishings secured, and improvements accomplished for the parsonage. Nor is this problem peculiar to the circuit, for all too often the station church falls into the same pattern of action . . . or inaction. "A stitch in time saves nine" certainly applies when a damaged roof would lead to subsequent damages to ceilings, walls, and furnishings. Making repairs *when* they should be done is not only good business but it is applied Christianity.

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Of course, major items or capital improvements were discussed and cleared with proper officials first, but minor, current items were cleared with a minimum of attention.

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Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area was formally installed as president of the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis at a special service in St. John's Methodist Church on January 29.

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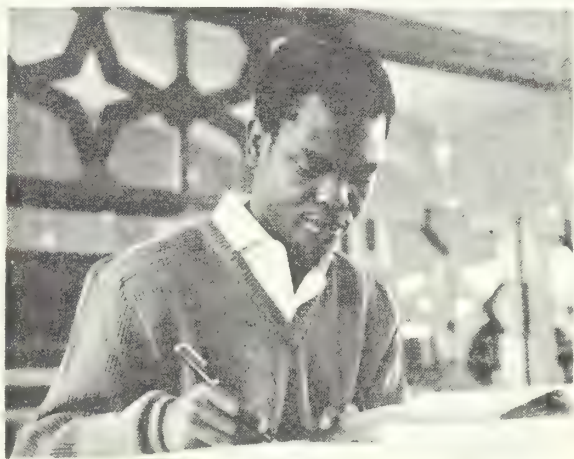
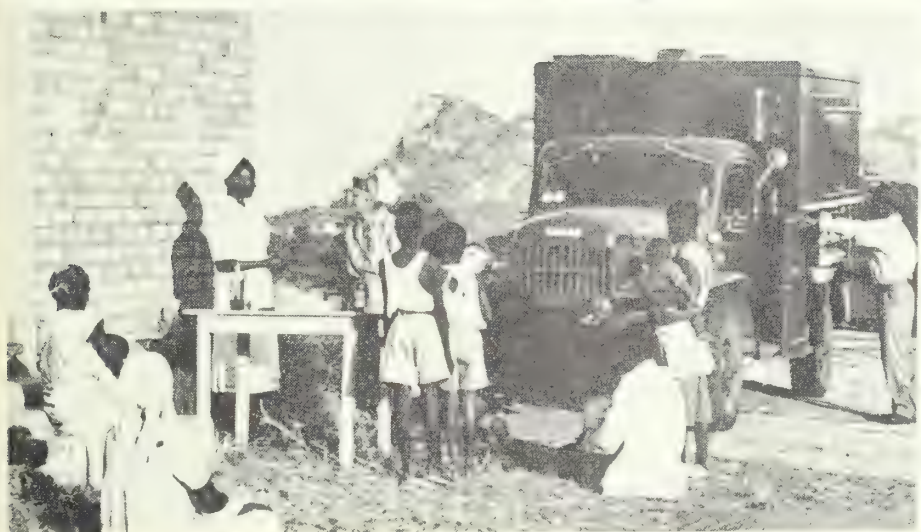
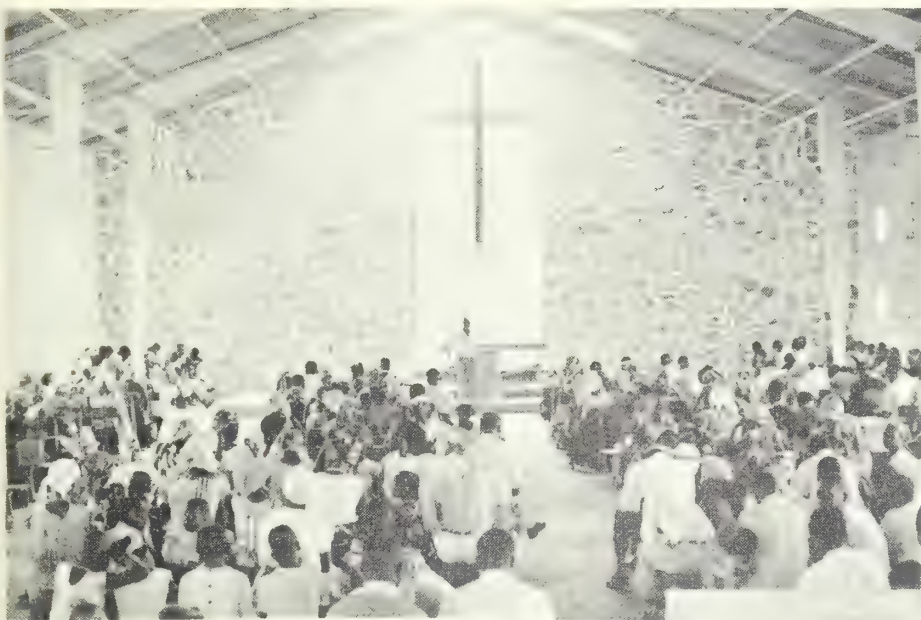
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On Sunday, April 30, a special offering—the Bishops' Appeal for Africa—will be received throughout Methodism. This photographic composite shows, in the upper left, interior of a Methodist church in the Congo; upper right, symbolic portrayal of the call for help going out via the traditional talking drum; lower left, Blue Angel mobile clinic serving Southern Rhodesia; and lower right, an African at his books. The offerings will provide food, healing, and training of leaders.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ THE FRANKLIN-SYLVA Area Training School was held last week at the Franklin Methodist Church. The school ran from Sunday evening through Friday evening.

¶ REV. ROY BELL, pastor of North Wilkesboro, will preach in revival services at New Hope Church, Winston-Salem District, April 30th through May 5th.

¶ REV. JOHN P. SPILLMAN, JR., of Pineville, is preaching in revival services April 16-21 at Wesley Chapel Church, Misenheimer, of which the Rev. Daniel Sain is pastor.

¶ THE CALDWELL COUNTY Leadership Training School will be held at First Church in Lenoir, April 23-27. Five courses will be offered in the school.

¶ DR. F. CROSLY MORGAN, outstanding Bible scholar and teacher, will conduct a Bible Conference at the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, beginning April 23.

¶ REV. FRED W. PASCHALL of Charlotte will preach in revival services at Trinity Church, Raleigh, beginning April 23. Rev. R. E. L. Moser is pastor of Trinity.

¶ DR. J. S. HIATT, of Elkin, preached at Trinity Church, Asheville, at the 11:00 o'clock services on Sunday, April 9. Dr. Hiatt is a former pastor of Trinity Church.

¶ THE BURGAW METHODIST Church, of which the Rev. Franklin Grill is pastor, will have as the revival preacher Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of Trinity Church, Wilmington. The services will run from April 23rd through the 28th.

¶ REV. ZANE GRAY NORTON, pastor of the Union Ridge Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, preached in revival services at Hickory Ridge Church, near Winston-Salem, last week, with services each evening at 7:45. Rev. R. A. Hunter is pastor.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES are being held at Pine Grove Methodist Church April 16-21, with services at 7:30 each evening. Rev. John Kendrick is the preacher for the week, and the pastor, Rev. Benny T. Myers, is in charge of the services. Mr. Ned Ingram is in charge of the music.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Keener Methodist Church April 24-30, with services each evening at 7:30. Rev. C. W. Goldston of Louisburg College will be the preacher for the week. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Wooten, will be in charge of the music each evening.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be conducted in Queen's Creek Methodist Church, Hubert, April 23-28. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, will be the guest minister. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. Special music will be rendered by the choir. Rev. David M. Lewis is pastor.

¶ DR. H. G. ALLEN of Statesville assisted Rev. W. B. Penny in revival services at Westford Methodist Church, Concord, last week.

¶ REV. DWIGHT PYATT, of the Fair Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville District, has been engaged in revival services with the Rev. James S. White at Farmer Church this week.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON and Dr. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent, took part last Sunday at First Methodist Church, Mount Holly, with the pastor, Rev. T. H. Swafford, in laying the cornerstone of the new chapel and educational building. Bishop Harmon preached at the 9:00 o'clock service. At the 11:00 o'clock hour the congregation met at the new building to place the stone.

¶ THE CONGREGATION of Steel Street Methodist Church, Sanford, presented the pastor, Rev. Stanley Potter, with a new 1961 Pontiac automobile following the morning service on Easter. Edwin Hubbard, chairman of the Official Board, made the presentation. Since there are three automobile dealers who are members of the church, the committee drew names from a hat to determine from which dealer to buy the car.

¶ MR. HARRY G. BELL of High Point was recently chosen "High Pointer of the Week." Mr. Bell was born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1910. He has always exercised a consuming interest in religion, and has been superintendent of the church school at Wesley Memorial for some 16 years, the longest tenure of any superintendent. He is also district lay leader of the High Point District.

¶ THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING will be held at Salem Methodist Church, Simpson, on April 30th. The Rev. F. R. Davis of Lenoir, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. There will be a picnic lunch at 12:30, and in the afternoon there will be special singing and music by the church choirs and others. All former pastors, members and friends are invited, says the Rev. Alton S. Lancaster, pastor.

¶ THE BETHPAGE Methodist Church of Kannapolis will observe homecoming on Sunday, April 30. A former pastor, the Rev. W. B. A. Culp, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. A picnic dinner will follow. At the 7:00 o'clock evening service a son of Bethpage, the Rev. F. E. Brown, will preach. All former pastors, friends and members of Bethpage are cordially invited to attend.

¶ REV. O. P. ADER, age 91, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, has recently passed through a serious operation. Brother Ader and his wife reside at the Methodist Home, Charlotte. He is now at his home in Branscomb Apartment No. 1, and is able to wait on himself. Mrs. Ader, in telling the editor about Brother Ader, says, "We are all thankful to our heavenly Father for His care."

¶ Rev. Ralph Reed, pastor of St. James Church, Charlotte, is preaching this week in revival services with Rev. John A. Petty, pastor of Oakboro Methodist Church.

¶ The Rev. I. L. Shaver, retired, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, now living in Caldwell, Idaho, has been appointed as pastor of the Methodist Church in Kuna, Idaho.

¶ Rev. John Oakley, pastor of the Peachland charge, is this week preaching in revival services with the Rev. E. D. Cantor, Jr., at Providence Church, in Statesville District.

¶ The Caldwell County Leadership School begins Sunday, April 23 at First Methodist Church, Lenoir, at 7:30 p. m. The school will continue through Friday evening. All persons 15 years of age and up are eligible to attend.

¶ First Methodist Church, Marion, will conduct an Every Member Visitation Campaign during the next few weeks. The Advance Visitation of Thirty-Nine families will be conducted prior to the general visitation. It is the purpose to visit in the home of every member.

¶ HOMECOMING will be observed by Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, Sunday, April 23, with church school at 9:45, morning worship at 11:00, and a picnic dinner at noon. Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor, invites all members, former members, and friends to attend.

¶ THE SWEPSONVILLE Methodist Church is engaged in an attendance campaign running from Easter through June 4. This is sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Good results are already in evidence, according to Rev. J. D. Stott, pastor.

¶ REV. JOHN R. BLUE, pastor of the Princeton Methodist Church, recently returned from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where he attended the funeral of his father who passed away on Palm Sunday. Rev. Mr. Blue wishes to thank those who have sent words of sympathy.

¶ THE WSCS OF PLEASANT HILL Church, on the Seagrove Charge, presented a study course Friday night, March 17, at the church. Mrs. James Trollinger of Randleman gave a very inspiring talk using the text, "Basic Christian Beliefs." The other two churches on the Charge were invited, Seagrove and Mt. Zion.

¶ BETHEL Church, Greensboro, of which Rev. Moody Smith is pastor, is planning for a Family Night picnic and program for May 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program will include congregational singing, a devotional, and a message by Miss Mei Ping Ting, a student at Greensboro College.

¶ WESLEY MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Wilmington, has had a good growth this year, gaining thus far 90 new members. The church lost 16 members when the Coast Line Railroad moved to Jacksonville, Fla., last summer. There were 520 worshippers in the Easter morning service and 104 in the evening worship, with 340 in the church school and 48 in the Youth program. Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., is pastor.

Durham's Mother Church To Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, will celebrate its centennial beginning Sunday, April 23 and running through Sunday, April 30, with evangelistic services following through Wednesday, May 3. Below we give the schedule of services and participants:

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH "Mother of Methodism in Durham" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 23

11:00 A. M. Worship Service
Presiding Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.
Prayer Rev. C. D. Barclift
Special Music Choir
Sermon Bishop Paul N. Garber
8:00 P. M.—Hymn Festival
Presiding Rev. Leon Hall
Song Leader Rev. Steve Kimbrough
Commentary on Hymns
Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 P. M.—Historical Observance
Presiding James L. Newsom
Memorial Prayer Rufus Powell, III
Memorialization of Former

Deceased Pastors . . Rev. C. D. Barclift
Historical Message
"Our Help In Ages Past" Dr B. G. Childs
Tour of Historical Exhibits

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 P. M.—Fellowship Night
Presiding Dr. H. J. Herring
Greetings:

Duke Divinity School

Dean R. E. Cushman
Churches of Durham, Rev. L. C. Vereen
City of Durham George Aull, Jr.
N. C. Annual Conference

Rev. C. P. Morris
Former Pastors of Trinity Methodist Church Dr. D. D. Holt
Prayer Rev. M. W. Lawrence
Fellowship Hour

Sunday, April 30

11:00 A. M.—Worship Service
Presiding Rev. Leon Hall
Prayer Rev. E. L. Hillman
Sermon, "Our Hope For Years to Come"

Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr.
Sunday, April 30, Wednesday May 3 1961

8:00 P. M.—Special Evangelistic Services
Preaching Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.
Singing Rev. Steve Kimbrough
Special Musical Selections
Choir and other groups

News From Central Congo Conference

Recent news from our people in the Congo told us of tragedies that are taking place there.

"At Wembo Nyama . . . they have put Papa N . . . and so many others in jail . . . beating them, taking their things.

"Both at Lodja and Wembo Nyama your residences are no longer residences. Everything was stolen, windows and doors broken, furniture stolen, books thrown in and out, all safes (Lodja) broken and money stolen. Anyone who would have stopped them from taking or destroying your things would have been killed, they said. Every car was taken by local and Oriental authorities or army. You were lucky to have left as you did. God was with you. Every one of you owns nothing here.

"I am sure that the work will continue, but means of carrying the work on would be needed . . . that is money; even more than what we have been getting. The girls and Ecole Ménagère (home economics school) at Lodja would need everything new, for theirs were stolen."

But the writer, in his undaunted spirit, even after having spent a night in prison himself, writes: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also be manifested in our bodies," as Paul said it.

In the last letter that came, the chairman of the Coordinating Committee was making plans for a meeting of the committee, one of the most important meetings of the year.

Such dauntless spirits deserve the best that Methodism can give them!

—LORENA KELLY

St. Mark Church, Kinston Celebrates Seventh Anniversary

St. Mark Methodist Church celebrated its seventh anniversary last Sunday, April 16. It was on that day, seven years ago, that the first members were received into the congregation. Rev. R. Bruce Pate is pastor.

The celebration began at 11:00 o'clock with a special anniversary service of worship. Guest preacher was Mr. Walter F. Anderson, a leading Methodist layman and director of the State Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Anderson worked closely with the church in its infancy in his capacity as associate secretary of Church Extension for the North Carolina Conference. During the service charter members of the church were given special recognition. In a booklet distributed at the service was a brief history of the church, written by Mrs. Reynold R. Rodgers.

At the close of the service a picnic lunch was spread at the church for those attending. Following this was the observance of the fourth quarterly conference of the church which was led by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District.

Bishop Moore Will Conduct Revival At Gastonia

Bishop Arthur J. Moore will preach at special evangelistic services at First Methodist Church, Gastonia, May 7-12. The Rev. Russell T. Montfort, pastor of the Methodist Church, Davidson, will lead the singing.

Bishop Moore for 30 years has been an active bishop in the Methodist Church. In July, 1960, he retired from that office to devote his full time to evangelism. "He is one of the most effective and popular preachers in the Methodist Church in America," states the pastor, Dr. James G. Huggin.

Special Workers' Conference Held by Mebane Church

On Wednesday evening, April 12, beginning at 5:30, the Commission on Education of Mebane Methodist Church, held a special Workers' Conference for all church school teachers, officers, and workers. The meeting was planned around the study of the recent publication of the General Board of Education entitled "Foundations of Christian Teaching." Two study sessions were scheduled, with a break for dinner at 7:00, when the thirty-five workers present were guests of the Commission in the Fellowship Hall of the Church.

Leading the first study session on "The Nature and Work of the Church" and "The Gospel the Church Teaches" were Mrs. J. H. O'Donnell, Educational Assistant at Mebane, and Mr. Larry Bond, a third year Divinity School student at Duke University. The second session on "The Nature of Christian Education" featured Mrs. Ralph Riggs, local high school teacher and teacher of an adult class in the Church School. Concluding remarks on "The Curriculum of Christian Education" were made by Mrs. O'Donnell.

This evening of study proved to be a significant part of the Leadership Education program of the Mebane Methodist Church School.

Rev. Howard C. Wilkinson New Secretary National Association

At the annual conference of the National Association of College and University Chaplains, held April 10-13 at Southern Methodist University, the Reverend Howard C. Wilkinson, Chaplain at Duke University, Durham, N. C., was elected Secretary of the Association, which is an interdenominational, professional group representing more than 400 universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. Other officers elected were as follows: President, Rev. Carlton Lee, of Central State College, Ohio; vice-president, Rev. Ralph Dunlop, of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; treasurer, Rev. John Currie, of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Bahama Circuit Plans Three-Way Division Next Year

According to word reaching us the Bahama circuit is planning to divide its three-point work into three separate charges for the coming year. Mount Bethel Church at Bahama will become a full-time charge, as will Mount Tabor. Ellis Chapel is expected to be served by a student or a retired preacher. Mount Tabor is now in the process of building a new parsonage near the church. These churches are rallying to the challenge before them, and are expected to show considerable growth.

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To Attend General Board Meeting

REV. RALPH TAYLOR, superintendent of the High Point District, has been named by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and the cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference to represent the Charlotte Area at the meeting of the General Board of Evangelism at Miami Beach, April 25-27. Mr. Taylor is a former chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

EDITORIALS

Is Our Concern Real Or Fanciful?

A number of people are speaking out strongly against the presence on news stands of so much vulgar, low-type literature dealing with sex and crime, designed to keep before the young people unworthy ideals which destroy character and result in disaster. Most of those heard from on the subject are ministers and Christian laymen. This is to be expected, and is as it should be. Surely these are the people upon whom we must depend to hold the standards high and to furnish inspiration through which noble character can be achieved. We were in conversation recently with a good lady who holds a responsible position in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She was distressed because there were not more people in her church who were readers of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. She felt sure that if we are sincere in our criticisms about bad literature, we should endeavor to replace it with something better. The familiar Chinese proverb may be applied here: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." Many millions of dollars are spent annually for pornographic literature, enabling it to spread its evil influence in the minds of people and reap its harvest of filth. Our ministers and laymen are sincere in their stand against this evil, but the searching question is, what is being done to overcome it? Our bishops are telling us the church paper should go into every Methodist home. Too many are content to criticize the evil, but fail to provide the good. This is a matter that calls for positive action. One of the best ways to root out these obscene publications is to replace them with wholesome reading materials. Some years ago Dr. A. C. Reid of Wake Forest College was speaking to the Phillips Brooks Club at Duke University. His subject was "Good Literature." He referred to two different reputable publications which had a combined circulation in North Carolina of nearly 600,000, as compared to two high-type and desirable publications with a combined circulation of around 16,000, or a ratio of about 34 to 1. How can we expect to instill high ideals and develop good character at this rate? We need to become serious about this matter, and see that our people get their church paper and other wholesome reading material. St. Paul said to the Romans: "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."—Matt. 6:1.

The Bishops' Appeal For Africa

The bishops of the Methodist Church have issued an appeal for the much-needed assistance in this critical time for the African people. The church is trying to give its assistance to alleviate the suffering and dangers, and to establish Christianity firmly in this strategical area. No quota has been set, but it is suggested that at least two and a half million dollars is needed at once. Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, who knows the situation first-hand, says the Congo today offers the church a glorious opportunity. Dr. Harold Case says if we can provide human resources in the form of well-educated young Americans to give educational leadership in Africa at all educational levels, and if we include increasing numbers of qualified young Africans for study under ideal conditions in church-related colleges and universities, we may make an imprint that will have lasting significance as these people move toward full independence. Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, president of the Council of Bishops, has issued an appeal after visiting Africa and becoming acquainted with the situation. Dr. Eugene Smith, director of Methodism's world mission program, says that Africa offers probably the most massive opportunity ever faced by the Christian church. Missionaries on the field, some of whom went out from North Carolina, send their appraisal of the situation and appeal for strong support in this time of need. It has always been the feeling of this writer that we can trust the leadership of our church to know the facts and present them properly. It is our feeling that we should accept these statements setting forth the need and opportunity and be willing to respond without question. Here is an opportunity for the strong to help the weak struggling people who are trying to establish themselves in Christian faith and as a Christian country. Our response to this appeal on Sunday, April 30, will be an expression of our Christian faith. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Fellow Christians, let's do a good job of it.

Fifth President To Be Inaugurated at Scarritt

Scarritt College will hold inauguration ceremonies May 4th for its fifth president, the Rev. D. D. Holt, according to an announcement by Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, chairman of the board of trustees of the college.

Principal speaker for the inauguration will be Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, executive director of the Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, Mo. He will speak on "The Honor of a Certain Aim" on the program which begins at 11:00 a.m. in Wightman Chapel. Representatives from more than one hundred colleges throughout the nation will march in the academic procession prior to the inauguration ceremony.

A special feature of the program will be the formal opening of the Jesse Lee Cuninggim Memorial Apartment Building at 3:00 p.m. Completed March 1, this housing unit of 22 new apartments has been named in honor of the president of Scarritt from 1921 to 1943. Mrs. Maude Merrimon Cuninggim, widow of the former president, still resides in Nashville, and is expected to be present for the program. Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim is a son of Dr. Jesse Lee Cuninggim and along with his mother, will join in this formal opening.

Dr. Holt was elected president last May. He is a native of North Carolina and a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. He served as pastor for eight years of Trinity Methodist Church in Durham, ministering to students and faculty of Duke University.

Dr. Holt served four years as executive director of the North Carolina Methodist College Foundation and another four years on the staff of the Department of Christian Higher Education of the Methodist Church, in Nashville, counseling colleges throughout the country on financial matters. He came to the presidency of Scarritt from that position.

Alumni and friends of Scarritt are invited to attend the inauguration.

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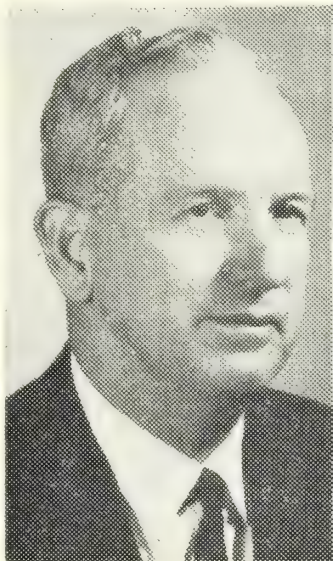
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High Point College to Confer Honorary Degrees



REV. RALPH TAYLOR



REV. CLIFFORD PEACE



GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD

Dr. Wendell H. Patton, president of High Point College, has announced the granting of three honorary degrees at the forthcoming May graduation exercises of the college. Recipients of these honorary degrees will be three outstanding citizens of North Carolina in the persons of Governor Terry Sanford, Rev. Clifford Peace, and Rev. Ralph Taylor.

The degrees to be conferred are as follows: Governor Sanford, the LL.D.; Rev. Peace, the D.D.; and Rev. Taylor, D.D.

Governor Sanford will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of 1961 on Sunday afternoon, May 28, at the formal graduating ceremony to be held in Memorial Auditorium. Governor Sanford is a native of Laurinburg, and received the A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1939, and also the LL.B. degree from the same university in 1946. He was admitted to the North Carolina Bar Association in 1946 and prior to his election as governor of the state was associated with the law firm of Sanford, Phillips, McCoy and Weaver in Fayetteville. From 1953 to 1954 he was a member of the State Senate. He served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1946. Among his many other accomplishments he is a member of the American Bar Association and American Judicature Society. He assumed the office of governor of the state in January this year.

Rev. Clifford Peace will give the invocation and benediction at the graduating exercises. Rev. Peace, also a native of North Carolina, attended Weaver College from 1928 to 1930 and received his A.B. degree from High Point College in 1932. Following his graduation from High Point College, he attended Duke University where he received the B.D. degree in 1936. Ordained to the ministry of the Methodist church, he has served many areas of the state among which are Gibsonville, Stony Point, Forest City, Asheville, and is presently serving as pastor-counselor for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem. This position he has held since 1949. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and served as chaplain in the U. S. Army from

1942 to 1945. Among the many honors he has received is the Most Distinguished Award from High Point College in 1951. He has headed many worthwhile organizations in past years.

Rev. Ralph Taylor will give the prayer and benediction at the baccalaureate service to be conducted on Sunday morning, May 28, in Memorial Auditorium on the college campus. Rev. Taylor is a native of Charlotte and received his formal education at Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, a Lutheran school, and at Duke University and Duke Divinity School. Since joining the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1933, he has received wide and varied experiences in the ministry. Among the churches he has served are Asheboro Circuit, Concord, Asheville, Murphy, Canton, Albemarle, and Lexington.

From 1951 to 1956 he was superintendent of the Statesville District, returning to the pastorate at the Lexington church from 1956 to 1960. In June 1960 he was appointed superintendent of the newly-created district of High Point where he now resides. He has headed many organizations within the realm of the church among which are former conference director of evangelism, former chairman of the Board of Evangelism, vice-chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance, and secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants. From 1952 to 1956 he was secretary of the Bishop's Cabinet, and is now serving as representative of the Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference to the Board of Missions of the church.

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Shallotte Circuit Has Had . . . Good Revival Meetings

The Shallotte Circuit has had three good revival meetings, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Harold T. Pickett. At the Village Point church there were 16 additions, 9 on profession of faith and 7 by transfer. There were many who rededicated their lives to Christ. At Sharon Church

Dr. G. Ray Jordan to Hold Revival at College Place

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor of homiletics at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and former pastor of College Place Methodist Church, Greensboro, will preach in revival services at College Place beginning Sunday, April 30, and continuing through May 5th. Services will be held each morning for Bible study Monday through Friday at 10:30 till 11:30, and evangelistic preaching services will be held from Sunday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. through Friday evening, May 5, at 8:00 o'clock.

Dr. Jordan is a nationally noted and distinguished teacher of the art of preaching and writing sermons. He has written and published seventeen books, several of which have been religious book club selections. He is author of more than two hundred articles, two hundred and fifty book reviews and has contributed to fifteen volumes such as the American Pulpit Series.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa Associates, Theta Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa. He has been a delegate to a number of national and interna-



DR. G. RAY JORDAN

tional church conferences, and to five general conferences of the Methodist Church. He was a member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church for five years.

Dr. Jordan was pastor of major North Carolina Methodist churches at Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Charlotte before going to Emory in 1945. For eight years he was a member of the Peace Commission of the Methodist Church. He served as book editor for two national religious journals.

He was born in Kinston, N. C., November 11, 1896, and received A.B. and D.D. degrees from Duke, B.D. degree from Emory, A.M. from Yale, and Litt.D. from Lincoln Memorial University. Dr. Jordan was a pastor at College Place Methodist Church several years ago.

eight came to the altar to give their lives to Christ or to transfer their membership. There was also a good revival at Andrews Chapel, and the meeting is now in progress at Dixon's Chapel. The pastor has done the preaching in all these revivals.

Quotations

From Recent Reports on Africa

Africa needs Christian influence in all phases of life . . . Christian teachers, lawyers, politicians, and social workers.—REV. JOHN WESLEY KUREMA, Ehnes Memorial Church, Umtali.

Our churches are not doing as much as they ought to because they do not know what to do. If our leaders in the church know their duties, I have no doubts that they will do them.—REV. MARK J. RICHARDS, JR., Liberia.

The genius of this program is that it is going to be investment in people rather than buildings. Relief, medical attention, training of leaders, these are the reasons for the Bishops' Appeal.

—BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH

Our prayers are for the leaders of Congo. We believe that the church will live on forever though difficulties are present. We send advance greetings to our new missionaries. We need them among us.

—ANDRE UMUMBU

Our missionaries were evacuated for the second time on account of some trouble.

However, the church school and hospital works are still going on as usual.

I don't know yet when missionaries would be able to come back. We miss them. We need them more than ever.

(Name withheld)

However bad the news may appear from Africa, there are many reasons for optimism. First, the African people are basically friendly to us. Second, a strong Christian church already exists. Third, there is a solid base in elementary school education. Fourth, there is eagerness for higher education. And, fifth, Africa wants missionaries.

—BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH

Three things prominent in this fast-changing country are: lack of good, educated, and qualified leadership, shortage of medical facilities, and a lack of far-spread evangelism . . . Provision for higher education within our country is highly necessary. We need more hospitals, doctors, and nurses. —JASPER MASHURI, lay delegate from Rhodesia Annual Conference to 1960 General Conference.

There is still trouble in the Congo, it is true, as the leaders of the country have not yet stabilized the government. But our work does go forward well in spite of the confusion in the hearts of our people. The work of Christ is being done everywhere by us. We greatly need your prayers. We give thanks to God for you, our friends, who love to help the Church in Africa. We have much confidence that God will be able to help us in these times.

—MOISE NGANDJOLO, Chairman District Superintendents of Central Congo.

Elementary education is the key to the future of every African country. The extension of the well-equipped teacher, the multiplication of teacher training, the recruitment of qualified Americans to strengthen teacher education must be one of our concerns.

The standards maintained and the prevailing philosophy of elementary education will ultimately determine the quality of leadership and the political affiliations of Africa.—DR. AND MRS. HAROLD C. CASE, "Report from Africa," *Bostonia*, Summer, 1960. (Dr. Case is president of Boston University).

The following telegram was received by the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE April 12:

CD Zehl 560 Kitwe, Africa
N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
Greensboro N. C., U.S.A.
"Please tell the people Congo needs the love of Christians today as never before.
Lorena Kelly."



From Liberia

Many years ago the Liberia Annual Conference had established mission stations along the coast, but these stations had to be abandoned. I would suggest that the American Methodist Church send us more missionaries so that we can rebuild the old mission stations and seek to open up new frontiers in the interior.

The next need would be scholarships. There are many promising young men and women who have completed the eighth grade but, because of the lack of funds to further the development of their talents, they seek employment or return to tribal situations. Thus we lose many young men and women.

Medical supplies and equipment are needed to alleviate the dread of disease.

Finally, the Church is in need of a trained ministry.

—BENNIE D. WARNER

The church exists and was brought into being by God's action in Christ for just such a time as this. The complete confusion of the African scene demands reconciliation or complete chaos and the entrance into a "dark ages" in Africa. If such should happen, Africa will become once again the "dark continent" with a darkness far greater than anything that existed during the days of Livingstone.

But the church has been given the "ministry of reconciliation" and Christian people of all nations must work together to bring reconciliation between God and man, and man and man in Africa.

—C. MELVIN BLAKE

It is a great challenge for the Methodist Church to be working in a country with more than six million people, only five per cent of whom can read or write.

American Methodists can help us by raising funds for high school scholarships to prepare young people to staff our schools; Crusade scholarships for university training; providing funds for medical training for young people; providing funds for seminary training abroad. Money is not the only solution to our problems and needs. We need people with medical, industrial, and social work training.

—GABRIEL SIMBINE

Missao Metodista em Chicique Mozambique

From the Congo

All of our people here need you. Even people who are not church people do not want the missionaries to leave the Congo.

We have the hospitals here because of the missionaries.

We have the Word of God, which delivered us from the bondage of Satan.

We know all our education from the beginning came through them.

The missionaries sent our people to foreign countries for education.

From these evidences we know that had the missionaries come earlier and first to our country, our country would have been transformed and gone forward. So we have great need of you missionaries among us.

—PASTOR ANDREW OMANA

From Southern Rhodesia

It is very wonderful to see Africa awakening, although none can tell what the future holds for her.

Many people ask, "Which way is Africa going to take when she is completely on her own? Will she still give room for Christ to intervene in her affairs? Will Christ be accepted as the leader? Or shall Africa go Communistic, or go back to her old ancestor-worshipping religion? But who can surely say this is the answer?

But there is one thing we are all aware of. That is, the decisions that are being made today—there lies the future of Africa.

We are very grateful to hear that the church in the U.S.A. would like to help us this very problem. I for one would suggest that if possible any financial help should be invested in the Church.

When I say "the Church" I have in mind: leadership in the Church, program of the Church, and evangelism.

We hope Christ will all the time find room in Africa.

—JOHN WESLEY KUREWA

LETTERS

Institute Springer
Mulungwishi
via Elisabethville, Katanga
February 8, 1961

Dear Friends:

As most of you know, I am now involved in the literacy program in the Jadotville District of the Southern Congo Conference. Literacy classes are beginning all over the district. Some six hundred adults are now enrolled in over forty classes. Positive reports from Congo are rare these days, but I would like to share with



MARLENE HARMON

you two incidents which will help you to understand the success of this program and the opportunities which are so near.

Despite the steady downpour of rain, the Jadotville Church was filled with worshipers and curious observers. The morning program was a little different from the usual Sunday morning service, for a program to emphasize the importance of literacy had been planned. Literacy teachers from all over the district, new readers from other Jadotville churches, book sellers, and district literacy leaders were present from the final session of the first literacy conference.

The area supervisor announced that one of the new readers was to exhibit his newly-attained ability by reading before the congregation. From the back of the church a small-featured old man arose from his seat. He stood in the aisle for a few seconds wondering where he was to perform. Finally his teacher ushered him to the front of the church. For the first time in his life this old man was the center of attraction for 450 people. Never before had he been praised for any achievement. Every eye was directed his way as he read every word carefully and confidently. From the platform I could see the amazement and joy in the eyes of the people as they saw a "muzee" (old person) read. The people have little confidence in an old person's ability to learn anything new. As he completed his reading, everyone applauded his new achievement with approving enthusiasm.

The joys of the Sunday morning service were not limited to the old man who read so confidently, for another new reader read, other readers sang, using a song book for the first time, and then fifteen women were awarded certificates for completing their course of study. Such results as these will be seen monthly as others learn to read and write.

The small village church was hidden behind a corn field. The path to the church was cover-

ed with weeds and high grass. The church benches were being eaten by white ants. The ram had washed most of the whitewash from the walls. Bricks had fallen from around the windows. The church "bell" (a piece of railroad track) was rusted from hanging uselessly in a small tree beside the church. From every observation, there could be only one conclusion: the life of the church had been killed by lack of leadership, guidance, and attention. We rang the rusted rail track—and waited. Slowly, one by one, five women joined us in the church. After singing and praying with them, we explained the purpose of our visit. As they carefully listened, new light and interest shown on their faces. They seemed eager to learn and assured us that many in the villages would join the literacy class. One of the teachers from another village agreed to help find a teacher and get the class started. As we left, one question kept returning to our minds: can a literacy class bring new life to a dead church? I feel sure that we have seen here the rebirth of a church because literacy is evangelism.

After we left the church behind the corn field, we continued our tour of potential literacy villages. The big volkswagen bus rolled over miles and miles of bumpy, ruddy roads, passing village after village. With each village there seemed to be a new responsibility in adult education. When we arrived at Chief Katanga's village, one of the literacy teachers handed us a list of villages asking for reading classes. Needless to say, in a country with 80 to 90 percent illiteracy, there is endless possibility and responsibility. At the end of our day's trip, we felt we had seen the demand and need magnified a hundred times.

Your prayers are needed for the continuation of this vital work under any changing political circumstances.

Sincerely,
Marlene Harmon



Presenting the course of study before a group of new "students."



Literary worker (M. Harmon) teaching a new teacher how to use the primer in order to teach adults.

B. P. 522
Elisabethville Katanga
April 8, 1961

Dear Dr. Stames:

I am writing on the first mail after receiving the letter from Horace McSwain yesterday. Due to the uncertainty of the mails, I am sending one copy to you from Elisabethville and another copy from Kitwe Northern Rhodesia, as a friend is going to Kitwe today. We do not know for certain that all the mail does not go through; but when we have something important we like to give it two chances. I believe it cannot



PATRICIA ROTHROCK

possibly get there in time for an April 11 deadline, but I do hope at least one copy will arrive at its destination.

Probably the American newspapers told of Tuesday's demonstration against the UN troops and their occupation of the Elisabethville airport. This day of tension has passed without any violence—except in the threats against the UN troops and threats of reprisals against any civilians who sell *anything* to United Nations personnel; the radio last night told of the closing of one drug store yesterday which had disobeyed this injunction by selling first aid supplies to UN personnel.

So we find ourselves in an interesting situation; the day of tension has passed but the cause of the tension still remains. And the chances of its bursting forth again are very great. In this kind of situation where every day holds new surprises and problems unheard of the day previous the missionaries here are working as hard as they can to train African leaders to do all the tasks of the church. It seems to be a fight against a time table—the other side of which we can't read but can only guess about.

In these crucial days we desire earnestly your prayers that we may be consecrated and dedicated enough to see all the opportunities which are before us and live such lives of creative usefulness that in the time left to us we may do everything in His strength to help prepare the leaders here in Africa for the tasks ahead of them.

Sincerely,
PAT ROTHROCK

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Find a man who is satisfied with things as they come, and you can be sure he doesn't expect much.

Christ Church, Greensboro Adopts Support of Dr. Sundaram

The new Christ Methodist Church of Greensboro (organized in 1956) has adopted the salary support of Dr. Ernest Sundaram, outstanding chest and heart surgeon of the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly, India.

Dr. Sundaram, the son of Bishop Gabriel Sundaram, of the Lucknow Area in India, is at present a Crusade Scholar at the Duke Medical School doing specialized study in chest and open heart surgery, thus he and Mrs. Sundaram have been able to visit the Christ Church several times this year.

The young congregation of 560 members in Christ Church and the pastor, Rev. M.



E. Harbin, have been overjoyed at the wonderful missionary opportunity in supporting Dr. Sundaram, and have been thrilled to be able to "adopt" Dr. and Mrs. Sundaram in their church family. The romance and marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Sundaram is an especially intriguing story in that they come from different areas of India and do not speak the same Indian dialect, thus their romance and marriage has been in the English language. They have captivating personalities and have won the hearts of the congregation of Christ Church.

Dr. Sundaram did his medical and surgical work under Dr. Reeves Betts, America's famous thoracic surgeon who has been a missionary teacher in Vellore Christian Medical College in India. Under him Dr. Sundaram learned chest and open heart surgery. In North India previous to this no one could get open heart surgery in this area at any price. Characteristic of the Christian mission, when Dr. Sundaram performed this operation, it was on a penniless, 11-year-old Mohammedan boy. The funds for hospitalization were provided by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

The salary support of Dr. Sundaram is \$2400 a year. This is an increase of \$2100 in this mission special from \$300 last year. Christ Church has raised half of this already and on Easter anticipates a special offering of gifts from the congregation to

make this total of \$2400. Dr. and Mrs. Sundaram were with the Christ Church congregation on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Dr. Sundaram will finish his work at the Duke Medical School in June and they will return to India this summer where he will assume his duties again as thoracic surgeon for the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly.

The Christ Church congregation organized only in 1956 has built an educational

building with fellowship hall costing \$275,000, and still owes about \$175,000 on this. This was built on an 11-acre lot for which West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro paid \$82,000.

The membership growth of Christ Church this year will be over 100 members. Its growth has been about 125 members per year. But Christ Church feels that adopting the Sundarams is its greatest growth of all!

Sunday, April 30, Important Day for Congo

By DR. HORACE R. MCSWAIN

Africa offers probably "the most massive opportunity ever faced by the Christian Church," says Dr. Eugene Smith, director of Methodism's World Mission program. "It is possible within our own life time that Central Africa might become a vigorous center of world Christianity. It is also quite possible that this vast region might become solidly Muslim, or fanatically communist." This evaluation by Dr. Smith made six years ago has flamed into brilliant life in the strife in the Congo. Africa and the Congo have come alive and are demanding recognition and freedom. Within three years the number of free nations has grown from two or three to twenty-six. More will be receiving their freedom. Their newfound freedom is fraught with the perils which the Congo has exemplified!

"The Congo today offers the church a glorious opportunity," says Bishop J. Waskom Pickett, who for the last four years has served as advisor in evangelism to the Board of Missions in some 44 countries of the world. Bishop Pickett gives this evaluation after having been in Africa several times and discussed the African situation in this period with religious and political leaders. He says that this revolution that is now taking place opens doors to opportunities we have never known before. In all of his discussions with the leaders of Africa he said he found not one single leader who had indicated Africa should go back to the old religions of the witch doctors, who themselves had perpetrated not less than a million deaths a year in order to control the people.

Bishop Booth of Africa, has said that 35 per cent of the people of the Congo are Christian and had we had the resources and the personnel, at least 65 per cent of the Congo today would be Christian as they face the most crucial hours in their history.

Thus Methodists are now given the opportunity in these critical hours in the Congo to give help as they try to find their destiny as a free republic.

Tribalism, division, illiteracy and the strife of the West against communism all have a part in making the confusion more confounded. Yet the people of the Congo are determined to be free. There are only 14 college graduates in all the Congo. Medical care is completely disrupted. Formerly they had over 700 doctors, and now less than 200 among these 14 million people.

The Crash Program for the Congo and other parts of Africa has to do with setting up a technical institute in the Congo to train the people who now have the responsibility for leadership on their jobs. This will involve many local institutes across

the Congo in present buildings to give on-the-job training to those who are having to take over. There is not a single doctor, nor lawyer, nor engineer among the Congolese.

Bishop Raines indicates that in order to provide medical care to a great extent, the present orderlies in the hospitals will have to be trained to give whatever medical care they can until adequate Congolese doctors can be trained through college and medical school which will take six to eight years.

Another area of training necessary is that of ministers. Already plans are underway for a theological school in Elisabethville. At present there is only one Methodist minister among the Congolese who has a college education. He is Peter Shaumba who came several years ago to Paine College in Augusta, Ga., to get his college degree. He is now secretary of the Protestant Council in the Congo giving leadership to all protestantism there.

Not only is the offering planned for the crucial and critical needs in the Congo, but also for other areas in Africa. We are told that in Rhodesia there can be another "Congo" almost any time. The Honorable George Padmore, Ambassador from Liberia, said on the TV program, "Meet the Press," recently, that the Portuguese Africa of Angola and Mazambique will be far more bloody than the Congo since they are under a much more rigid fascist state than were the Congolese.

The future of Algeria is a matter of great concern as France tries to find some answer for their future.

The Christian Church has been in Africa with strength through these many years, but its strength has been far too small. Ninety per cent of all the students in schools are in mission schools, but the number has been too few. Now to salvage that which already the church has and above all to increase greatly the ministry of the church and the guidance of the church in these critical days, this Crash Program for the Congo and Africa has been conceived by the Methodist Board of Missions.

Fortunately, we are not alone in this program—rather it is a program that has grown far beyond Methodism. Many private foundations will participate. Other denominations are being invited to be a part of it and will do so.

However, our beginning share in this as Methodists of America should not be less than 2½ million dollars. Methodists in the Carolinas could, themselves, if they were a mind to, give one-half to one million dollars to this offering. All Methodists are urged to take a hand and from their hearts give generously, joyously and wonderfully in this critical program.

Bishops' Appeal for Africa

To the people called Methodists: Greetings from the Council of Bishops!

When things are at their worst, the Church should be at its best. We are called upon to be a part of the healing in the midst of much sickness.

Where there is rioting, bloodshed and bitterness, ours is the high task of being present to restore good will, minister to the suffering, and witness to God's love.

To this end we are calling for a special offering for Africa in every one of our 40,000 churches on Sunday, April 30th. Through our mission stations, we must answer the urgent need for food, medicine, leadership and education. A minimum of \$2,500,000 is needed. We are asking Methodists to contribute generously to serve in this crisis.

This is both our obligation and our privilege. Our Methodism stands in a strategic place for special service and influence.

May the good Lord bless you all.

Sincerely,
BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY
President of the Council of Bishops

The Talking Drums of Africa

By ROY S. SMYRES

Long, long before Marconi invented the wireless telegraph, the Africans of Central Africa had a "wireless" system: the talking drum. It was—and is one of the cleverest and most useful means of communication ever invented.

I was in Elisabethville, Africa, when the Armistice of 1918 was signed. Both wire and wireless telegraph systems were in use there. But I heard that far out in the "bush"—a thousand miles from the seacoast—the Africans had learned within 24 hours that the white men had stopped fighting each other in Europe. The talking drums had conveyed the information to them.

Many a white government official or recruiting officer for labor, back in the early days, has gone into interior villages to find that everyone had fled except one or two old people or cripples who couldn't run. They had heard, through the drums, that the tax collector or the labor recruiter was on the way, and they had run away. They didn't want to pay taxes, and they didn't want to work for the white man.

I have had the experience, in the far interior, of being met a mile or two outside a village by people from the church, who heard via the drums that I was coming, and came out to greet their friend, the missionary.

The drums are still used. Despite the fact that in very many villages someone will have a radio receiver to which a whole group will listen, the drums, requiring a comparatively simple instrument and an expert operator, are in constant use. For almost any message can be sent by this means.

The majority of these drums are made in one of two designs, both of which are carved out of solid logs. The wedge-shaped drum is usually rather large—perhaps three feet high by four feet long. The round type may be any size from six or seven inches in diameter to two or three feet, with proportionate length.

It is something of an art, with primitive knife, axe, adz, and fire, to hollow out either kind from a solid piece of suitable

hardwood. The principle of resonance is the same in either, and if the carving process is carefully done, the sound from a large drum will carry for miles under favorable atmospheric conditions.

The skilled drummer uses two drumsticks fashioned from sticks tipped with cotton string and rubber—both cotton and rubber being available in the forest. The sticks are about 15 or 16 inches long, the tips about 2½ inches in diameter.

Usually the combination of two different notes beaten on opposite sides of the wedge-shaped drum, or the lips of the round, conveys the message. These two notes might be compared to the dot-dash of the Morse code except, of course, that they do not represent letters—the Africans did not have a written language. Not everyone can send messages or understand all that is conveyed, but almost everyone can understand some things. In the case of one tribe among whom I worked long ago, the call to listen was:

Boom boom boom BOOM BOOM BOOM boom BOOM. *Umfwa!* Listen!

Everyone could understand that. I remember when traveling with porters, and desiring to buy food for them, I would appeal to the chief of a village who would call in the drummer to send out a message. Soon the women would stream in with food for sale.

In these days a drum is often used to call people to church. A skilled drummer can communicate almost any message to another skilled drummer in another village who relays it on . . .

The drums are still beating! He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!

I can imagine what the drums are saying, or what thousands of Africans lacking the skill to use them would like to say. This is what I seem to hear:

Boom boom boom BOOM BOOM BOOM boom BOOM! *Umfwa, Musungu!* Listen, white man! You came out here to Africa, our home, and began to rule us. You thought—and some of you fellows still think—that you were superior. Well, you did and you do have bigger guns.

Umfwa, Musungu! Some of your brothers told us about a man who said that there is a God who sees and cares even when the

sparrows die, and that we are of more value than many sparrows. *We believe this!*

Umfwa, Musungu! When you came to our fathers, they had a government and loyalties, and a way of life. Perhaps these were not good in your eyes, but we understood them and we lived by them. You forced your new governments upon us—your strange tongues, your hard-to-understand laws, your foreign customs. You got us all confused. You sent some of your brothers, men of God, who lived and taught well. But you do not live as they taught. And you have catapulted us in one lifetime from the time when a day's journey was a walk of 15 miles, to now, when a day's journey is around the earth. We are all confused!

Lelo, Umfwa, Musungu! But listen, white man! We have heard and believe that we, too, are children of God. We, too, are men. We, too, want to live. *We intend to live!* And we hear of many others of dark skin who feel as we do.

Umfwa, Musungu wa Klisitu! Listen, Christian white man! We know that we need help. Some of our people are hungry. Many of our people are sick. Very many have never learned to read or write. Of those who do, only a handful have had opportunity for high school—still fewer for college.

Can you not feel our need, our burning eagerness for training that will guide us in freedom? Will you help us?

Umfwa, Musungu wa Klisitu! Listen, Christian white man!

Boom boom boom BOOM BOOM BOOM boom BOOM!

LISTEN!

Kilgo Church, Charlotte, Has Had Fruitful Ministry

The months from January to Easter have been most fruitful. The thrilling thing about it has been the fact that no special gimmicks have been used to get participation in the church life. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt in our midst in a special way. After all, His presence with us is the secret of a rich, full church life.

Many things come to mind which have been encouraging as inspirational. Just a few of these accomplishments are worthy of our attention: (1) Splendid attendance at the 11:00 o'clock worship hour; (2) Increased interest and participation in the church school. (3) Sixty-four members received into the church. (4) The excellent series of services with Dr. C. E. Rozzelle during Passion Week. (5) The excellent Holy Week music by the chancel choir. (6) The eighty families that pledged to tithe until May 31. (7) The deepening of the spiritual life of so many of the congregation.

Easter has come with its mighty message of triumph. Although we think of it as the climax of the church, we should also think of it as the launching of a greater individual and church life. There should be no after-Easter slump in the life of the individual or the church. It should lead us into the Upper Room for the feeling with the Holy Spirit and then going out into the world for greater service. We'll see you Sunday—at church school and worship hour!

—Clipped from Church Bulletin

Rev. Grady N. Dulin Has Busy Program at Asbury

Coming events at Asbury Methodist Church of Lincolnton are the following: On Wednesday, April 18, the district meeting of the WSCS on the theme, "The Faith That Compels Us." Mrs. B. E. Callis, district president WSCS, presiding over the day's program. Included on the program are Dr. E. C. Few, district superintendent; Mrs. S. M. Shurm, Mrs. Charles W. Gunter, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Miss Ethel Bost, Mrs. Dalbert Dixon, Mrs. Edwin Ford, Mrs. Ivey Starnes, Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mrs. C. R. McAdams, Mrs. Thad Ford, Rev. G. N. Dulin, and all subdistrict chairmen. Lunch will be served by the Asbury WSCS. Mrs. G. B. Shurm is local president.

On May 7 Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville will speak at Asbury at 11:00 a.m., giving his impressions from his travels over many of our mission fields. He will also visit the church school at 10:00 a.m.

May 7-12 at 7:30 daily Rev. Ralph L. Reed, pastor of the Saint James Methodist Church in Charlotte, will assist the pastor in evangelistic services. The regular choir and choir director will direct the music.

May 14 will bring a close to the National Christian Family Week with appropriate services in keeping with Mother's Day.

Rev. G. N. Dulin is the pastor.

Methodists Set Loyalty Sunday For Thomasville District

Church Loyalty Sunday will be observed in many of the Methodist churches of the Thomasville District on Sunday, April 23. On that day the members of these churches will be given an opportunity to pledge their support to their church's program for the coming year.

Leaders from the participating churches have been engaged in training and planning for this emphasis for almost three months. They have been instructed by the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, director of Field Service and Finance of the Methodist Board of Missions. These leaders have in turn directed their local churches in planning and presenting their program for the 1961-62 conference year.

This joint emphasis upon Christian stewardship was approved by the Thomasville District churches at their district conference in January upon the recommendation of the Rev. John H. Carper, district superintendent, and Judge L. Roy Hughes, district lay leader.

These same churches will observe Victory Sunday on April 30.

—C. DWIGHT PYATT
Publicity Secretary

Christian Vocations Rally For Statesville District

Three hundred young people attended the recent Christian Vocations Rally for the Statesville District held at First Church, Hickory. Taking part on the program were Miss Shirley Hollar, a member of the Cool Springs Church, the Rev. Tommy Sigmon, serving as pastor of Shiloh-Wesley charge, Miss Romona Morton, director of Christian Education at Broad Street Church, Statesville, and Rev. John K. Miller, pastor of Race Street Methodist Church.

New Materials Ready for National Family Week

THE FAMILY'S MINISTRY IN GOD'S WORLD



Christian Stewardship Begins at Home NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK May 7 - 14, 1961

Thirty-five major denominations observe National Family Week the first week in May. Plans are made through the National Council of Churches Committee on Family Life and are carried out by the denominational boards. The general area of emphasis for 1961 will be family stewardship. The Methodist Church has selected the theme, The Family's Ministry in God's World. It is hoped that during National Family Week local churches and adult classes and youth groups will take a look at the family life in their churches and communities and see what can be done to strengthen family living. To assist in this program the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education announces the following new materials:

Family Week Posters, 10 cents each—three for 25 cents.

The Family's Ministry in God's World (3034-C), \$1.00 per hundred, 20 cents for twelve.

Our Family Stewardship (3033-C) (card) \$1.00 per hundred, 20 cents for twelve.

Children's Day Program (191-61-C) 15

cents each, two for 25 cents, ten for \$1.00.

Plans for National Family Week (3005-B). Single copy free.

These new materials may be ordered from the Board of Education, Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. Please send cash with order.

Suggestions for a program for National Family Week may be found in the March issues of *Methodist Story* and *The Church School*.

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Revival In Progress At Pleasant Hill Church

Revival services began at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church Sunday night, April 16th, and will continue through Sunday morning, April 23rd. This church is located six miles northeast of Seagrove. Services are held each evening at 7:30 o'clock, with the Rev. James Aldridge, of Trinity, doing the preaching. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

Rev. F. R. Loflin is pastor.

Methodist Missions Damaged; Two Pastors, Children Killed

In an outbreak of anti-American demonstrations in Angola within the last 10 days, Methodist mission stations have been attacked and damaged and two African pastors and two children of an African district superintendent killed.

According to reports received from Angola by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, a Methodist building in Luanda, the capital of Angola, was attacked by whites protesting the United States' recent vote in the United Nations calling for an investigation of the questionable treatment of Africans in Angola, by Portugal.

No Americans were injured, but some of the several hundred demonstrators broke through police lines and smashed all of the windows in the building. Africans, it was reported, collaborated with some whites in protecting the mission, which houses a medical clinic and serves as the center of activities of other denominations—including the Angola Alliance, an interdenominational group.

In the Dembos District, where Methodists have been at work since 1925, two young girls were killed during bombings of the region. They were daughters of the Rev. Santos de Costa Matoso, the first African to become a Methodist district superintendent in Africa.

Two other Africans were reported killed during bombings at Pange. According to the Board of Missions they were the Revs. Antonio Gonzalves Neto and Dominos Ambrosio.

Following attacks on the mission station at Luanda, which is owned by the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, protests to the Portuguese government were made by the U. S. State Department.

Despite strict censorship of dispatches concerning the trouble in Angola, scattered reports have managed to reach this country and have been turned over to the United Nations. Items included in the reports covered the breakout in Quela district where scores of Africans and whole villages were said to have been bombed out, and the upsurge of Africans, which resulted in the deaths of scores of whites.

Angola is Portugal's Cinderella colony, 4 times as large as Portugal itself. Methodist work started there 76 years ago, and now there are 39 Methodist missionaries in service there.

Present-day Methodist work is divided into two major regions: Luanda and Manange, where 50 ordained and 68 supply pastors serve some 30,690 full and preparatory church members.



A PRAYER FOR VACATION

*God, guard us through vacation days,
Wherever we may be;
At home, or climbing mountain trails,
Or playing by the sea.
Help us remember Thou art there
To make each day a joy,
To give a wholesome, happy time
To every girl and boy.*

Maylo Church Formally Opened at Gastonia



The formal opening of Maylo Methodist Church, Spencer Mountain Road, Gastonia, was held Sunday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m. The district superintendent, Dr. Eugene C. Few, was assisted by Frank B. Griffin, architect, R. E. Waddell, general contractor, H. D. Whitener, lay leader, and G. Howard Alfred, pastor.

The former church burned on November 1, 1959. During the next eight months, in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Architecture, Philadelphia, and the Western North Carolina Board of Education, plans, studies and surveys were made. In March, 1960, the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, director of fund-raising for the Conference Board of Missions, directed a fund-raising campaign with a goal of \$100,000 to be paid over a three-year period. Burlington Industries contributed \$2,000 and Rex Mills gave a five-acre site. Within a week \$121,000 was raised in cash and pledges.

On May 22, 1960, ground was broken on the new site in ceremonies directed by Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District. A former pastor, the Rev. William A. Rock, Jr., assisted in the service. Construction began in June and on September 25th Bishop Nolan B. Harmon led the 420-member congregation in the laying of the cornerstone.

The sanctuary is early American in design with the cross on the spire rising 95 feet above the ground. Southern Desk Co., Hickory, constructed the sanctuary furnishings from hard northern maple and finished

them in mahogany and white. Southern Desk Co. also supplied the solid oak furniture, finished in natural honey blond, for the educational building.

In addition to the 25 classrooms for a completely graded Sunday school, the educational building includes a pastor's study, church office, library, prayer chapel, choir room, and parlor.

The building was erected at a cost of some \$250,000 with the congregation borrowing \$100,000 of this to be paid back in payments of \$1000 per month. The three air-conditioning units and two furnaces are divided into four zones to provide proper year-round heating and cooling.

Memorials given in the former church that burned and those given to the new church are recorded in a Book of Remembrance. This book will be permanently displayed in a repository located in the narthex.

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Woman's Activities



WSCS Self Examination Proposed

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, has proposed a timely and pertinent self-examination questionnaire for members of the local societies. They are:

Have I made an honest effort to secure new members for the Woman's Society of Christian Service? Have I given the officers and members my moral support by attending the meetings? Have I endeavored to assist in any way and every way to advance the cause of missions? Have I offered my services to hold office, work on committees, or in any capacity? Have I visited the sick, new members, or absentees? Have I given as little as one hour or my time to interest a friend or member of the Woman's Society in becoming more interested in the work, as someone did for me?

"Woman's Society of Christian Service!" Why do we have that long name? Wouldn't a shorter one do just as well? The Methodist woman smiles proudly and says, "That name tells what we really are." WOMAN'S: not women, because the emphasis is on the individual woman—her spiritual growth, her contributions or prayers, services, and gifts. SOCIETY: a friendly group where age or special interests or economic situations are of no concern. A common love of God and His work draws the members together and impels them to share their fellowship. CHRISTIAN: one of the primary purposes of this society is to develop the spiritual life. It overlaps and undergirds the fellowship and all that is done in the way of service. SERVICE: a second purpose is to serve one's own church and society through Local Church Activities; a third, to serve our neighbors in our community and in the world community through Christian Social Relations; and a fourth is to understand and support the work of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Could you say it in fewer words than Woman's Society of Christian Service?

JUST SUPPOSE: the membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were limited to 500 of our best members—would you be in or out? Suppose you had to run for Woman's Society of Christian Service as a candidate runs for office—would you win or lose? Suppose your membership were good for one year only, and that re-election depended upon your Christian service and discipleship—would you be re-elected?

Ewha University Has Rich Heritage

A dramatic story of dreams and the struggle to fulfill them, of endurance under persecution, of flight and refugee living, of generous contribution both in lives of service and money make up the more than seventy years of the history of Ewha University.

The University grew out of Ewha Primary School founded in 1886 by a Methodist missionary, Mrs. Mary Scranton. In 1910, under the leadership of Miss Lula E. Frey, the school became the first college for women in Korea. The University is supported by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, by the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, and by Ewha University Co-operating Board in North America, Inc.

From the beginning, students of all nationalities and religions have been accepted at Ewha Woman's University. The University motto—Truth, Goodness, Beauty—stands for a well-rounded life. The name Ewha, was given to the school by the Queen of Korea; the word means "pear flower," which is the symbol of purity.

In 1935 the college moved to the Sichon Campus under the direction of Dr. Alice Appenheizer, president. Nine buildings were built from 1935 to 1950 when the University was evacuated because of the Communist invasion.

In 1939 Dr. Helen Kim became the president and bore the burdens of the Japanese occupation, the trials of exile, and the worries of an expanding University. In spite of these handicaps, Dr. Kim continued to give a better education to an increasing number of students. From 1950 to 1958 the enrollment jumped from 900 to more than 5,000 students. In the rehabilitation program of the war-damaged campus more than ten new buildings have already been repaired and completed.

Ewha University is expanding because of the great eagerness for education in Korea. Since the liberation from Japanese domination, young women are coming in throngs seeking higher education to prepare themselves for various occupations and for modern home life. Each year Ewha must turn away more than 1,000 applicants because of limited buildings, equipment, and teachers, even though the number of students accepted and the number of specialized fields offered in the curriculum have been more than quadrupled. To meet the needs of the present day, more buildings must be provided; equipment must be made more adequate, and the number of faculty must be increased.

W. N. C. Conference

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



President's Message

In an Easter message to all members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Mrs. Carl King, Conference president voiced the deep thoughts of all Christian women when she said, "Palm Sunday has been for me one of the most meaningful days of the year . . . and He set his face steadfastly to go up to Jerusalem. Now as we near the end of the year's work, I cove for you something of His unfaltering resolve, His daring devotion and His giving His all.

"Another text applies to an aftermath of Easter: 'Did not our hearts burn within us as He walked with us on the way?' One that carries meaning for me is 'He goeth before you into Galilee' . . . Galilee representing not the temple nor the inspiration of the mountain, but the plain work-a-day world where we make our living, feed our families, go to meetings and make our reports. So I wish for you the glow and the presence."

Reporting Time is Here Again!

Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, conference secretary of promotion, sends as a reminder that reports are due to leave the local society on May 15th. She said, "There is no value in filling out a report just to meet a date. Reports help us to measure progress or note the lack of it, to be more aware of both strong and weak points."

It is so important for local societies to send accurate reports. There is no way that the Methodist Church may measure its strength or know what it has accomplished except through the figures on pages of report from local churches.

Mrs. Lowder is stressing the need for accurate information about membership this year. She also pays tribute to the "sincere and dedicated work of the secretaries of promotion in the Conference."

Delegate to World Methodist Congress In Oslo, Norway

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheville former president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, is one of the fifty delegates chosen by the Woman's Division of Christian Service to attend the meeting of the World Methodist Congress in Oslo, Norway, in August.

Mrs. Cranford will travel with a group of 14 North Carolinians who plan to leave a few days early to attend the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women. She will also make a tour of several European nations while she is there.

Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr., of Lake Junaluska, chairman of the Committee on Nominations of the conference, will also attend the World Methodist Congress. She will travel with her family, Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent of the Summer Assembly at Lake Junaluska, and their three children, all youth delegates to the Congress.

Literacy Program in Africa

"Some six hundred adults are now enrolled in over forty classes," writes Miss Marlene Harmon, missionary to Africa. She

ays, "Positive reports from Congo are rare these days, but I would like to share with you news which will help you to understand."

She describes a program at the Jadotville Church planned to emphasize the importance of literacy work, saying, "Literacy teachers from all over the district, new readers from other Jadotville churches, book sellers, and district literacy leaders were present for the final session of the first literacy conference."

"One of the new readers was to exhibit his newly-attained ability by reading before the congregation. From the back of the church a small-featured old man arose from his seat. He stood in the aisle for a few seconds wondering where he was to perform. Finally his teacher ushered him to the front of the church. For the first time in his life this old man was the center of attraction for 450 people. Never before had he been praised for achievement. Every eye was directed his way as he read every word carefully and confidently . . . I could see the amazement and joy in the eyes of the people as they saw a 'muzee' (old person) read."

Miss Harmon also describes the organization of another class in a deserted church "behind a corn field," and describes a tour of villages seeking places where literacy classes might be organized. She said, "With each village there seemed to be a new responsibility in adult education. When we arrived at Chief Katanga's village, one of the literacy teachers handed us a list of villages asking for reading classes!"

Asheville Subdistrict Meetings

The officers of the Woman's Society of the Asheville District presented officers' training classes at each of the four subdistrict meetings held in April.

Seventy-one women attended the meeting of Subdistrict No. 4 at Higgins Memorial Church in Burnsville on April 4th. Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president, outlined the work for the coming weeks and the Rev. O. L. Brown, host pastor, gave a meditation. Mrs. T. M. Tyner, hostess president, gave the welcome.

Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, rural worker for Yancey County, spoke during the afternoon session. The group accepted an invitation to have the 1962 meeting at the Celo Church. Mrs. Hal Wells presided at the meeting.

On April 6th, Subdistrict No. 1 met at the Etowah Methodist Church, with Mrs. Jack Waldrup in charge. On April 11th Subdistrict No. 2 met at St. Paul's Church in Asheville. On April 13th Subdistrict No. 3 met at the Oak Hill Church.

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Trinity Church, Charlotte Dedication Sunday, April 30

The educational building of Trinity Methodist Church, Charlotte District, will be dedicated Sunday, April 30th. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be present to preach and lead in the service of dedication. Dr. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent, will be present and assist in the service. All former pastors and members as well as friends are invited to be present. A period of fellowship and picnic lunch will follow this service. Rev. C. F. Womble is pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy T. Houts In Charlotte Revival

The Rev. and Mrs. Roy T. Houts assisted the pastor, Vernon Morton, in revival services at Spencer Memorial Methodist Church in Charlotte during Holy Week, March 26-April 2. Many decisions were made during the week, and many indications that there was a real revival in the life of the church.

Mr. Houts is a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Houts is an ordained local preacher. The two make a good evangelistic team. They are now living at Mrs. Hout's old home place, Route 3, New Market, Tenn., and though retired from the active ministry, they still enjoy holding revival meetings. They will be available for several meetings this summer. I have had the Houts in eleven different revival meetings, and have always found them to be among the best help I have ever had in revival services.

Vernon A. Morton, Pastor

Jarvis Memorial, Greenville Received 74 During Easter

Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, observed three nights of visitation evangelism March 15-17, beginning with a training and inspiration session conducted by Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference director of evangelism. About 75 workers shared in the visitations.

Rev. H. M. McLamb, pastor, conducted separate training classes for children, youth and adults during Lent.

Membership days were observed on Palm Sunday and Easter. Thirty children and adults were received on Palm Sunday and 44 youth and adults were received Easter Sunday, bringing the total for the year to 134, with 62 by profession of faith.

Attendance on Palm Sunday included 645 at Sunday school and 753 at morning worship.



First Methodist Church of Hendersonville is pleased to announce that Mrs. C. G. Norton has accepted the position on the church staff as Director of Christian Education. Mrs. Norton is a graduate from Sue Bennett College and she attended Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and served as Director of Christian Education at the Methodist Church in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She has worked with Kindergarten, Juniors, Youth and Adults.

For the past three years she has been secretary of Spiritual Life for the Asheville District, the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

This church is profiting from her work in all phases of her activities.

Dr. Mack Stokes To Speak At Vocations Conference

Dr. Mack B. Stokes, associate dean and Parker Professor of Systematic Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, will be the speaker for the Church Vocations conference to be held at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh April 21-23. Dr. Stokes was born on December 21, 1911, in Wonsan, Korea, and received his elementary and high school education in mission



DR. MACK B. STOKES

schools in Korea. He received his A. B. degree from Asbury College in 1932, his B.D. degree from Duke in 1935, and did his graduate work at Boston University School of Theology and Harvard University, receiving his Ph.D. from Boston University Graduate School in 1940.

Dr. Stokes is listed in *Who's Who In America* and was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church in 1956 and 1960. Other than his present positions at Emory University he served as Professor of Christian Doctrine there and has been on the faculty of Illinois Wesleyan University, as well as summer sessions at Garrett Biblical Institute and Oxford Theological Institute. He is the author of *Major Methodist Beliefs* and *The Evangelism of Jesus*.

Other staff members for the Conference on Church Vocations are as follows: Rev. J. C. Alexander, Mr. "Bud" Bedle, Mr. Bob Buckner, Rev. Tom Collins, Miss Charity Holland, Rev. R. L. Jerome, Dr. Creighton Lacy, Mrs. Ralph Lewis, Mr. Charles McAdams, Rev. Walter McDonald, Miss Betsy Overman, Rev. Bruce Pate, Dr. Howard Powell, Rev. Vernon Tyson, Rev. Bill Wells, Rev. Christian White, Rev. Walter Whitehurst, and Rev. Herman Winberry. The planning committee for the conference was composed of Rev. Troy Barrett, chairman; Miss Anne Louise Day, Rev. Conrad Glass, Mr. Bill Graham, Rev. N. L. Jones, Rev. Harry Jordan, Miss Alice Faye Smith, and Mr. Joey Warfel. The conference is a joint project of the Commission on Christian Vocations of the North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference Youth Council.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Learning A Bible Verse

By Deborah S. Morrow

(Continued from last week)

What do you suppose Miss Marlow saw Jimmy do as he left church school that Sunday, after he found out what it meant to really learn a Bible verse?

She was again standing at the window, and saw a kindergarten girl outside crying. She saw Jimmy go up to her and say something, then she heard him call to his father who was waiting in the car, "Dad, could we take this little girl home? She can't find her big sister." His father nodded, and Jimmy took the little girl by the hand and helped her in the car.

One day during that week Miss Marlow decided she would walk by the playground of Jimmy's day school at the noon recess. The children were all so busy playing they didn't even notice her. Pretty soon she spied Jimmy, and saw him running toward a swing in which a girl was swinging. "Oh," she thought, "is he going to push her out?" Then she heard him say, "Would you like for me to run under you and send you real high?" The girl smiled and said "Yes," and so Jimmy, the very same boy who had pushed a little girl out of the swing so he could swing the week before, had this little girl laughing happily as he pushed her high up in the air.

"My!" said Miss Marlow to herself as she walked toward home, "I believe Jimmy has found out that to know a verse you must do what it says."

Saturday morning Miss Marlow was uptown shopping, when whom should she run into but Jimmy's mother, and they stopped to talk a minute. And this is what Mrs. Gordon said to Jimmy's Sunday school teacher: "Miss Marlow, Jimmy is at home taking care of his little sister this morning. He has been so kind to her all this week." Miss Marlow replied, "Mrs. Gordon, will you tell Jimmy for me that I think he has really learned that verse?" Then she slipped away in the crowd before Mrs. Gordon could ask her what she meant.

The next morning when Jimmy arrived at church school he came into his class with a bright smile on his face. "Miss Marlow," he said, "my mother told me what you said, and I want to tell you it's lots more fun really learning a verse than just learning to say it. What's the next verse we are going to learn?"

The End.

Good Morning!

Good Morning, Mr. Mocking Bird,
I heard your early call;
Good Morning, Mr. Sunshine,
I see your golden ball.
Good Morning, lovely Daytime,
I'm glad you're here again.
A bright Good Morning, Everyone,
From me, your happy friend.

—By E. WHISNER

To Love and Be Loved

"Muh" Brown, the little lady who operates the Soda Shop at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, fell some weeks ago and broke her hip.

Now when anything unfortunate happens to "Muh," there's a certain kind of radar that signals every boy and girl, and man and woman on that campus, and she is immediately surrounded with extra love and concern. For you see, she has been at the Home since she was eight years old. She grew up with hundreds of the boys and girls, and in later years cared for many more as a house mother and dining room supervisor, and now sells them ice cream, candy, cookies, Pepsis, and other goodies. And through these years she has thrown in extras, such as love, understanding, humor and smiles, without charge. Her real name is Mable, but somehow way back yonder the little folks in her cottage, in an attempt to call her Mother Brown, shortened the word to "Muh," and this name has stuck.

"Muh" had hardly more than reached the hospital when the children with one accord wanted to send her flowers. Now there isn't much money among the boys and girls at the Home, you know, and their small allowance doesn't go far. But their "Muh" was in the hospital, so out came the pennies and nickels, some out of their shoes (even good luck pieces) out of dresser drawers, secret boxes, pockets and purses. Some ate a little less lunch at school that day so there would be an extra nickel to give. When it was all together it was quite a collection of small coins—enough to get "Muh" a lovely arrangement of flowers. And these flowers, a token of the loyalty and affection of her boys and girls, lighted her early days in the hospital with a very special glow.

"Muh" is making a splendid recovery, and with the aid of a wheel chair and a "walker," is going about on the campus again. Easter Sunday was the Home's annual Homecoming Day, and she was especially happy to be at home to put her arms around the former boys and

girls—some married, with children of their own—who still carry in their hearts a deep love for her. (She is now the only person on the staff whom many of them know, and they come back especially to see her).

Each day is one of special gratitude in the Home family, because "Muh" was spared to live and love—and be loved.

The Ninth Commandment

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor"
Exodus 20:16

This Commandment has particular reference to evidence given by a person in court against another person. You no doubt know that before a witness testifies in a trial, he is required to place his hand on the Bible and repeat the words, "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." To witness falsely against a person is a crime in itself.

Knowing God's high regard for truth, we can be sure He intended the Ninth Commandment to go beyond the courtroom, and into the lives of all people, in Old Testament times and also in our day. Many people think it's smart to tell lies, and they don't hesitate to say unkind and untrue things about others that sometimes break hearts and destroy homes and happiness. They also tell untruths in order to cover up their wicked deeds. They make light of the story of George Washington and his truthfulness about the cherry tree, and say it's old-fashioned to stick to the truth.

But God's Commandment stands firm as the day He gave it to the people so long ago, and those who disobey it are committing a sin that will get them into serious trouble. They not only hurt others, but they themselves get further and further away from being the kind of person God wants them to be.

So let's take this Commandment seriously, and tell the truth at all times.

Bible Quiz

1. In the Old Testament what was the purpose of the "pillar of fire by night?"
2. Who laid a fire on the altar to sacrifice his only son?
3. Who saw a bush that appeared to be burning, but was not consumed?
4. What three men were thrust into the fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar?
5. On what special day, before a great multitude, appeared "cloven tongues like as of fire?"

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Book of Psalms
2. Book of Proverbs
3. Job
4. Jeremiah
5. Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-6

Sunday School Lesson

FOR APRIL 30

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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WHEN GOD'S WISDOM PREVAILS

Background Scripture: Job 42

Lesson Scripture: Job 42:1-12a

In the last lesson we were discussing the limitations of human wisdom. The central idea was that the struggle of the soul toward light and truth and peace cannot be won when we have no adequate experience of God.

In today's lesson we see Job as he comes to the realization that his understanding of God, though a higher and truer one than that of his friends, had not yet been good enough. It had not been good enough because it was only a second-hand type of understanding; not one that had been born out of a deep and living experience.

One might say that this 42nd chapter of Job goes beyond what is usually considered the theme of the book (the problem of the suffering of the righteous) and faces up to an even greater theme . . . "How does man, the creature, stand with reference to God, the Creator?" Job admits that he has spoken too quickly, and arrived at conclusions too hastily. Notice that the first part of verse 3 is a quotation from an earlier encounter with God in which God reprimands Job with the phrase "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Job remembers this now, though it had not impressed him before. He confesses that he had "uttered things which he did not understand, things too wonderful for him, which he did not know." What a moral is here for the preacher and the professor! A wise man once told this writer something which has been of great value. Said he: "Beware, when it gets to be easy to speak!" We have all been guilty of what the late beloved Dr. Charles C. Weaver called "assumacy."

Job quotes a former word of God in verse 4: "Hear and I will speak." How we all need that reprimand again and again! The late revered Dr. Elbert Russell, former dean of Duke Divinity School, was once described as "a man to whom God had spoken." Maybe Dean Russell gave God a chance to speak to him more often than some of us are wont to do. The prayer of the psalmist should be always in our hearts: "Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins." This was the lesson Job had learned. And it is the lesson we all have to learn. Albert Schweitzer once said: "The first indication of wisdom is to know we are surrounded by mystery."

Probably one of the greatest verses in the whole book is verse 5 of the 42nd chapter. It reads: "I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees thee; therefore, I despise myself, and repent in dust and shes." He had possessed only a second-hand religion; now a first-hand religion possessed him. It was the great psychologist, William James, who once said he was interested in people for whom religion was "an acute fever." It was said of the early Methodists that they were "the children of a strange rapture," and that one of their main characteristics was the "ache to redeem."

It may be worth pointing out that when Job said "Now my eyes see thee" he did not



A two weeks revival came to a close at Shiloh Methodist Church, Catawba, N. C., on Easter Sunday. During the revival the following ministers preached one night each. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe of Catawba, Rev. Joe Green, pastor of Concord-Hopewell Charge, Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor of Westview Methodist Church, Hickory, Rev. J. E. Carroll, District Superintendent of the Statesville District, and the Pastor Rev. P. L. Smith continued the revival for a week. Both attendance and interest were good, and on Easter Sunday the pastor received twenty new members into the church, and they are left to right, first row: Deolous Hoke, Angela Carmichael, Carol Ann Mackie, Bobby Boone, Stevie Sigmon, Gail Elmore, Karen Seale, Jay Charles Mackie; second row: Suzanne Thomas, Linda Garrison, Gary Sigmon, Hugh Sipes, Jr., Bobby Little Tim Eads, Coyt Eads and Billy Little; third row: P. L. Smith, pastor, Linda Little, Roy Lee Goble, Dale Mackie and Randy Eads. Previous to Easter five new members were added to the church roll making the total of new members received into the church twenty five in recent weeks. Rev. P. L. Smith is in his first year as pastor of Shiloh Church.

mean that he actually saw God as we view a house or tree. It means he perceived God, experienced an awareness of his presence, was given a revelation of his true character. This happened to Isaiah, too. Recall the wonderful 6th chapter which begins: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord." Read on in that chapter and you will see that Isaiah's response to this clear vision was the same as Job's: "Then said I, 'I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips, for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.'"

All of this adds up to one thing: Those

who have gained an insight into the reality of God are forever free from the dominance of pride. This lesson Job learned well.

In the concluding verses of our Scripture lesson Job's faith is vindicated. The so-called friends of Job are censured for their gross misrepresentation of God. Job, in the words of H. T. Fowler "could not believe that God loves a lie, even when it is told in his defense." Here is a lesson for all of us who have tried to make God, the heavenly Father, into an indulgent and doting grandfather, whose chief delight is to see that the children have lollipops!

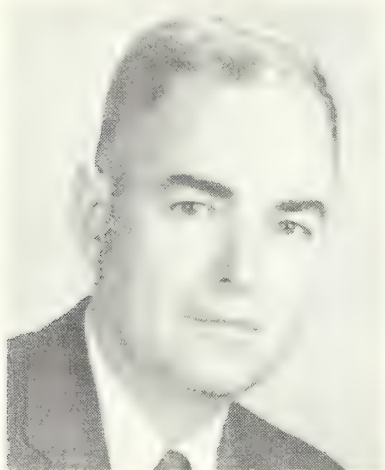


Shown above is the new parsonage for the Hightower Charge, Burlington District, which was dedicated recently. Dr. W. L. Clegg, superintendent of the Burlington District, lead the dedicatory service. The new parsonage, a seven room house, was constructed and paid for during the present conference year. The Rev. J. C. Shore is pastor. Churches comprising Hightower Charge are Bethel, Hebron, and Union, situated in Caswell County.

Duke Endowment Names Assistant Secretary

Election of James R. Felts, Jr., hospital management consultant, as assistant secretary of the Duke Endowment has been announced by Thomas L. Perkins, Endowment chairman. In his new post, Mr. Felts succeeds Marshall I. Pickens, who was elected secretary of the Endowment last month.

In addition to his duties as assistant secretary, Mr. Felts will retain his present



JAMES R. FELTS, JR.

position as assistant to the director of the Endowment's Hospital and Orphan Sections, with headquarters at Charlotte.

Associated with the Duke Endowment for 18 years, Mr. Felts joined it as an administrative trainee, was later appointed a field representative, and in 1956 was named assistant to the director of the hospital and orphan sections.

A native of Charlotte, and an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Felts is a member of the American, North Carolina and South Carolina Hospital Associations. During World War II he served as a Medical Administrative Officer, 38th Evacuation Hospital, U. S. Army, where he attained the rank of Major.

Mr. and Mrs. Felts, the former Frances Miller, and their two children make their home in Charlotte.

Talking Drums and Cronkite Will Join in Africa Appeal

Strange sounds and a familiar voice, neither of which have been heard before in U. S. Methodist churches, will meet the ears of worshipers Sunday, April 23.

By means of a record, specially prepared for 25,000 pastors, the eerie reverberations of a jungle "talking drum" will beat out the tidings of catastrophe in Africa.

TV viewers across the nation will quickly recognize the recorded voice of the narrator, Walter Cronkite of CBS.

This striking demonstration, long to be remembered by Methodist congregations, is to make crystal clear the facts behind the bishops' appeal to Methodists to give sacrificially on April 30th to help Africa.

Bishop Newell S. Booth of the Congo and one of his preachers join with the well-known TV commentator in clarifying the reasons that make this spring a turning point in African history.

Immediate gifts in this crisis, Bishop Booth will say, "will be ten times as effective as anything we do even a year from now." He fears that then it may be too late.

The bishops' committee, which investigated the situation in these mission lands, has estimated that, to meet the most pressing needs for food, healing and leadership training, a minimum of \$2,500,000 is required.

The offering envelopes to be used April 30th roughly resemble the form of the "talking drum." To large portions of the citizens of the new African states these ingenious instruments of communication are as much a thing of the past as our "pony express." There are, however, vast regions where news is still relayed from village to village by this primitive percussion code.

The record that has been provided by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation serves a dual purpose. One side is addressed to the entire church membership and it is expected that several million church-goers will hear its appeal the week before the offering.

The other side is an urgent personal message from Bishop Booth to pastors and members of local church Commissions on Missions.

Graphic posters, printed testimony from Africans and a convincing leaflet are included in the kits the pastors have just received.

The leaflet asks, "When the Talking Drums say 'Trouble' what will be our answer?" and lists the nine critically-needed services the fund will render.

Work will be administered by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and the Division of World Missions.



Rev. Pierre Shaumba has been elected general secretary of the Congo Protestant Council. Mr. Shaumba came to the United States in 1953 as a Crusade Scholar. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Paine College, Augusta, Ga., in 1957, and then studied a year in Belgium. The Protestant Council is an interdenominational group. Mr. Shaumba is the first African general secretary.

Samuel W. Witwer, Chicago attorney, was elected to membership on the Council on World Service and Finance of The Methodist Church at a special meeting held in Chicago February 9. He fills a vacancy left by the death of George B. McKibbin.

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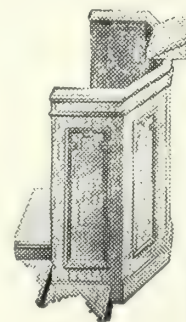
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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ REV. J. V. EARLY, pastor of First Church, Rockingham, will assist Rev. F. J. Duplissey in revival services at Fellowship Church, Hamlet, beginning April 30.

¶ UNION RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH, Winston-Salem, held revival services last week with Dr. Mark Depp preaching each day. Rev. Zane Norton is pastor of Union Ridge.

¶ REV. D. LEON STUBBS, pastor of Bessemer Church, was assisted in revival services last week by Rev. Horwood P. Myers, pastor of the Leaksville Methodist Church.

¶ DR. FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH, professional organist and teacher of piano, organ, harmony, theory, and composition, will present an organ recital in Ayden Methodist Church on April 30, at 3:30 p.m.

¶ DR. CHARLES P. BOWLES, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, preached last week in evangelistic services at Berryman Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.

¶ GARNER METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. John Joyce, pastor, will be engaged in revival services April 30-May 5. Rev. Charles Mercer of Centenary Church, Smithfield, will be the visiting preacher.

¶ A WORKSHOP for Methodist Men will be conducted at Maple Springs Methodist Church, Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, April 30 at 2:30. Ira G. Shamel, district lay leader of the Winston-Salem District, will preside.

¶ REV. J. HILLARY BRYANT, pastor of the Sea Level Methodist Church Charge, New Bern District, was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of the Marshallberg Methodist Church Saturday night, April 15th.

¶ DR. EDGAR H. NEASE, Sr., minister of the Ann Street Methodist Church, Concord, was the visiting preacher in a series of evangelistic services at First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, April 10-16. Rev. Dwight L. Fouts is pastor.

¶ DR. WYATT AIKEN SMART died April 9 at the age of 77. He was one of the original faculty members of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. At the time of his retirement in 1952 he was serving as professor of Biblical theology and associate dean of the school.

¶ MRS. AMELIA BALLARD, mother of Rev. E. Lester Ballard of Greensboro, died at Baltimore, Md., March 31, at the age of 91 years. Rev. Lester Ballard is a highly respected member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and his many friends will sympathize with him in his sorrow.

¶ MORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH, Walkertown, on Easter Sunday received eight persons on profession of faith, and immediately ordered the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE sent to each one of them for a year. Rev. George Thompson wants his members to be informed Methodists.

¶ REV. AND MRS. DAVID B. LEWIS, of the Orange Church, near Chapel Hill, announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Olive, April 12. Weight: 8 pounds, 6½ ounces.

¶ THE GREENSBORO COLLEGE Glee Club will present an evening of music at the Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Friday evening, April 28, at 8:00 o'clock.

¶ DR. L. R. AKERS, JR., pastor of St. Paul Church, Asheville, is preaching each night this week at 7:30 in revival services. The meeting will continue through Friday.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Ann Street Church, Beaufort, May 8-12. Rev. Paul Edwards, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Troy, will assist the pastor, Rev. John M. Cline.

¶ REV. IVAN A. STEPHENS, pastor of Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, is attending the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C. He is representing the Charlotte District.

¶ COLLIERS METHODIST CHURCH, Route 4, Lenoir, will observe Sunday, May 7, as homecoming day. Following the morning worship service a basket lunch will be served. Rev. Wm. C. Cockman, the pastor, will preach the sermon. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ BISHOP FRED G. HOLLOWAY, of the West Virginia Area, visited the High Point College campus and spoke at the assembly program at 10:20 April 26. He spent the rest of the day visiting the college and the city and consulting with members of the faculty and student body. He was on the campus as a representative of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Church.

¶ REV. S. M. BRABHAM, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, will be the guest speaker in revival services at the Sea Level Methodist Church, New Bern District, beginning April 24 and continuing through May 3. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. Rev. J. Hillary Bryant, the pastor, will be in charge of the music.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at St. Luke Methodist Church, Charlotte, beginning Sunday night, April 30, and continuing through May 5. The Rev. Jake Golden, minister of St. Luke Methodist Church in Hickory, will be the revival speaker. The song service will be led by Mr. Fred Bonney, choir director at Commonwealth Methodist Church, Charlotte. Rev. R. J. Crowder is pastor.

Rev. Alton S. Lancaster, Grand Chaplain of N. C. Masons

Rev. Alton S. Lancaster, pastor of Salem Methodist Church, New Bern District, and a member of the North Carolina Conference, was appointed and installed as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, on April 19th, at its 174 Annual Communication. Rev. Lancaster is a 32nd degree Mason.

High Point College Promotes Six of its Staff Members

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, announced this week the promotion of five members of the college faculty and one administrative position for the coming year.

The faculty promotions are:

Dr. Arthur E. LeVey, head of the Department of Modern Languages, from associate professor to professor; Dr. LeVey received the A.B. degree from Colorado College of Education, the M.S. degree from the University of Denver, and the Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Dr. Walter Blackstock, head of the English Department, from associate professor to professor. Dr. Blackstock received the A.B. degree from the University of Georgia, A.M. degree from Vanderbilt University, and the Ph.D. degree from Yale University.

Dr. Walter E. Hudgins of the Department of Religion and Philosophy from assistant professor to associate professor. Dr. Hudgins received the A.B., B.D., and Ph.D. degrees from Duke University.

Mr. Harold F. Burhans of the Department of Business Administration from instructor to assistant professor. Mr. Burhans holds the B.S. degree in Accounting and the M.S. degree in Education from Syracuse University.

Mr. Bill Tadlock of the Department of Business Administration from instructor to assistant professor. Mr. Tadlock received the B.S. degree from Mississippi State College and the M.B.A. degree from Mississippi State University.

The administrative promotion is that of Mr. Stan C. Broadway from alumni executive secretary and field representative to director of admissions for the college. Prior to joining the college staff Mr. Broadway was a member of the Guilford County school system. He received his A.B. degree from High Point College, the institution he now serves.

MCOR Sends Relief to Methodists in Tonga Island

New York — Two thousand dollars was cabled April 10th to aid cyclone-struck Methodists in Tonga Island in the South Pacific.

The check from Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief went forward when Dr. Gaither Warfield, general secretary, learned of the devastation that followed a recent 36-hour hurricane. Seventeen Methodist churches were wrecked and several parsonages completely disappeared.

Government schools closed down for two weeks so that the buildings could be used to house homeless people, about 90 per cent of whom are Methodists.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, chairman of MCOR, cabled the sympathy of her fellow-Methodists in America to Queen Salote Tubou, informing her of the gift and assuring her that more is to come when fuller information is received here. Queen Salote is the only Methodist queen in the world.

With coconuts the main source of income of this little 260-square-mile kingdom, the economic future is dark since, according to reports, scarcely a tree is standing. It takes about six years for new trees to become productive.

Long's Chapel Reaches Its Cherished Dream

By FRANCIS S. MCFARLAND

The membership of Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, has seen what results can come by setting goals, then setting out, with faith, to meet them.

The people had been considering the construction of additional space for Sunday school rooms for some time. Definite plans were formulated in June of 1959 to set up a committee to bring back reports that would project the needs of the community, and the church, in meeting the total needs of the educational and fellowship space in a building program. The Building Committee decided that each room should meet the requirements of the General Board of Education. After a great deal of study, the reports were returned and turned over to a local architect for the drawing of preliminary plans. When these plans were received, they were approved, with minor changes, by the committee, the Duke Foundation, the District Committee on Building and Locations, and finally, by the Quarterly Conference. Goals were set in terms of the amount of monies to be raised before beginning construction, and the term of time for final payments. Each goal was met with the last cut by three years.

Goals were set in each of the commissions of the church. Though these goals were not always made public, within each commission there was shown a desire to top anything done by the church in the past. The results have been amazing. The Commissions on Missions will almost double what it has ever done in the field of mission specials. The Commission on Membership and Evangelism has already passed its goals. The Commission on Education

has, through the development of an additional youth group, working with juniors, realized an actual average attendance at its Sunday night program of over fifty. Six new Sunday school classes have been organized, with an actual increase in Sunday school attendance of 15% over a year ago. A new adult fellowship has been organized and through this work it is hoped that even great progress can be made in Christian education. Though the Boy Scout troop had been dropped for lack of proper leadership, a new troop has been organized and great things are expected in this important program of the youth.

The Commission on Stewardship and Finance has cooperated with other commissions by setting up individual budgets for each group, to be used in the work of the local church. This commission has done an excellent job informing the membership each quarter on all expenditures and income. Income to the budget far exceeds last year for the same time, even though no special offerings have gone to pay budgeted mission items. (All special offerings have gone for overpayment to any amount set up in the budget.)

The Commission on Social Concerns felt that it should not become active in the program of the church until a complete study was made so that goals could be set. At the 4th Quarterly Conference the goals were set forward.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has continued to do a fine job in its support to the mission program and to the work of the local church. These women are

doing an excellent job in serving the interdenominational preachers each month and in serving various community and church groups fine meals. Profits from these projects have gone to the building fund.

Long's Chapel has proved that progress comes only when the membership realizes the need of being active in every area of Christianity and Methodism. Private and public goals must be set, then active plans established in order to reach them. What better goal than "Jesus Christ is Lord?" And how better to realize them than by using the program of the Methodist Church?

As the minister of this progressive church I must confess that though we have had our share of problems, it has been a privilege and a joy to serve people who have found the secret of spiritual and material growth in the work of God's kingdom. It makes one proud to be a part of the Methodist Church.

Pfeiffer College Featuring Fine Arts Festival April 27-May 6

Pfeiffer College is inviting anyone interested in the arts to its Fine Arts Festival. Student artists and dramatists will be featured with distinguished lecturers and musicians during the event running April 27-May 6.

One of the notable individuals who will share in the festival is Randall Jarrell, outstanding American literary figure, Greensboro, winner of the 1961 National Book Award. He will lecture at 3:00 p.m., on Sunday, April 30.

In addition to its presentation of "The Crucible," the campus drama group will also present a program featuring scenes from Shakespeare, Ibsen, Anouilh, and MacLeish, on Friday, May 5, at 2 p.m.

An exhibition of 40 paintings by members of the Western Serigraph Institute of California will be on display during the festival. The work of Owen, master potter, will be shown, together with a demonstration, lecture by the artist on May 3 at 2 p.m.

Students in the college's Art Department will exhibit on Saturday, May 6. This will coincide with the college's Alumni and May Day.

Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church to Relocate

On Sunday night, April 16, Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, was guest of the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church. Dr. Morris met with members of the Church Planning Committee and the Commission on Education to discuss the necessary qualifications for adequate facilities in the erection of an educational plant for the proposed new church on the lake front.

Earlier in the month Dr. Roy Johns from the National Division of Missions of the Methodist Church, and Dr. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary for the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions, met with the church discussing the proposed relocation. The tentative plans call for a fund-raising campaign in June of this year. The campaign chairman will be the Rev. L. O. Leet of Dallas, Texas.



THE FULFILLMENT OF ONE GOAL

At the beginning of the conference year the commission on membership and evangelism of Long's Chapel Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, set a goal of 25 to be taken into church membership. The above picture shows the realization of that goal. These young people and adults came into membership by baptism, confirmation, and transfer. From left to right, beginning with the bottom row, they are as follows: Kathleen Reeves, Rebecca Reeves, Sally Jean Fultz, Paula Leann Pope, Myrna Marie McElroy, Barbara Lynn Pope, Mary Alleene McFarland, Cassie Marie Harrell; second row: John William Jaynes, Linda Roberta McCracken, Betty Ann Harrell, Alan G. McCracken, Margaret Green, Rose Ann Green, Mrs. Burdett McClure; third row: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stamey, Miss Catherine E. Southerland, Miss Sena Southerland, William C. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Green, and the pastor, the Rev. F. S. McFarland. Mr. Jerry Cooper and Charles Leatherwood were absent when the picture was made.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas To Preach in Burlington

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, director of Spiritual Life for the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, will preach in evangelistic services at Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, beginning Sunday, April 30, and continuing through Sunday, May 7. Services will be held morning and night each day through the eight days.

Dr. Thomas was born in Bolton, England, and came to the United States at an early age. He grew up in the state of New Hampshire where his father was a Methodist minister. He was educated at Boston University, receiving B.R.E., M.A., S.T.B. degrees, and a Doctorate in Theology, with a major in Psychology of Religion.

Dr. Thomas began his ministry in the New Hampshire Conference, serving churches in Manchester and Concord. Later he was pastor of St. Luke's Church in Long Branch, N. J., and then for nine years served the influential First Methodist Church in Haddonfield, N. J.

Dr. Thomas is the author of numerous books, including *To Whom Much is Given*, *How to Live Your Faith*, *Faith Can Master Fear*, *Spiritual Life in the New Testament*, *The Holy Habits of the Spiritual Life*, *America! Whither Bound?* *Six 20th Century Mystics*, *Meditations on the Seven Last Words*, and *Through Christ Our Lord*. *How to Live Your Faith* is studied by all those seeking a local preacher's license in The Methodist Church.

Dr. Thomas is in great demand throughout America to speak in churches, conferences, and retreats. He has been entrusted with the responsibility of directing the program to assimilate new members, reclaim



DR. G. ERNEST THOMAS

inactive members, and deepen the spiritual life of all members of the Methodist Church. He conducts institutes, district schools, and other meetings to inspire and train ministers and laymen in these important phases of church work.

Dr. Edgar Fisher, pastor of Front Street Church, invites all who can to hear this great evangelistic preacher April 30-May 7 at Front Street Church.

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First Methodist Church, Henderson, Pays Debt

Final payment on the church debt was announced at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, Henderson, Sunday, April 16. The last note, paid off and cancelled, was presented by J. W. Jenkins, building fund chairman, to Jasper B. Hicks, chairman of the church's board of trustees.

The obligation was on the educational plant erected by the congregation several years ago at a cost of about \$250,000. Included in that item was the Rose chapel, which was the gift of Mrs. P. H. Rose, in the sum of approximately \$72,000, as a memorial to her late husband, Paul Howard Rose, founder and until his death several years ago president of Rose's 5-10-25c Stores, Inc.

The present sanctuary and a portion of the Sunday school quarters was erected in the late 1920s, and completed and occupied in 1929. The new educational building was completed some four years ago.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding officer of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, is to dedicate the new educational building next month, a ceremony which cannot be held in the Methodist Church until the debt is liquidated. Former pastors who are still living will be invited here for the occasion, and Rev. Graham Eubank, superintendent of the Raleigh District, is to have part in the ceremonies.

Plans are in the making for considerable renovation and repairs to the older section of the church plant, and cost of that is expected to be included in the new budget.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon Attended Miami General Board Meeting

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, attended the meetings of the General Board of Evangelism held in Miami Beach, Florida, April 25-27. He is one of the two ministerial members elected by the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Dr. Weldon was appointed a member of the special committee authorized by the General Conference to study the membership of the Methodist Church.

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The Methodist Home

CHARLOTTE

and Our Duty to the Aged

Once again with the approach of Mother's Day, we in the Western North Carolina Conference think of our Home for the Aged in Charlotte. Of recent years the Conference has adopted a better plan for the support of the Home through regular Conference collections, but on Mother's Day an offering is asked definitely for the Home. This meets, and sometimes overpays in the local church, that portion which each congregation is asked to raise as its share for the Home.

Visitors to our area, and others who see the Charlotte Home, are always greatly impressed by the Home. Both the size and impressiveness of its buildings, and the excellence of its administration have elicited widespread admiration. Indeed, the Home is an institution of which all of us may well be proud—but in that very pride there rests upon all an obligation to do what we can to support in a finer, better way the aged dependents of our church who reside within the Home itself.

One of the features of present-day cultured civilization is the increasing number of older people. Such persons are no longer able to work productively, but they do live among us and they must be cared for. This is felt as a personal pleasure, as well as a happy obligation in most Christian communities and families. The church, of course, recognizes here a primary duty of her own, but also gains an opportunity to shed abroad the

love of God by taking care of those who in their declining years cannot look after themselves.

Plans have gone forward during the past year which will secure a much-needed nursing establishment to be operated in cooperation with the buildings already erected. The building of an infirmary and nursing home on a large scale and for great future needs is a project in which all our people ought to participate with energy and pride.

We have always realized that we have a duty to the aged who can walk about and in part look after themselves. But the sick and bedridden—of whom there are many—need care even more. This nursing home now being started in connection with the Home is something of a pioneering venture into this great field of need. We have faith to believe that it will prove a mighty move in Christian service and an example to Methodists in other states and regions.

Our Home in Charlotte has more applications for admission than can be filled. Time and again worthy Methodist applicants must be turned down because there are not enough facilities. Methodism, with other kindred church bodies, must see to it that through the expansion of resources and the generous giving of our people, the imperative needs of the increasing number of our aged shall be met without fail.

It has been proved that we cannot afford to let older people, who are the

responsibility of our Conference, remain unsupported. Half-hearted support by casual collections taken in an off-hand way on Mother's Day will not quite do it. We are therefore urging all our ministers to call this matter to the attention of their people ahead of time, that we may not fail to give generous, solid support to these older ones in the Home.

If you are a church member, be prepared to give generously when the Mother's Day offering is taken in your church. It may be, of course, that your local church will follow some other plan of raising its portion as your Official Board shall direct. This is understood. But practical pastors and church treasurers should see that proper announcements are made in each church about the Mother's Day offering and the Home. Do it two or three Sundays in advance of Mother's Day. Do not forget that the church bulletin can be used to feature the needs of the Home. The truth is, we have a duty to perform here which ought to be a Christian pleasure to those who see the nobility of this work; but pleasure or not, it is God's work.

Let us see that our own aged dependents who look to us for help are given that help. The church must not fail in this noble task.

Nolan B. Harmon
Bishop



1948

The Home's first unit — a significant milestone in the path of service.

1949 -- More people served by the completion of the new wing.



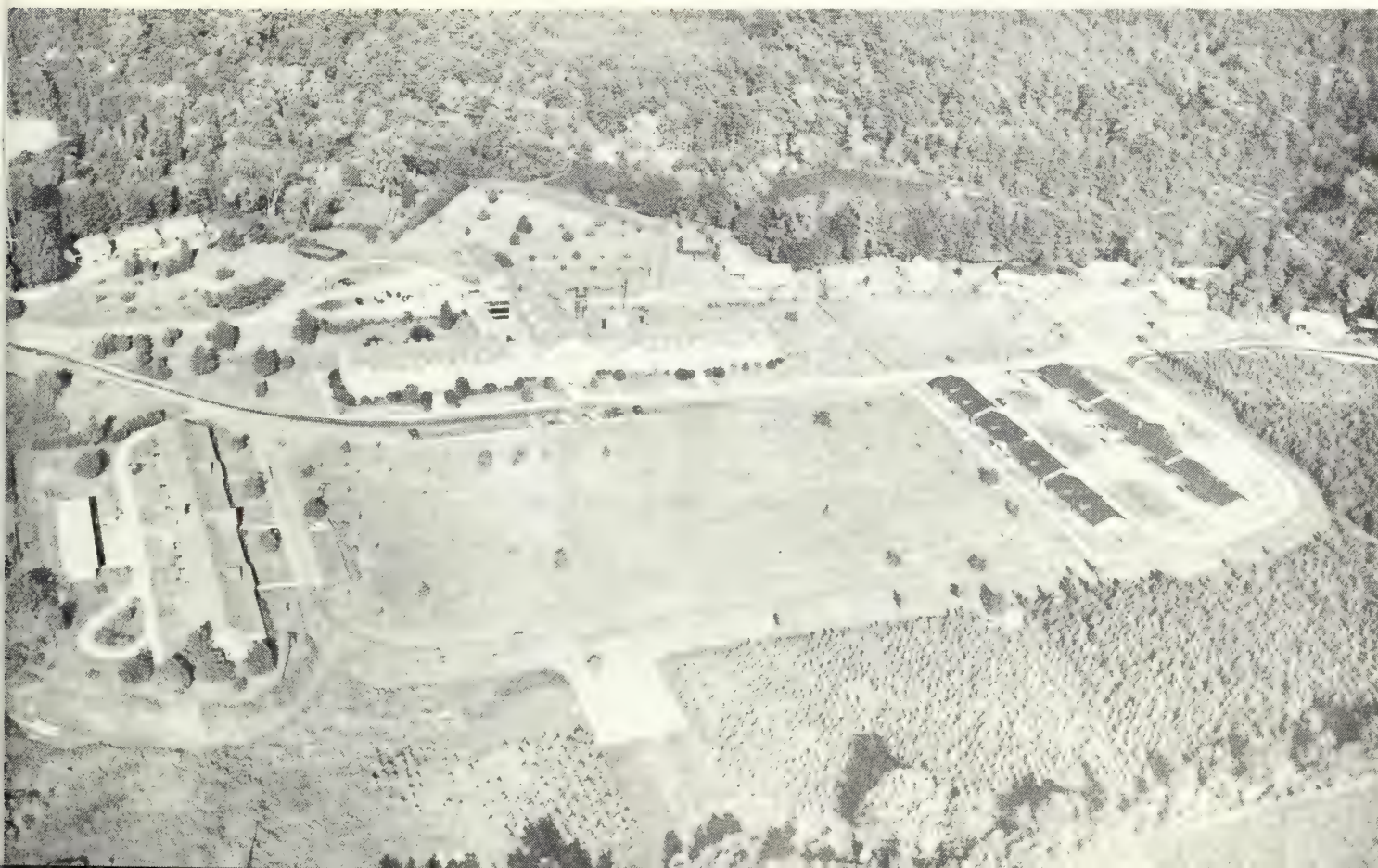
1953

The Home's population increased to 168 by the completion of the main building.



The Charlotte "miracle" that began its service to our aging population in 1948 took giant steps in meeting needs of more and more eligible Christian men and women between 1953 and 1961. Below is an aerial view showing not only the main building, but the three groups of apartments and a portion of the twelve cottages.

See the back cover for the meeting of today's needs.





1960 found an enlarged dining room and new kitchen completed.



Skilled medical care when needed.



Twenty-six new members were received between February 24, 1960, and February 24, 1961.

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serve as needed.



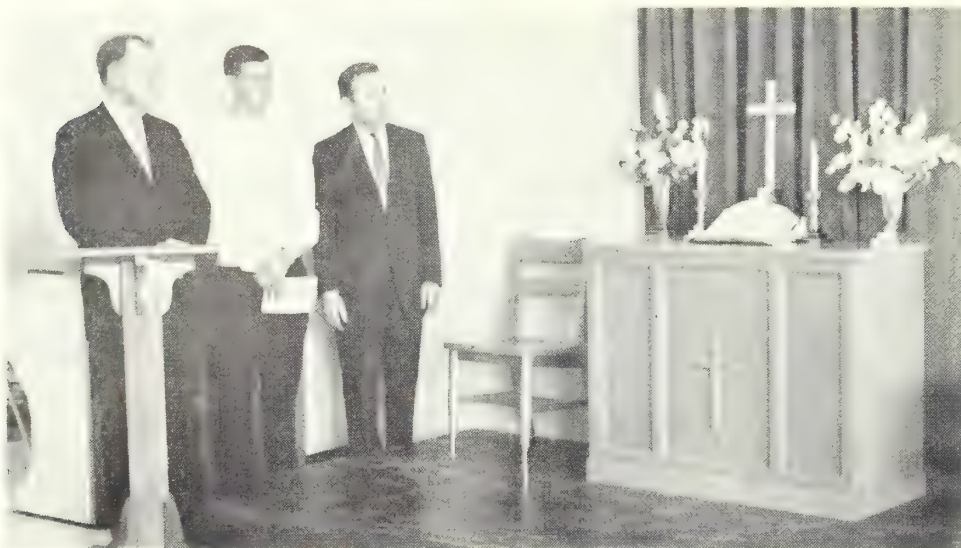
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Worship Center Opened at Methodist College



Admiring the altar in the new Methodist College Worship Center are, from left, Dr. Stacy Weaver, Eugene Hester, President of the Student Christian Association, and Dr. Sam Womack, Chaplain and Professor of Bible.

A new worship center was formally opened on the Methodist College campus Friday morning, April 7, during the regular chapel hour.

The service was prepared and presided over by Dr. Sam Womack, chaplain and professor of Bible at the college. Dr. Womack also led the Litany of Dedication. Organist for the service was Mrs. Marjorie Ostborg, assistant in English.

Charles K. McAdams, director of public relations and development, read the scripture lesson, and the dedicatory address was given by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college.

Dr. Weaver pointed out in his address that a college must have responsibilities.

"It must help build strong physical bodies; but it is a great tragedy when some colleges or universities spend a half million dollars training the physical bodies of 50 students and neglect another 5,000. Any educational institution which fails to really educate the mind also creates a great crime.

"The spiritual side of the individual must also be educated," continued Weaver. He pointed out that this may possibly be done in a purely secular setting but not as well as in forms of worship and in places specially provided.

"This room," continued Weaver, "we have set aside as a tangible place in which to educate the intangibles—the mind and the spirit. This will be a place of meditation where one may sit and be still and know that God is.

"Despite all the other things we do in the church, the primary purpose of religion is to bring a person into the proper relationship with his God. Meditation and prayer are two channels through which this may come about. Let this room be so used," said Weaver.

The new center is located in one of the vacant classrooms in the main academic building. An oak-finished altar with appropriate brass appointments set in front of a maroon dossal forms the focal point at the front of the room. An old-fashioned pedal-type organ provides the musical setting for services of worship and accompaniment for singing.

Approximately 50 folding chairs provide seating facilities. Along the back of the room are literature racks containing pamphlets, books, leaflets, magazines and other materials for devotional, meditative and educational reading.

The worship center, established at the request of the students, will provide temporary facilities until the college chapel is built.

13 Leave on Methodist Tour of South America

Thirteen persons from 10 states left Miami, Florida, April 4 on a 40-day tour of Methodist mission work in South America. The states represented are Wyoming, Texas, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa and New York.

The tour, sponsored by the Division of World Missions and the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Methodist Board of Missions, is in anticipation of a mission study of Latin American Methodism during the fall and winter of 1961-62.

The group will visit six countries of South America—Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. They will also make brief stops at two Caribbean islands, Puerto Rico and Trinidad.

Pfeiffer Professor Attends National College Council

Misenheimer—Dr. Hoyt Bowen, chairman of the Division of Languages and Literature at Pfeiffer College, has returned to the campus from Washington, D. C., where he served as a general resource authority in the field of college freshman English for the annual national meeting of the College Composition and Communication Council.

The three-day meeting was attended by over 300 of the nation's top college teachers in the field of composition. Dr. Bowen served with several discussion groups in the capacity of one well-versed in the ability levels of college freshmen in the field of English.

Methodist Foundation Holds Quarterly Meeting In Raleigh

The North Carolina Conference Methodist Foundation, Inc., in session at the YMCA in Raleigh, April 19, placed emphasis on the conference's program of church extension.

The Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, and the conference's first executive director of church extension, declared, "If the North Carolina Conference is to grow in all areas of service, new churches are needed." Citing the growth of church extension in the conference during 1950-1960, the Rev. Mr. Collins said that the 74 new churches established, and the five churches reopened during this period represent an increase of 19,578 in membership in the conference.

Several recommendations presented by the Rev. Mr. Collins include setting a time table for success of church extension, tours of new churches, expansion of the \$10.00 Club, giving direction to new churches in their fund campaigns, making loans available to new churches, larger churches sponsoring new churches, and cultivation of individual donations through the Department of Gifts and Wills.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway told the group, "If we can extend our churches we can better serve all causes of the church's program."

The inspirational program, under the sponsorship of the Department of Gifts and Wills, Dr. F. Olin Hunt, director, presiding, had for its topic, "How Can We Help Our Church Extension, Working Through the Board of Missions?"

The business session preceding the inspirational program, with the Foundation's president, Gurney P. Hood, presiding, included the adoption of the reports of the treasurer, Marvin C. Cowell, introduction of guests, and a prayer by the Rev. J. W. Page, of Fayetteville. The Rev. Marvin C. Page, of Fayetteville. A. C. Edwards welcomed the guests, and the Rev. N. W. Grant responded.

Members of the Conference Board of Missions and Commission on World Finance were special guests.

Hospitalization

In accordance with the action of the General Conference the Board of Pensions has prepared a group health insurance program which will doubtless be brought before our Annual Conference.

This will be available for both active and retired pastors and their dependents. Also it will be available for employees of Methodist churches, institutions and agencies.

The Annual Conference may pay the total cost or require personal contributions up to 50%.

Detailed information will be sent to anyone interested. Address General Board of Pensions, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Personal note: Coverage for the chronically ill who can have better care in their own homes is desirable. This may be too difficult for the actuarial experts.

—EDWIN O. COLE

Dr. George E. Blanchard In Revival at Simpson Church

Revival services will be held at Salem Church, Simpson, May 8-14. Dr. George E. Blanchard, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the guest evangelist. Dr. Blanchard is a member of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Church. He is now in his 30th year as pastor of the St. James Methodist Church of Chattanooga. He is president of the Avon Park Camp Meeting, on the board of the World Gospel Mission and the Vennard College. He has done evangelistic work in Canada, Mexico, and Honduras. If you live within driving distance of Salem, you should hear Dr. Blanchard. We are most fortunate to have him as our guest evangelist.

Evangelistic Mission To Hawaii April 28-May 13

Nashville, Tenn. — Fifteen Methodist ministers from the continental United States will conduct an evangelistic mission in the 50th state, Hawaii, April 28 to May 13. The mission will be sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism in cooperation with the Methodist General Board of Missions. It will be directed by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, a staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Jim Fowler Heads Student Government At Duke

Jim Fowler, a rising senior from Lake Junaluska, and son of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Fowler, has been elected president of the Men's Student Government at Duke University. He will succeed senior Frank Ballance, of Winston-Salem. Fowler won by a 107-vote margin over his nearest rival. Young Fowler has served this year as treasurer of the Men's Student Government Association. He also was president of both his freshman class and house at Duke. He is on the Dean's List and has been named to several leadership honoraries.

Highlights of Burlington District Conference

By RUFUS H. STARKS, *Secretary*

Delegates from churches throughout the Burlington District assembled at beautiful Mt. Hermon Methodist Church on Sunday, April 9, for the annual meeting of the Burlington District Conference. The Conference marked the first to be held in the district by Dr. W. L. Clegg, district superintendent. The large gathering, numbering 203 delegates and guests, received enlightening information and inspiration from various annual conference representatives and district personnel.

Dr. Clegg recognized Glenn Hobby, lay leader of the Mt. Hermon Church, who welcomed the Conference and issued an invitation for the evening meal. The pastor, the Rev. H. H. Hodgkin, was recognized. Mt. Hermon Church, which was for many years on a circuit, now is a station appointment and has one of the most beautiful and functional buildings to be found anywhere in the rural areas of our conference.

There were two distinct high points in the conference. The first came in an address given by Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education. Brother Morris laid upon the hearts of all present the dangerous trend of our church toward becoming an upper middle-class church and losing touch with the common people. This is not being true to our heritage, he stated. Dr. Morris suggested in a powerful appeal that we should move out to establish outpost church schools in areas where there are great numbers outside the faith. He offered assistance in accomplishing this purpose through the Conference Office.

The other high point came at the close of the conference when Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of Methodist College at Fayetteville, brought the inspirational address. Speaking on the quadrennial emphasis, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," Dr. Weaver delivered a magnificent oration which brought the brethren to fullness of heart and a renewed dedication to the cause of Jesus Christ, who is our Lord. Dr. Weaver pointed out how Jesus is indeed the Lord of all of life.

Of course, there was another high point (of a different sort), and that was the sumptuous evening meal prepared by the ladies of Mt. Hermon Church.

Many reports and appeals were heard covering all areas of the church's thrust: education, evangelism, missions, stewardship, higher education, conference homes, Woman's Society of Christian Service, laymen's work, Christian vocations, and several others.

William J. Bryant of Tabernacle Church on the Robbins Circuit received his local license to preach the gospel in an inspiring service.

The Conference was an enriching experience for all who attended, and even though the afternoon was deluged with rain, the weather failed to dampen the spirits of these sons and daughters of John Wesley. Their hearts were truly warm.



It is estimated that 10 million persons scattered among at least 150 denominations join together daily in devotions under the guidance of the *Upper Room*.

Grant By Avalon Is Made To Duke

Duke University has received a grant of \$16,000 from the Avalon Foundation, New York, to provide scholarship funds for the University's School of Medicine.

The Duke grant is included in a group of 86 given to the nation's medical school "as an unrestricted supplement to the scholarship funds of each medical school," according to Dr. Thomas Parran, president of the Foundation.

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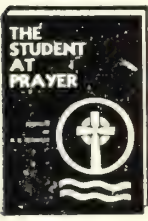
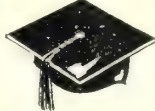
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Woman's Activities



The Meaning of Public Relations

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

There are endless definitions of public relations—some simple, some involved. One corporation explained it to its employees thus: "What everybody in our company does to earn—or lose—the public's good will." This conception easily transfers to a church setting (or a Woman's Society setting!)

Another brief definition says that public relations is "everything involved in achieving a favorable opinion." Frequently quoted by PR men is this simplification: "Doing a good job and getting credit for it."

More scholarly efforts to explain what is involved in public relations are these: "The art of analyzing, influencing and interpreting a person, idea, group or business so that its behaviour will conform to the greatest possible degree with public interest." "Public relations is a management function which evaluates public attitudes, identifies the policies of the individual or organization with the public interest and executes a program of action to earn public understanding and acceptance."

One excellent definition which can be credited to a writer on college public relations is, "Public relations is a social science which seeks to bring about a harmony of understanding between any group and the public it serves and upon whose good will it depends."

My belief is that all definitions can be boiled down to "making friends for Christ and His church."

The common conviction should be that basic to all public relations procedures is the Christian character and practice of those who compose their church. The reputation of the church must, in the end, be measured by the service it renders to individuals, to the community, and to the world.

—A Handbook of Church
Public Relations

DR. RALPH STOODY

Missionary Personnel

Mrs. Garland Stafford of North Wilkesboro, secretary of missionary personnel of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, tells of an interesting meeting with the sixteen girls who are now attending college under the scholarship program of the conference.

She says, "We have sixteen scholarship girls at Pfeiffer College this year. This is our full quota. They are a very fine group of girls. None of them will graduate this year. Recently I had lunch with these girls and with Miss Mary Floyd, chairman of the Board of Deaconesses of the Western

North Carolina Conference, and Miss Mary Bethea, secretary of student work of the WSCS of the WNC Conference.

"At this time we discussed their work in college and their plans for summer work. Those who had worked this past summer shared their experiences. I wish that you could have had the opportunity of seeing these girls together. Because exams were over and the girls were away from the college during the mid-year executive committee meeting we had to waive one of our scholarship standards at this time: that each of the scholarship girls appear before the executive committee. Every one of the girls asked me to express to you her sincere gratitude for the scholarship. They say it means much to them.

"We have received a number of requests for new scholarships for 1961-62. None will be available, however."

Student Work Responsibilities

Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, secretary of student work for the WSCS of the WNC Conference, urges every secretary of student work in the local church to examine anew her task as leader of this group.

Miss Bethea says, "Since this is the beginning of the new quadrennium I would like to lift up the responsibilities of this secretary."

She outlines a six-point program: to promote the plans and program; to increase the interest in and understanding of students; be familiar with current literature; work in cooperation with the State Methodist Student Movement; attend the School of Missions and attend workshops.

"From your present study, *Safe in Bondage*, by Robert Spike, I quote: 'The church's ministry on the campus is one of the most important in the American Mission. Particularly in state and private universities, there is an opportunity to challenge students representing wide cross-sections of the future leadership of the country with the claims of the Christian faith. The chaplain, the teacher of religion, the campus minister, whatever his form of ministry, stands as a front line missionary. Perhaps he, more than any other churchman, is daily acquainted with the varieties of American religion that challenge Christianity.'

"This is the challenge of student work. I quote from Phillip E. Jacob's book, *Changing Values of College Students*, 'If values are changed during college years, they are much more apt to be changed by the student's extra-curricular activities in such things as work camps and community service projects than by the experience of the classroom. The force of our learning comes

through involvement which is direct enough and deep enough to immerse the individual in a problem . . . and strong enough to influence his emotions as well as his intellect.'"

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Twenty-first Annual WSCS Meeting Held

The spirit of the challenging theme, "The Faith That Compels Us," was dominant in every feature of the sessions of the twenty-first annual meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church in Raleigh, April 11-13.

A Service of Spiritual Preparation on Monday evening, April 10, was led by Mrs. J. C. Burwell, of Warrenton. The former conference secretary of Spiritual Life's presentation of the topic, "Arise," and the solo, "Prayer," by Guion, sung by Mr. Philip Cartwright, set the tempo for the enriching experiences of the three-day meeting.

Mr. Cartwright's interweaving of sacred music throughout each session of the conference, his brief messages preceding each solo, and his unmistakable consecration created an indescribable and unforgettable spiritual experience for his hearers. A native of China, where his parents were missionaries, and now a resident of Milburn, N. J., Mr. Cartwright has dedicated his voice and his life to the ministry of sacred music. His participation on the program of the Annual WSCS meeting this year was his second such appearance in the N. C. Conference, his first being at the Annual Meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, in 1956.

Prior to the Service of Spiritual Preparation the Conference Executive Committee and the subdistrict leaders held a dinner meeting at the Occidental Life Insurance Building in Raleigh's Cameron Village.

Other Spiritual Emphases

The meditations on Wednesday and Thursday mornings were given by Mrs. R. L. Jerome, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, on the topics, "Our Fathers' Faith," and "A Faith for the Future."

The Rev. Paul Carruth, pastor of the host church, gave the meditation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Tuesday evening. During the service the communicants placed on the altar love gifts totaling \$26,000 for primary schools for refugees in Pakistan. Celebrants for the Service of Holy Communion were the Rev. S. Graham Eubank, the Rev. Mr. Carruth, Dr. Howard P. Powell, the Rev. A. F. Fisher, the Rev. N. W. Grant, and the Rev. R. H. Hodge.

Guest Speakers

Pakistan, one of the Lands of Decision, was the major emphasis for the two addresses by Dr. Creighton Lacy, of the Duke University Divinity School faculty, Mrs. Lacy, and the one address by Mr. Anwar Bartak, of Pakistan, and currently a graduate student at Duke University. On their return to the states last year following a sabbatical leave in India, Dr. and Mrs. Lacy visited a number of mission fields where the Methodist Church is at work. Dr. Lacy used as his topics "The Chinese

in Dispersion," and "Impressions of Pakistan." Mrs. Lacy addressed the conference on "New Frontiers of the Church" and "New Frontiers of the Heart," the latter address being illustrated with slides depicting Methodist projects in several countries. Mr. Bartak spoke on "Significant Trends in the Church in Pakistan." At the closing session on Thursday Bishop Paul N. Garger described the 1961-64 quadrennial emphasis of the Methodist Church.

The President's Message

The annual message of the president, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, "A Challenge for the Future," was preceded by brief talks by the six former conference Woman's Society presidents. These were Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Mrs. J. H. Cutchin, Mrs. H. I. Glass, and Mrs. Pierce Johnson. Mrs. C. D. Barclift read a message from Mrs. Glass, who was not present. Their topic was "Our Heritage."

The Pledge Service

The pledge service on Wednesday evening, led by Mrs. L. C. Vereen, conference treasurer, featured the nine district treasurers, or their representatives, in costume, and in brief statements concerning various areas of work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. These were interspersed by scripture reading by Mr. Cartwright. The district president, dressed in choir robes, laid on the altar pledges totaling \$144,800 for 1961-62, an increase of \$2500 over the 1960-61 pledge. The service concluded with a solo, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," by Mr. Cartwright.

Awards and Gifts

Life Patron Membership pins and certificates were presented to Mrs. H. C. Turlington and Miss Rebecca Modellmog, gifts of the Conference WSCS, and the Honorary Life Membership pin and certificate was presented to Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, gift of the WSCS of the Enfield Methodist Church. Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, chairman of a local committee for the meeting, was the recipient of an Adult Life Membership. Also sharing honors of Life Memberships were several children of members of the local committee. These included Sallie and Becky Shankle, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shankle, and Sandry Fry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Fry, both receiving Honorary Youth Memberships. Guylynn Rabon, daughter of the hostess at Hayes-Barton Church, Mrs. R. H. Rabon, and Nancy Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stevens, each received an Honorary Junior Life Membership. A remembrance gift was presented in memory of Mrs. Marvin Cowell.

Ten special gifts of \$110.00 each to World Bank enabled the World Bank candle to burn for 50 minutes, representing upholding the work of the WSCS for that period.

The Conference Society's annual report was dedicated to Mrs. R. L. Jerome.

Social Events

The delegates and visitors paused in their busy schedule to attend two major social events. Following adjournment of the Tuesday afternoon session, the members of the hostess society entertained at a tea at the church. On Wednesday afternoon the dele-

gation was honored by Mrs. Terry Sanford at a tea at the Governor's Mansion.

The registration revealed 374 delegates and 526 visitors attending the three-day meeting.

Looking Forward

The 1962 Annual Meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church, Wilson, next March 20-22. Members of the Program Committee for the meeting include Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. J. W. Benson, and Miss Mary Gardner.

Milford Hills Church Having Study Series

The Rev. Everett Freeman of Milford Hills Methodist Church, Salisbury, announces a study series on "The Work of the Local Church," which began last Sunday evening, April 16, at 7:00 o'clock, and for the next six Sunday evenings a short talk and a film will be presented in the fellowship hall of the church.

The April 16th program covered "Membership and Evangelism." The filmstrip was "Lost in the Crowd." Program for the remainder of the series will be as follows:

April 23: church topic, "Social Concerns." Film topic, "Cut of Truth."

April 30, church topic: "For Children." Film topic, "Green Planet."

May 7, church topic: "Education." Film topic, "Twins on Time."

May 14, church topic: "Missions." Film topic, "The System and Sam Smith."

May 21, church topic: "Stewardship and Finance." Film topic, "Send Me, I'll Go."

May 28, church topic: "To Help Improve the Total Church Program." Film topic, "World Behind the Headlines."

Rev. Mr. Freeman urges that all members attend this series as they will see as well as hear how the church can serve in a community, and the workings of the church itself.

Statesville District To Unveil Historical Marker

The Statesville District of the Western North Carolina Conference is to erect a historical marker in Catawba County on Highway at Terrell, N. C. This marks the historical beginning of Methodism west of the Catawba River in North Carolina. Rehobeth Church was the first Methodist church organized west of the Catawba in this state and dates back to 1789. It was at this location the camp meeting movement originated in 1794. Historic Rock Springs and Ball's Creek Camp Meetings are descendants of this first meeting at Rehobeth.

The unveiling service will be held at the annual homecoming on Sunday morning, May 7, at 11:00 o'clock. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. J. Elwood Carroll will assist the pastor, C. Frank Pennigar, in the homecoming service and will conduct the unveiling service. The marker is to be unveiled by sixth and seventh generation descendants of the Rev. Daniel Asbury, the founder of Rehobeth Church. These descendants are Cathy McGee and Joel Berry. An invitation is extended to all to share this commemorating event.

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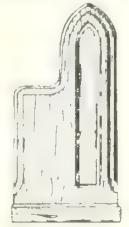
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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



WHY JIMMY GOT THE JOB

Once a man advertised for a boy to help in his office. More than fifty boys applied for the job, so the man was at a loss to know which boy to choose.

After pausing a moment, the man suddenly said to Jimmy, the smallest boy, "You may have the job."

After the other boys had gone, one of the man's friends who happened to be present at the time said to him, "I should like to know why you chose that particular boy. He did not bring a single recommendation with him."

"Oh, yes," said the man, "he had a number of them, and good ones, too. He wiped his feet when he came in. He closed the door behind him. He arose and gave his seat to the lame man. He took off his cap and answered all my questions promptly. He picked up the book that I had purposely laid on the floor, and carefully placed it on my desk, while the others stepped over it or shoved it aside with their feet. He waited patiently for his turn. When I talked with him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair nicely combed, and his teeth as white as milk. When he wrote his name for me, I noticed that his finger-nails were nice and clean."

Then the man said with a smile, "I consider these to be some of the very best letters of recommendation, and I look forward to having this boy to help me."

—Selected

Too Much Like Work

I'd like so much to be useful,
And never to loaf or shirk;
I could accomplish wonders—
Except that it's so much work.

—Clipped

The Tenth Commandment

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."—Exodus 20:17.

The word "covet" means "to set one's heart on something" that belongs to someone else, or to want that something to the extent of being miserable and unhappy without it. And there are people who want it so badly that they are tempted to steal or to kill in order to get it.

From the time the world began there have been folks who are never content

with what they have, and are jealous of their neighbors because they think they have something better. You probably know the old saying, "the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence," and looking continually upon their neighbor's yard, they fail to appreciate

their own yard. This thought applies to other things that belong to a neighbor, and first thing they know they have grasping thoughts that are apt to lead to grasping deeds.

When God gave the Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet," He meant that we should be content with what we have, and not make ourselves unhappy by wanting something that someone else has.

(Editor's note: We have now completed the series on The Ten Commandments. We hope you have been memorizing these great rules of life so that you will never forget them.)



Caldwell County Has New Methodist Church

Groundbreaking services were held Sunday afternoon, April 16, for Baton Methodist Church, located in the Baton community in west Caldwell County. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, superintendent of the Statesville District, led the service.

The Rev. L. B. Hayes, now retired, was instrumental in locating the site for the church. Rev. M. C. Reese of Granite Falls gave leadership in the early planning of the church. Rev. T. C. McLean and Rev. C. W. Avett, whose charges are nearby, have alternated in conducting the weekly preaching services which began December 4, 1960.

W. F. Johnson has been elected church school superintendent and Mrs. John O. Smith is church treasurer. The Building

Committee is composed of Marshall Cook, Stanley Edwards, W. F. Johnson, Frank Frizzell and Miss Janice Frizzell.

The Young Adult Fellowship of Caldwell County took the church as a project. This group cut the pulpwood and timber on the land and made substantial pledges. The Statesville District Mission Society purchased the five-acre site and is giving financial assistance along with the Duke Endowment and the General Board of Missions.

The architect is Andrew L. Pendleton of Statesville. The unit on which construction will begin immediately is of modern design and will contain an assembly hall, five classrooms, rest rooms and heating system.

Tell it not in Gath—this is the first new Methodist congregation organized in Caldwell County in more than 40 years!

The picture shows Marshall L. Cook, chairman of the Building Committee, turning a spadeful of earth.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 7

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

OUT OF THE HEART

Background Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-8;
4:20-23; Luke 6:43-45

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 3:1-8;
Luke 6:43-45

We come now to the end of Unit VI begun April 9 on "God, the Source of True Wisdom." In many of the Proverbs the word "heart" is used, as indeed it is throughout the Bible. What is the sense in which the word is used in Holy Writ? The examination of a concordance will reveal a number of ways. In only a few cases does it refer to the physical organ. The Hastings Dictionary of the Bible lists four principal ways—all of them psychological, rather than physical. These are (1) the source from which a man's actions are derived (2) the seat of the emotions and passions (3) as the warner and prompter of the conscience and (4) as the seat of spiritual understanding.

If what is written above is true, how very necessary is it that we "keep the heart with all vigilance" since "from it flow the springs of life." But just how does one go about this necessary task of guarding the springs of life?

The first thing mentioned is the matter of remembrance. The Hebrew people depended for centuries on a strong oral tradition, there being during those times no written records. To keep their religious heritage alive meant they had to remember it. If we have difficulty remembering the important things perhaps it is because we allow our minds to be filled with so much of the trivial—that is, things that we really don't want to remember.

The second thing to be noted in our Scriptures is the twin qualities of loyalty and faithfulness. The word loyalty had its origin in the binding oath that characterized the age of chivalry. It was the cement that held medieval society together. Unless we strive to be faithful to what we know to be true and right we do not guard the springs of life.

In the third place we are to "trust in the Lord with all our hearts" and not rely on our own insight. Along with this goes the admonition to "be not wise in your own eyes." There is no person who is capable enough to make his own way in the world without help. We are created for dependence. The so-called "self-made man" is an illusion. Not only are we dependent upon our parents and our fellow-men, we are dependent upon various "means of grace" which have been provided for us through the grace of God. Some of these come quickly to mind. We need the church because it is the custodian of many of these "means of grace." There is, for example, the opportunity of worship. We tend to take this for granted because few of us have ever been forcibly deprived of the right to worship. But ask some of the world's refugees who have been ground under the heel of a dictator. They will tell you that freedom of worship is no small privilege.

The Bible is a means of grace, but it



SANDY RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH
HONORS MRS. L. G. WOOD

Mrs. L. G. Wood, second from left, is shown as she was honored by her church April 9, for fifty years of faithful service. She has been a member of Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, Route 1, High Point, for many years; served as teacher in church school, as Sunday school superintendent for 11 years, as a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and of the former Ladies' Aid; served fifty years as communion steward. Her mantle of faithfulness has fallen on the shoulders of her three children, Mrs. Woodrow Evans, Mrs. Guy Pridmore, and Mr. Fred Wood, all of whom are active in the church. Shown in the

picture are Mr. J. T. Westmoreland, Church Lay Leader, who presented her, on behalf of the church, a copy of the New English Bible; wrapped in gold paper, symbolizing her fifty years of service; Mrs. Wood; Mrs. Woodrow Evans, her daughter, who pinned on her a lovely ivory and gold corsage which was given by the church; and Rev. E. O. Temple, Jr., pastor, who paid a splendid tribute to the long and faithful service she had rendered over the years. It was a great day for all as the church was able to partially honor this faithful family. The only sad note in the hearts of the people was the absence of Mrs. Wood's devoted husband and long time active member of Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, who passed away just two and a half months ago.

cannot be so if it gathers dust on the shelf. If it is to become the "living Word" it must be read and studied regularly and diligently. So many people regard it only as history, or as literature. But for those to whom it has become the Word of Life it is infinitely more. To them it speaks directly to "their condition" whether it be a word of warning, of comfort or of command.

Finally, we may mention the opportunity for Christian service as one of the chief means of grace. This is where we express our faith in action. If we have been given the strength to share with Christ the burden of the world's sin and suffering we should count ourselves happy. When the church does this it truly becomes the body of Christ. Therefore, it is our privilege to carry on may assume the aspects of the sacramental, and thus we who are creatures become the channels of the Creator's grace.

In these ways, then, we may "guard the springs of life" from stagnant corruption and keep them active and flowing.

Notice Concerning WNC Calendar

Work in preparing Conference Calendar for the Western North Carolina Conference for the coming year is progressing. All chairmen of commissions, committees, and others responsible for any meetings to be held during the coming year, including district superintendents, are urged to send at once such information either to Rev. W. A. Rock, Jr., Draper, N. C., or Rev. W. W. Blanton, secretary of Town and Country Work, Box 749, Statesville, N. C. This is most important if the conference calendar is to be complete.

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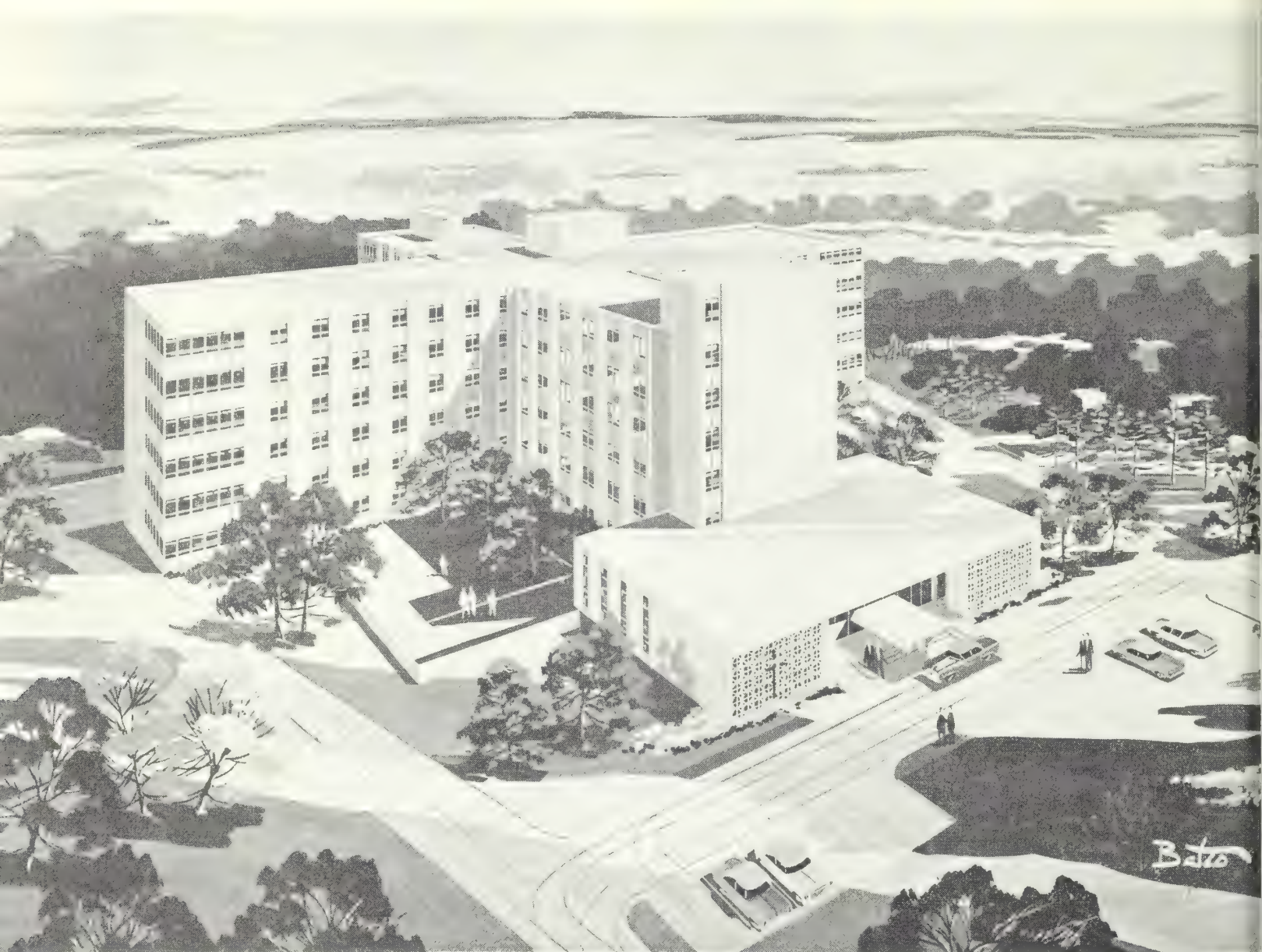
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After 46 years of service to the church as a missionary and a pastor, Dr. F. S. Love and Mrs. Love enjoy retirement in their apartment in The Methodist Retirement Home. They take an active part in the life of the Home.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ REV. RUSSELL T. MONTFORT, pastor of the Methodist Church at Davidson, assisted Rev. Preston Hughes, Jr., in revival services last week at the Boone Methodist Church.

¶ THE REV. JOE TROLLINGER, retired, of Reidsville, taught a study course, "Basic Christian Beliefs," at the First Methodist Church, Reidsville, April 24 and April 27.

¶ REV. ROY PUTNAM, pastor of Trinity Church, Greensboro, assisted Rev. J. J. Miller in revival services last week at the Gibsonville Methodist Church.

¶ REV. EDGAR PRICE, of Aldersgate Church, Shelby, will preach in revival services at Friendship Church on the Falston-Clover Hill Charge the week of May 14. Rev. Ralph Jacks is pastor.

¶ ANN STREET CHURCH, Beaufort, Rev. John Cline, pastor, announces revival services for May 8-12. The Rev. Paul Edwards, pastor of Trinity Church, Troy, will preach each day at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

¶ REV. AND MRS. JOHN R. BLUE of Princeton announce the birth of a son, Stephen Hayes, April 15, at the Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro. Mr. Blue is pastor of the Princeton Church.

¶ REV. BOB DENNIS, pastor of the Hiddenite Methodist Church, will preach in a series of revival services at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Greensboro, May 7-12. Rev. Joel T. Key is pastor of the St. Paul Church.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES were conducted at the Wentworth Methodist Church beginning Sunday, April 23, and running through the week. Rev. Tom Stockton, pastor of First Methodist Church, Reidsville, assisted the pastor, Rev. John Kincaid.

¶ THRIFT METHODIST CHURCH, Paw-Creek, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, May 28. Rev. James M. Armstrong, Jr., and his people invite all their friends to worship with them on that day at the 11:00 o'clock service. A picnic luncheon will be served.

¶ TRINITY CHURCH, Kannapolis, will be engaged in revival services May 7-12 with Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Morrilton, Arkansas, as visiting minister. The congregation is asked to reserve this week for God and His church. Rev. Charles D. White is pastor.

¶ BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER, resident bishop of the Ohio Area of the Methodist Church and chairman of the National Committee on Family Worship, will be guest leader for a Family Life Conference to be held at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, May 14-15.

¶ REV. W. A. QUICK, pastor of Zebulon, will speak in youth revival at Arlington, Va., Methodist Church July 23-28. Rev. H. H. Hughes is pastor. Five churches are cooperating—Arlington, Del Ray, Washington Street, Calvary, and Cherrydale.

¶ DR. ALLEN C. BEST, vice-president of Greensboro College, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour Sunday, April 23, at Central Church, Mount Airy.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON will officiate at the laying of the cornerstone for the new Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, Sunday, May 7th, at 3:00 p.m.

¶ REV. J. L. McWHORTER, pastor at Black Mountain, is assisting the Rev. W. W. Butlet in revival service at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Charlotte, this week.

¶ REV. JOSEPH R. NORRIS, pastor of Tabernacle Methodist Church, Albemarle, has been elected president of the Albemarle Civitan Club for the coming year.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES were in progress last week at the Highland Methodist Church, Hickory. Rev. R. J. Barnwell, pastor, was assisted by Rev. Dewey Smith, pastor of Abernathy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton.

¶ REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS, of the Conference Board of Missions, Director of Finance and Field Service, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, Sunday, April 23. The church is now engaged in raising a large building fund with which to construct its new educational building.

¶ LEAKSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Horwood P. Myers, pastor, observed the official opening of its new educational building beginning Sunday morning, April 30, and running through Wednesday evening, May 3. Rev. Mitchell Faulkner and Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, former pastors, took part in the program.

¶ WESTFORD METHODIST CHURCH had a week of evangelistic preaching April 9-14, with Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville, as the guest minister. Worship services were conducted twice daily. Those members who heard Dr. Allen's fine and inspirational messages were greatly blessed. Rev. Wm. B. Penny is pastor of Westford Church.

¶ REV. R. HAROLD HIPPS, Minister of Education at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, is spending the week in Oklahoma, where he is serving as a member of the staff of the South Central Area Workshop. Mr. Hipps was recently elected chairman of the executive committee and director of the Southeastern Recreation Workshop for 1962.

¶ THE BALSAM CAMP No. 116, Woodmen of the World, last week presented to Brevard College a beautiful 50-star silk flag. The presentation was made by Mr. J. I. Ayers, secretary of the Camp, and was accepted by Dr. Emmett K. McLarty, president of the college. During the past year the various Woodmen organizations across North Carolina have presented more than 2,600 American flags to schools, churches, Boys Scouts and other groups.

¶ THE CHARLOTTE DISTRICT Methodist Youth rally will be held at Park Center May 6, beginning at 7:30. Jack Wilson, Duke University student and halfback on the football team, will be the speaker for the occasion.

¶ MISS ETHEL BOST, missionary, and Mrs. Carl King, Conference president, were the speakers at the High Point District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held at Wesley Memorial Church Tuesday, May 2.

¶ LONGVIEW METHODIST CHURCH, Raleigh, is planning a Leet Crusade to begin Wednesday, May 10. Rev. L. O. Leet and Mrs. Ida Lee McCullar conduct stewardship crusades throughout the church in which stewardship evangelism is emphasized. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor at Longview.

¶ CENTRAL CHURCH, Shelby, will have as visiting preacher for special services May 7-10, Bishop Paul Hardin. Bishop Hardin is a former pastor of Central Church. Rev. Mitchell Faulkner and his people are looking forward for a great season of refreshing Sunday, May 7, through Wednesday, May 10.

¶ THE CHOIR of First Methodist Church, Rockingham, is enjoying the use of brand new choir robes, given by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phillips. The robes are of maroon with reversible white and gold neck piece. Mrs. Phillips is director of the choir and Mrs. W. S. Love is the organist.

¶ ANNUAL HOMECOMING services were held at the Salem Methodist Church on the Farmer Charge Sunday, April 30. The pastor, Rev. James S. White, preached the sermon, after which a fellowship dinner was held on the grounds, with a song session held in the afternoon.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES began at Harkers Island Methodist Church Sunday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., and will continue through Friday, May 5th. The Rev. W. A. Seawell, pastor of Grace-Longhurst Charge, is doing the preaching. Special music is provided by local and visiting choirs and singers, featuring trios and quartets. Gospel hymns as requested by the congregation are being used. The public is cordially invited.

¶ MARGARET GODBOLD, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albea Godbold of St. Louis, and formerly of North Carolina, is a junior at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. She has been elected secretary of the University Senate at S.M.U., and as president of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. Recently she was selected as one of the ten Rotunda Beauties. (The Rotunda is the "annual" of S.M.U.). Margaret spends her summers at Lake Junaluska.

¶ THE EDITOR had a pleasant visit with Rev. W. A. Quick and his people at Zebulon Sunday, April 23. He preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and then was delightfully entertained by Bill and Bobby at their new parsonage with a sumptuous noon-day meal. They are living in a new parsonage valued at \$26,000. Mrs. Quick is an experienced interior decorator, and is responsible for the color scheme, furnishings, planning, and entire arrangements for the inside of the home. They also have two fine children.

¶ DR. H. G. ALLEN of Statesville will preach next Sunday, May 7, at Asbury Memorial Church, Route 3, Lincolnton. Rev. Grady Dulin is pastor.

¶ DR. C. W. ROBBINS, president of Louisburg College, was guest speaker recently at chapel services at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.

¶ DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY, of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., will preach at Trinity Church, Wilmington, May 17-19.

¶ REV. AND MRS. EARL C. BLACK of High Point announce the birth of a daughter, Dawn Ellen, March 28, 1961. Weight: 8 pounds 4 ounces. Mr. Black is pastor of Highland Methodist Church.

¶ THE LOUISBURG COLLEGE Glee Club gave a program of special music at the 11:00 o'clock service at First Methodist Church, Henderson, last Sunday. Rev. W. B. Pette-way, pastor, preached, and the regular choir sang.

¶ SALISBURY DISTRICT held a Church-Related Vocations Conference for the senior high youth of the district Sunday afternoon, April 23. The meeting was held in Trinity Church, Kannapolis, and was attended by some 150 young people.

Lilesville Methodists Dedicate Educational Building

On Sunday morning, April 30, at 11:00 o'clock, the members and friends of the Lilesville Methodist Church and church school dedicated their recently-completed educational building.

The building was erected for approximately \$21,000. It houses a large fellowship hall with convenient kitchen, five large classrooms, rest rooms, choir room, and utility room.

When the Rev. Alvin Wilson was pastor of this church a need for some type expansion was noted, and plans for an addition were begun.

The Rev. Kenneth A. Horn was appointed to the Lilesville Church in 1955, the plans were completed, and a fund-raising and pledge program undertaken, which netted about \$7,000, or one-third of the construction cost.

This program having been completed, the church made application to Conference and district agencies, and the Duke Endowment for financial assistance. In the fall of 1957 the McIntosh & Forlaw Construction Company of Wadesboro and Lilesville was awarded the contract and work was begun, with J. N. Pease, Jr., of Charlotte, as architect.

The first services were conducted in the

¶ THE FIRST REVIVAL services to be held in the new Maylo Methodist Church of Gastonia is in progress this week, with the pastor, Rev. G. H. Allred, doing the preaching. This new church was just recently opened for worship.

¶ DR. WARREN AIKEN SMART, long-time professor in the School of Theology at Emory University, died April 8. Dr. Smart was highly regarded as a scholar and preacher. He was a member of the Virginia Conference.

¶ REV. WALTER R. KELLY, pastor of Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Charlotte, preached at Central Church, Monroe, last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Harley Williams, who accompanied a group of his young people to Lake Junaluska. Mr. Kelly was formerly pastor of Central Church.

¶ THE EDITOR OF THE ADVOCATE enjoyed a delightful privilege of preaching for Rev. R. J. Starling and his people at Rutherford College last Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock service. They have a beautiful church plant and a fine group of people. It was a pleasure to be the guest of the pastor and his wife for lunch. This church, largely through the efforts of one of its older members, Mr. Whitley, sends the ADVOCATE to every family.

building in the summer of 1958. It was at this time that Dr. Walter Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, dedicated pulpit furniture, Bible, and organ in the sanctuary. As buildings progressed funds and gifts of members and friends grew so rapidly that the building was paid for one year ahead of schedule.

At the dedication service on April 30 Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the newly-formed Albemarle District, led the Service of Dedication. The Rev. Mr. Horn led a devotional service, and Rev. A. G. Lackey, secretary of Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference, delivered the sermon. This was followed by an open house program, and dinner on the church grounds. Lilesville is presently being served by Rev. Robin W. Hurley.

North Carolina Council In Silver Anniversary

The North Carolina Council of Churches, celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, met in Greensboro last Monday and Tuesday, with the new president, Dr. Harold J. Dudley, presiding. Among prominent speakers appearing on the program at various times were Dr. Billy Graham of Montreat, Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of Yale Divinity School, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, United Presbyterian Church, Dr. Frank P. Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, now United Nations arbitrator, Mrs. Guion Johnson, of Chapel Hill, Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta University, a former North Carolinian, Dr. Shelton Smith of Duke University, and others. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon appeared on a panel, along with Bishop Herbert B. Shaw, Bishop R. H. Baker, Rev. Ross J. Allen, Dr. Harold Dudley, and Dr. F. L. Conrad. The meetings were held at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Morton A. Kurtz is director of the Council.

Bishop Harmon Dedicates Zion Methodist Church

Zion Methodist Church, of the Richfield Charge, Salisbury District, was dedicated last Sunday, April 30, by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, assisted by Dr. J. C. Stokes, district superintendent, and Rev. George W. Clay, pastor. The service was held at 4:00 p.m. This is a beautiful country church located in lower Rowan County just across the Stanly line. It was begun as a brush arbor more than a hundred years ago, probably during the time Francis Asbury was touring western North Carolina on horseback, preaching in homes and elsewhere. The first building was a log church erected not far from the present site and known as Walnut Grove. The earliest available record of membership was in April 1845, when Isaac M. Shaver was received by vows by the Rev. Daniel McDonald. Mr. Shaver became a local elder and served the community in preaching, performing marriages and in baptizing. It was under his preaching at Providence Church that Joseph C. Rowe was converted and later became a pastor of this church and presiding elder of the Salisbury District for two separate terms. Dr. Rowe was the father of the late Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe of the Divinity School at Duke University. A large pulpit Bible still in possession of the church was presented to Walnut Grove on October 18, 1856, by David Shaver. The name was changed to Zion Methodist Church, and the deed is dated September 20, 1879. Zion has grown and has served the community well during the years. It produced four ministers: Rev. Isaac M. Shaver, Rev. John F. Kirk, Rev. Adolphus Taylor, and Rev. Isaac Leroy Shaver, who served for forty years as a missionary to Japan, and is now retired and living in Caldwell, Idaho. Also two ministers' wives have gone out from here: Carrie Shaver Pyatt, whose son is a minister in this conference, and Ada Shaver Wise, wife of a former pastor of this church. There may have been others not recorded. The oldest member of record still living is Mrs. Zora Kirk who joined in 1900. Some of the family names of early membership include: Basinger, Cotton, Doby, Eagle, Fraley, Fry, Goodman, Hartman, Hill, Kepley, Kirk, Lisk, Miller, Parker, Shaver, Taylor and Williams. Among the present membership are found many descendants of these early members. Zion is one of the most attractive country churches to be found and is well equipped to carry on the work in a fine way.

Macon County Men Plan Methodist Center

Macon County Methodist Men held a mass meeting last Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m., for the promotion and building of Patton Springs Methodist camp. The meeting was held at Franklin Methodist Church, with Bob Coin, president, presiding.

Twelve acres are being given by Irvin Patton for Macon County Methodist Center. The program consisted of an Organ Prelude, followed by Hymn No. 227, "Come We That Love the Lord." Prayer was offered by Mr. Vernon. A statement of purpose was made by Dr. L. B. Hayes. Speaking on camping was Mr. Fraley; on exhibit of plans, Wiley Clark; on report of Finance Committee, Alf Wilson. Speaker was Dr. Frank Smathers, Waynesville district supt.

EDITORIALS

What the Ten Dollar Club Has Meant to Methodism

Both annual conferences in North Carolina are realizing fine results from the operation of the "Ten Dollar Club" in promoting church extension. The plans are practically identical in structure, although they operate somewhat differently. The Ten Dollar Club was organized in the North Carolina Conference in 1953, after some years of planning. Under this plan Methodists were asked to become members, and to agree to contribute ten dollars on call to be used for the establishing of a new Methodist church, with the understanding that not more than three calls would be made in any one conference year. Literally hundreds of thousands of dollars have been made available through this method and have been used to aid new congregations build their first units. Since its beginning there have been organized 74 new Methodist congregations. In a meeting of the Methodist Foundation, held in Raleigh Wednesday, April 19, it was reported that these new congregations have added nearly 20,000 members to the conference rolls. It is believed that such progress would not have been realized had it not been for the assistance afforded by the Ten Dollar Club. There are many members of the club now who began when it first started and have not missed a call. They get a thrill from knowing they have helped start so many new Methodist churches within the past eight years. Rev. Thomas A. Collins, now president of Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, was the first executive secretary of the Board of Missions under whose guidance this project was undertaken. Mr. Collins was followed by the Rev. O. L. Hathaway in 1959. Mr. Hathaway had established an enviable record in organizing new churches during his six years as superintendent of the Fayetteville District. These two men have been largely responsible for the marvelous upsurge in creating new congregations and building new churches throughout this period of excellent numerical growth. While splendid progress has been made in establishing 74 new Methodist churches in the conference, there is, according to the survey, need for at least 52 more new churches between now and 1965.

In the Western North Carolina Conference the picture is equally thrilling. The Ten Dollar Club had its beginning about 1954. It is operated on a district-wide basis. Members are solicited throughout the district, and the monies

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory."

—Psalm 64:10.

raised are used within the bounds of the district in which raised. Some districts have set a goal of 10 percent of the membership of each church belonging to the Ten Dollar Club. A maximum of two calls may be made within a conference year. A large number of churches have been aided in their building program by money collected through this club. It is also estimated that a minimum of 50 additional churches should be established within the bounds of the conference within the next five years. In addition to the Ten Dollar Club, the conference has adopted a goal of one dollar per member of each church for this cause, 90 percent of which is used within the district and 10 percent is sent to the Conference Board of Missions.

Thus, in each of the conferences in North Carolina almost unbelievable progress has been made in church extension within the past eight or ten years. This would not have been possible without the aid of the Ten Dollar Club or some similar effort. Methodism in North Carolina is right in the forefront from the standpoint of growth and extension, and everyone who is a member of the Ten Dollar Club in either conference can feel a justifiable pride and a sense of deep gratitude for the privilege of having an important part in it.

Remembering Retirement Homes on Mother's Day

The last two issues of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE have carried pictures and information about the two retirement homes operated by the Methodist Church in this state. The issue last week carried the story of the home in Charlotte operated by the Western North Carolina Conference. The issue this week carries the story of the home in Durham operated by the North Carolina Conference. Neither of these homes have been in operation more than a few years, and yet they have proven their usefulness in many ways. Each of them is receiving more applications for admittance than they can accept due to a limitation of space and facilities. The people who have been fortunate enough to be accepted seem to be most happy with their situation. They soon learn to adjust themselves as members of one large family with common interests. Having reached retirement age they find

here a "home" which seeks to meet their every need, including their physical care and ministering to their spiritual needs. Infirmaries are provided and nursing care is available when necessary. These two fine institutions have become so popular that it is necessary for them to enlarge their physical plants if they are to meet the demands. It is customary for an offering to be made to them on Mother's Day with which to strengthen their ministry. Mr. Willard Farrow at the Charlotte Home and Rev. J. F. Coble at the Durham Home have proven themselves to be able administrators in this field, and they are asking the church again this year to respond in a liberal manner as the Mother's Day opportunity again presents itself as a call to render a real and worthwhile service.

Have You Sent Your Two Subscriptions?

Sometime ago we sent a letter asking each pastor to send us at least two new subscriptions to the ADVOCATE. We are glad to say we have had a good response. Many of them sent us more than two. One preacher wrote, saying, "Although we have sent 245, here are eight more." Another man with four churches said, "We have just sent 111, and here are two more." A large number have responded with the two extras. We are grateful for all this. There are, however, quite a large number who have not yet responded at all. This small number could be acquired by any church if it really tries. And if all would respond, the combined number would make quite a sizeable increase. What about it, brethren? Have you sent yours? We know you intend to do so, but how about just taking a few minutes out and do it now? Remember, the ADVOCATE belongs to you; are you supporting it? We would be happy to receive the response of two new subscriptions by next week from all those who have not yet sent them. And you'll be glad you did. Thank you!

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Bishop Garber Lays Cornerstone For Three Churches in Durham

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the North Carolina Conference had a busy day Sunday, April 23. At the 11:00 o'clock hour he preached the opening sermon at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, in its centennial celebration. In the afternoon he laid the cornerstone for three Methodist churches in their building program. At 3:00 o'clock he visited and laid the cornerstone of the Glendale Heights Church; at 4:00 o'clock he laid the cornerstone for the Wellons Village Church; and at 5:00 o'clock he laid the cornerstone for the new educational building at the Epworth Church. At each of these services Bishop Garber delivered an address before proceeding with the cornerstone rites. Following the cornerstone laying at Epworth, Bishop Garber and Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, held a service in the Epworth Church, in which four young men were examined and granted local preachers license. They were: Robert W. Morgan, of Asbury Church; Ray David Goodell, of Duke Memorial Church; Dwight Laymond Moody, Jr., of Wellons Village Church; and Elden Woodcock, of Carr Church. Sandwiched in between services of the week-end that he spent in Durham Bishop Garber was busy with various conferences with ministers, laymen, and district superintendents. However, he was not on unfamiliar ground, for he and Mrs. Garber were regular worshipers at Trinity Church during his long stay in Durham while he taught and served as dean of the Duke Divinity School. This busy week-end was typical of the rapid pace at which Bishop Garber has been going for some years. He seems to reflect the spirit of John Wesley and Francis Asbury in his untiring efforts to advance the kingdom of God. Not only is this true of the Sabbath day, but continues throughout the week. Neither is Bishop Garber alone in this, but it reflects the heavy schedule carried by each of our great leaders in the episcopacy.

Union Church Breaks Ground



Shown above is the scene of the groundbreaking for the educational building at Union Church, Camp Ground Charge, Albemarle District, which took place Easter Sunday morning at the close of the regular worship service. The pastor, Rev. Robert F. Nay, directed the groundbreaking service. Reading left to right: Neal Ray (the little boy with the shovel); Mr. Clyde Bolick, youth counselor and member of the Building Committee; Mr. Glenn Clark, trustee, member of the Building Committee and church school superintendent; Mr. James Davis, chairman of the Building Committee and church treasurer; Mr. James Byrum, trustee and member of the Building Committee; Miss Peggy Byrum, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship; the Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; the Rev. Robert F. Nay, pastor, Camp Ground Charge; and Mrs. Richard Boatright, president of the WSCS. Others who participated were Mr. Lee Bell Davis, chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance, and Mrs. J. H. Byrum, chairman of the Commission on Missions.

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Next Sunday, May 7, is the beginning of National Family Week. This is a good time for every family to give special emphasis to the matter of family worship in the home. This would go farther than anything we know to halt the rapid rate of divorces and broken homes, and to establish family life as a happy experience.

"Education for Leadership" Theme for High Point College

The new theme for High Point College adopted this year "Education for Leadership," will take another step forward on May 5-7 with the conducting of a Student Leadership Laboratory to be held at Camp Cheerio in Roaring Gap. This laboratory is sponsored by the Student Government Association of the college and supervised by the National Training Laboratories of Washington, D. C. Some 55 to 60 students from the college will attend this week-end training session.

Nationally recognized authorities in the field of leadership training will be on hand to supervise the activities of these student leaders and will include: as coordinator, Dr. Douglas Bunker of the Wahsington, D. C. National Training Laboratories; Dr. Roger Harrison, assistant professor of Psychology at Yale University; Dr. Barry Oshry, associate professor of Business Administration at Boston University; and Miss Edith Whitfield, consultant from New York City.

There will be three types of groups formed. The first will be to develop mental session in which the students will develop and act as a group. The second is a training group giving each the chance to become a leader. And last of all is the general session in which a study will be made of the basic principles of one's emotions and feelings as he participates.

In addition to this training session, several students from the college will attend the National Training Laboratories in Bethel, Maine, this summer during their student leadership training session June 18-30. High Point College has been named one of 17 colleges and universities from throughout the country to send representatives to these sessions at Bethel, Maine. Several faculty members and students from the college will attend.

Pfeiffer Sets Goal of \$500 For Mission Work in India

A goal of \$500.00 has been set by the Pfeiffer College Christian Life Council's 1961 project to aid mission work in India. Money for the project will come from students, faculty, and administration. The drive has as its goal the financing of two native mission workers on the field and one high school student for a year. Christian Life Council president Bobby Griffin explained in a letter written to all students and faculty.

"Upper Room" Given Citation

A citation for "superior achievement in its field, excellence in readability and make-up in keeping with its expressed purposes" has been awarded by the Associated Church Press to *The Upper Room*, interdenominational devotional guide published at Nashville, Tennessee, and distributed in 100 countries and 32 languages. *The Upper Room* has an estimated 10 million readers.

The occasion came at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press at the Hamilton Hotel in Chicago, April 12-14.

The citation is signed by the Awards Committee chairman, James M. Flanagan; the president, Benjamin P. Browne; and the executive secretary, William J. Lippard.



Methodist Men's Club of Midway Methodist Church, Route 10, Lexington. Pictured left to right are: Mr. Lonnie Fishel, Charge Lay Leader of the Church; Mr. Carper, District Superintendent for the Thomasville District; Norman Wilkes, Treasurer; Ray Joyner, Secretary; Marshall McLamb, President; Gene Brinkley, Vice-President; Judge Elroy Hughs and Rev. Worth B. Royals, Pastor. Charter Night was on March 16, 1961. Judge Elroy Hughs presented the Charter to the club.



The azaleas given by the women of Wilmington add much beauty to the front of the Home



"Keeping up with one's correspondence is a full-time job," says Mrs. Jessie Mitchell of Troy



Mrs. Cora Kale in the infirmary. Now that she is over an eye operation, she is back in her own room



Nurse Nellie Hailey—Medications are important

You Are Providing A Home

The Methodist Retirement Home in Durham is a Home for retired people. Owned and operated by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, it represents one of the church's finest efforts in meeting the needs of people in the name of Christ and His Church. The Home is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the North Carolina Annual Conference.

The Home is located on a beautiful 40-acre tract of tree-studded, gently rolling hills, just inside the western limits of the city of Durham, and only eight miles from the University of North Carolina. It is between the North Carolina Cerebral Palsy Hospital and the Veterans Hospital on Erwin Road, and adjacent to the beautiful Duke University campus, making all of its facilities available to the members of the Home.

Opened in 1955, the first unit was soon filled to its capacity of 44. An addition, raising the total capacity to 130, was opened in the summer of 1959. The Home will soon be completely filled to capacity.

As a retirement home, only those who are reasonably able to look after themselves are accepted. Preference is given to Methodists, both clergymen and lay people from eastern North Carolina, al-



Supt. Joseph F. Coble

though others are accepted. The Home is prepared to keep a person for life once he is accepted. Requirements are a minimum age of 65, a life of service to the church and community, and a need for the services offered by the Home.

Members in the Home are on either a monthly basis or on a life contract. Those who are financially able pay the cost of keep, and in addition are urged to make gifts to the Home. Others pay according to their ability, and the church, through its benevolent program, provides the difference.

The monthly rate includes room, board, laundry, maid service, services of the Home's physician, the routine medicine and the nursing and geriatric care available in the Home's infirmary, along with the religious and social program of the Home. Each case is considered individually by the Admissions Committee, both as to physical condition and finances. The filing of an application places the applicant under no obligation.

Support for the Home comes from many sources:

1. Payment by members
2. Through the general giving by the churches of the Conference (used for debt retirement)
3. Gifts from individuals and groups
4. Wills
5. The Mother's Day offering in the churches of the Conference is used for the benevolent work of the Home
6. Memorials are available in recognition of appropriate contributions.



One never gets too old to enjoy singing



Dr. McRae of Lake Junaluska, under whose leadership the Home was started, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hopkins, Miss Estelle Murray, Mrs. J. A. Phelps and Miss Sarah Baldwin on the East patio.



Business Manager Joe H. Brintle



Mr. O. K. Hopkins of Durham is everyone's friend, especially if they receive that wanted letter



Mrs. Walter Peck gazes fondly at a picture of her late husband, the Bishop



The large spacious sun rooms provide plenty of room for visiting. Here Mrs. Ella Peter of Goldsboro and Mrs. Vinnie Deyoe of Pinebluff rest after a walk out in the gardens



Mrs. Ella Everette of Rockingham and Mrs. Ella Hamilton of Red Springs pause in the corridor for a short chat



Weaving is a hobby. Mrs. Etoie Williams of Raleigh is making a set of place mats

ing finds the croquet court a very popular spot. Mrs. J. W. Lineberger, Jr., rctor of Family Life, is showing Mrs. Jennie Moore the way to hold the let. Miss Estelle Murray of Kinston, Mrs. Daisy Lindsay of Raleigh, and Mrs. Mary Hudson of Durham practice while waiting for Mrs. Moore



A Well-Rounded Pro

For a well-rounded, happy life, one needs a religious environment, Christian companionship, an opportunity to be needed, a feeling of security and provisions for meeting the physical needs.

These needs are met in the Methodist Retirement Home through excellent retirement facilities, a trained staff, and an adequate program. In the Home is wholesome and well-rounded.

The daily morning devotional, conducted by members of the Home, Bible class taught by Dr. B. G. Childs, the Sunday morning worship services in the chapel and in the infirmary led by the superintendent or a visiting minister, all help meet the spiritual needs of the members.

There is both provision for and an opportunity for hobbies. The most popular of these is gardening. The greenhouse is available for wintering one's flowers, for preparing cuttings and for sowing of seeds for early transplanting. Along with sewing, crocheting, knitting and other handicraft projects which one can carry on in her room, there are facilities for painting, weaving, and woodworking. With an excellent instructor, ceramics become very popular. The excellency of the work in this department brings orders as much as a year ahead of time.

The social and recreation program adds meaning to life. There is constantly an opportunity, under the leadership of the Home's program director, for individual and organized recreation. Entertainment in the form



Guests and friends may buy articles made by the members and placed in the showcase. The showcase, located on the ground floor contains articles made by those with ceramics as a hobby

Making needle point is a favorite pastime of Mrs. Blanche Bulla of Troy



Means A Happy Life

movies, or programs brought in by outside groups add variety to the Home's activities.

Cultural is not neglected, for in the Home there is the opportunity to join a music appreciation group or use one's talents with work on "The News Weekly." The cultural facilities of Duke University and the University of North Carolina as well as those of the community, offer unlimited advantages for one who is interested in art, music or flowers.

Members have privacy in their rooms, but there are neighbors for company close by. Many hours are spent visiting with other members or entertaining guests who come to the Home. Though many members have a radio or TV sets, they often find it more pleasant to watch TV in common rooms with other people.

A life of service to the church and community, retired people miss the opportunity to be of service to others. New members soon find that this is instead of a rooming house. Each one does what he can—the strong helping the weak. Members help the Home by serving as hostesses, writing mailings and in general, making their services available when needed. Other members in the Home are helped by reading, writing for a letter, filling a wheel chair or being a friend when one is lonely.

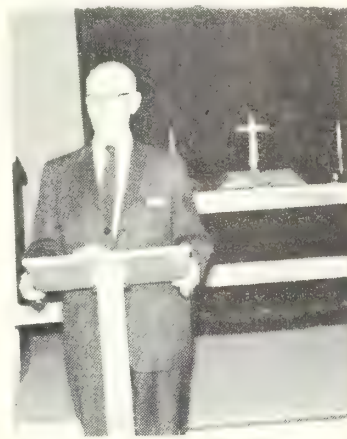
The total environment of the Home works not only for happiness, but for health, security and peace of mind.



This friendly, cozy sunroom is where friends meet for an afternoon visit. Mrs. Etoie Williams, Raleigh; Mrs. Nancy Hallowell, Durham; Mrs. Annie Pender, Mebane, and Mrs. Luidie Aycock are catching up on the Home Chatter



"Did you have a nice visit while you were away?"

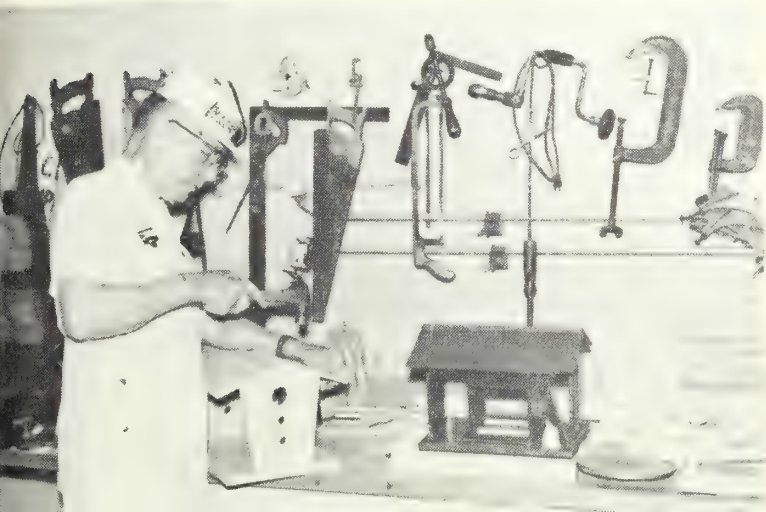


Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham is teaching the weekly Bible class



Mrs. George Parker of Enfield is examining each creation as she removes it from the kiln

You name it, Rev. W. A. Jenkins can build it



Producing the "Home News Weekly" is fun

Members are eager to lend a helping hand in preparing mailings



Retirement At Its Best

The Methodist Retirement Home serves a twofold purpose. It offers companionship, love and security to many who are tired of living alone, who are afraid for the future and who desperately need the services the Home offers.

At the same time, the Retirement Home offers the finest services available for retirement in eastern North Carolina. For those who want close neighbors, so that one has only to step across the hall to find someone to visit, there are single rooms, and two-room suites for couples in the main building.

For those who want more room and privacy there are apartments. Located just a few feet away from the main building, these offer all the privacy found in living in any community, plus all the protection of a Retirement Home. Each apartment is self-contained with two outside entrances. They are of fire-resistant construction with circulating hot water heat. Each apartment includes 1,000 square feet, with a screened porch, living room, kitchen complete with stove, refrigerator, sink and cabinets, two bedrooms, and full tile bath with tub and shower.

Members living in the apartments have all the services available to those living in the main building. No longer does one have to worry about finding a maid, a cook, or someone to fix the leaking faucet. The problem of what to do if one should no longer be able to look after oneself is taken care of, because the Home's infirmary is a part of the services available. The member can eat in the Home's dining room or cook in his apartment.

The apartment truly becomes "home" when it is furnished with the resident's own furniture. A home without the fears of living alone. Extended visits can be made away from home without worry of who will mow the lawn or whether the pipes will freeze. The fellowship found with other apartment residents in the working of flowers and the sharing of coffee breaks, cannot be found except in this type of environment.

Should a misfortune send the member to the Home's infirmary, there is still the same familiar staff to care for his

needs and the same friends to visit him. When the member is able to return to normal living, apartment life can be resumed.

The capital gift which the member makes to the Home for the privilege of living in an apartment gives him a lifetime right to use an apartment.

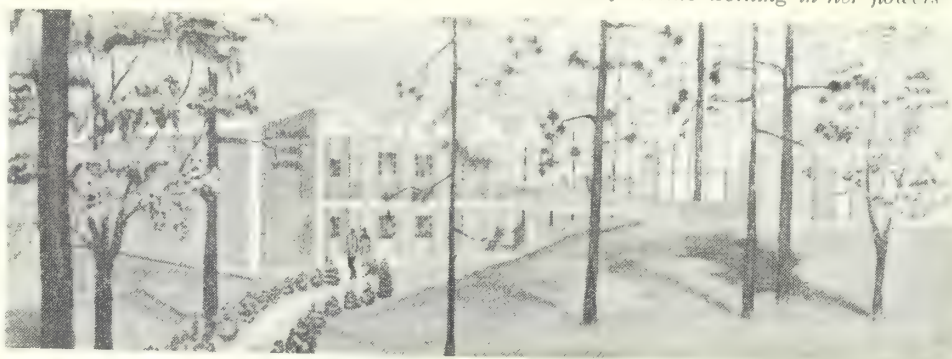
One apartment member expressed her feeling about living in one of the

Home's apartments when she said, "I never expected to be this happy again." Another was heard to say, "My friends did not think I should come here, but now I know I made the right decision."

If you are interested in retirement at its best, with privacy plus protection and security, with the best medical and nursing care available when needed, you should consider retiring to the Methodist Retirement Home. You are welcome to visit the Home at your convenience. Information about any phase of the Home will be sent upon request.



The front of original apartments with Mrs. O. J. White working in her flowers



Architect's drawing of new apartments which will be completed by July 1, 1961



Miss Mattie Pulliam in the kitchen of her apartment

A Good Woman Leaves Entire Estate to Church

First Methodist Church in Thomasville has become the recipient of a large bequest from the will of the late Mrs. D. R. Connell of Thomasville. Mrs. Connell, who died on April 15th, willed all of her estate exclusive of the store which she owned to First Methodist Church. The estate consists primarily of 12 houses, one of which is her own home. Also in the estate are cash and savings, deeds of trust, furniture, automobile, and personal effects. A conservative valuation of this estate indicates that after all outstanding obligations against the estate are paid, First Methodist Church should receive a minimum of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and very possibly a larger sum.

One thousand dollars of the amount bequeathed to the church is to be set up in a trust fund, according to the will, from which the annual income is to be used to maintain the Connell cemetery plot and to place flowers in the sanctuary. The remainder of the bequest is willed for unrestricted use to the trustees of the church. The bequest will not become available to the church for at least a year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Connell joined First Methodist Church soon after its organization in 1906. They owned and operated an independent grocery and general merchandise store in Thomasville which received recognition from the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce last year for 50 years of operation. Mr. Connell was one of the leading laymen in the church during his lifetime and served for fifteen years as church school superintendent and also was teacher of the Men's Bible Class, choir director, steward, and delegate to the Annual Conference for many years. Mrs. Connell also

sang in the choir and served as a primary teacher in the Children's Division and a member of the old Ladies' Aid Society. The Connells had no children and the church congregation became their family. Mr. Connell died in 1943 at the age of 65, and Mrs. Connell died at the age of 79 after nine months as a patient in The Haven Nursing Home near Lexington.

Mrs. Connell was a very quiet person, living a secluded life. She had two great loves in life which made life worthwhile to her. She loved the church and the beautiful. She was an artist and produced several beautiful paintings, and she enjoyed raising lovely flowers around her home.

No decision has been made on the use to which this bequest will be put. However, the major portion of it is expected to be applied to the indebtedness of the church plant which now is approximately \$70,000. The congregation has been challenged by the minister, the Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., to provide themselves such support to the dedication fund of the church in response to this bequest that the church may be offered for dedication no later than November 4, 1962, which will be the fifth anniversary of the first service in the new sanctuary. During the last three and a half years in the new plant the church membership has increased from 435 to 538, with almost a doubling of the church budget.

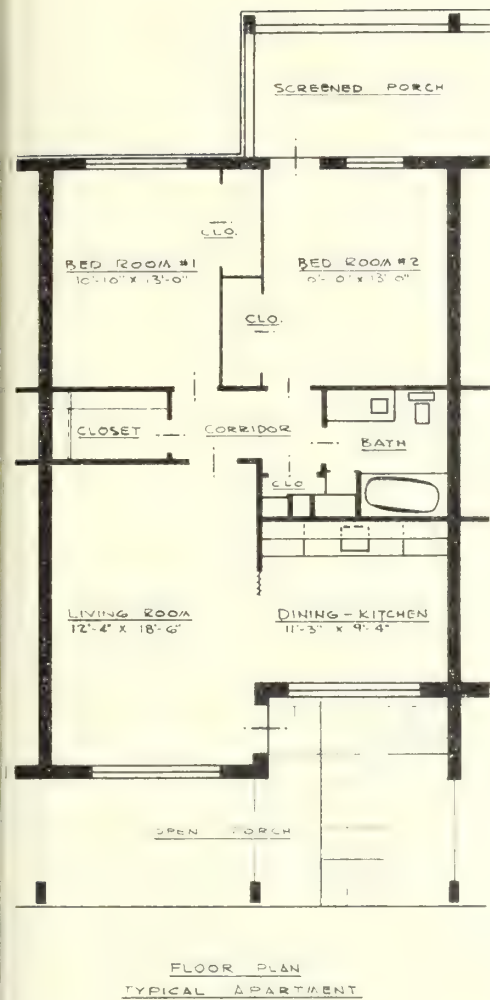
Said Mr. Hutchinson, "Mrs. Connell has set us an example in her love for Christ and His Church. This love she revealed along with her husband in a stewardship before and beyond death. For this our congregation is grateful beyond words and we hope this gratitude will find expression in our own stewardship."

Keeping The Facts Straight

Last October we carried a letter from Dr. John R. Church, general evangelist and member of the Western North Carolina Conference. In the letter it was stated he had written 17 different books, and "20 million copies had been sold." Dr. Church has received some words of congratulations on this large number of his publications having been sold. He informs us that it was a typographical error, and the figure should have been "2 million." He does not desire to fly under false colors, and is hoping the record can be set straight. We are sorry there was an error, no matter who's at fault, and we are glad to make this correction. We are sure, however, that his books deserved a 20,000,000 audience, but he says the correct figure is 2,000,000. Incidentally, Dr. Church is presently engaged in a revival meeting in Cairo, Illinois. We wish him well as he preaches the gospel in his fine manner.

Methodist Youth Visit Duke

Thirty-two young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Saint Pauls Methodist Church, in Saint Pauls, with a few invited guests, made a trip to Durham on Sunday, April 23. The motive for going on Sunday was to attend worship at Duke Chapel. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, expressed his delight that the young people would decide to take advantage of such a privilege while on an outing. Some of the group had not seen Duke Chapel before, and several of them had not attended services at the chapel before.



Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Hartshorne at home in their apartment. Dr. Hartshorne spends much time with his books



Apartment members enjoy having their friends visit them, especially at Christmas



Woman's Activities



Annual WSG Meeting Held

By MARY GARDNER

The 300 representatives of the 64 Wesleyan Service Guild units in the N. C. Conference and the 14 special guests, meeting in annual session at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, April 8-9, were challenged to a more dedicated service by the conference theme, "The Faith That Compels Us." Mrs. Harriett Fralix, of Fayetteville, Conference Guild secretary, presided.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Robert Osborn, professor of Religion at Duke University Divinity School, speaking at the Saturday afternoon session on the topic, "Our Faith at Work," told the Guilders: "Our young people are not challenged by the church; they are challenged by the peace corps . . . The church is growing materially more rapidly than spiritually . . . The church today needs a renewal of the marks of the early church; a devotion to the infallible truth, working together, breaking bread together, and prayer. So long as there are the needy, the church has a mission."

Speaking on the topic, "Widening Faith," Mrs. H. A. Davis, of Raleigh, a member of the Methodist Board of Missions, declared: "There is no greater field in the Methodist Church today than the Wesleyan Service Guild." Mrs. Davis traced the history of the WSG from its beginning in 1920. "The emphasis this year is on the uniqueness of the WSG."

Also at the Saturday afternoon session the delegates elected Miss Juanita Stott, of Raleigh, as the conference secretary of the WSG, and heard reports of officers and chairmen of the lines of work. Miss Stott succeeds Mrs. Fralix, who has been elected chairman of Christian Social Relations for the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSG.

Saturday Evening Session

The banquet on Saturday evening at the Carolina Hotel, a tradition of the Guild Annual Meetings, featured group singing and a musical program presented by Mr. Philip Cartwright of Milburn, N. J. Mr. Cartwright, a special feature at the three sessions of the conference as well as the social events of the meeting, was accompanied by Mrs. William D. Miller, organist at the host church.

Following the banquet the evening session in the church sanctuary was highlighted by two addresses, "Our Faith in a World Setting," by Dr. Thor Hall of Norway, and Dr. Ernest Sundaram, of India, both graduate students at Duke University, and the annual pledge service.

During the pledge service, led by Mrs. L. C. Vereen, of Durham, conference treas-



MISS JUANITA STOTT

urer, the nine district WSG secretaries announced pledges to the WDSC totaling \$14,475 for 1961-62, an increase of \$475 over the 1960-61 pledge. Gifts of \$111 each from four WSG units to World Bank enabled the World Bank candle to burn for 20 minutes, indicating the upholding of the work of the WDSC for that period of time.

Following adjournment of the evening session the delegates and guests were honored by the hostess Guilders at a social hour.

Sunday Program

The delegates gathered at 7:30 a.m. in the Older Youth Assembly Room of the host church for coffee and donuts.

The morning watch, held in the church sanctuary at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. Thomas A. Collins, of Rocky Mount, as the speaker on the topic, "Deepening Faith," preceded the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Celebrants for the Communion Service were Dr. Howard P. Powell, host pastor, and the Rev. R. L. Nicks. During the service love offerings totaling \$216.70 were laid on the altar for the Minga Baby Fold in Africa.

The Guilders attended the 11:00 o'clock worship service at Edenton Street Methodist Church, with Dr. A. J. Hobbs as guest minister. The sermon by Dr. Hobbs, a former pastor of Edenton Street Church, was a part of the church's sesquicentennial observance.

Presentation of Life Memberships and other awards, a program of sacred music by Mr. Cartwright, and the report of the Resolutions Committee were features of the

closing luncheon session at the Carolina Hotel.

Honorary Life Membership pins and certificates were presented to Mrs. Monte Denison and Mrs. Frances Parker, outgoing secretaries of the Burlington and Durham Districts. A \$250 Crusade Scholarship, to be known as the Harriett Fralix Scholarship, was announced, its recipient to be named by the honoree.

It was noted that all district secretaries and members of the conference standing committees, with exception of one, were in attendance at the meeting.

The 1962 Annual WSG Meeting will convene at First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, next spring.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Miss Ethel Bost Is District Speaker

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, has spoken to more than 2,000 women in the Western North Carolina Conference in the last three weeks in the district meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and of the Wesleyan Service Guilds in cities where she has visited.

Miss Bost has chosen for the theme of her talks, "The Changing Role for Japanese Women in Today's World." She gives a powerful missionary message, creating a better understanding of the problems facing Japanese women and of the great need of additional missionaries in this land beyond the sea.

Five districts have heard her message: Albemarle, Winston-Salem, Gastonia, Waynesville and Asheville. The others will be held within the next three weeks.

The Albemarle District had its first annual meeting at Bethlehem Church in Union County on April 11th, with 188 women present. Mrs. Ralph Bisel, district president, presented the theme for the day, "Our Compelling Faith." The women pledged \$9,000 to missions in a service led by Mrs. James Clemmer. Each district officer participated in the presentation of the quadrennial emphasis. Mrs. Fred Lisk led the memorial service and the Rev. Harold Austin, host pastor, gave the meditation. A fellowship luncheon was held, with a short afternoon session.

The officers' training sessions were announced: Anson Subdistrict, May 17th, 3 p.m., at Wadesboro; Stanly Subdistrict, May 15th, 7:30 p.m., at Tabernacle Church, Albemarle; Union Subdistrict, May 17th, 7:30 p.m., Central Church, Monroe.

The Winston-Salem District had two missionary speakers—Miss Bost and Mrs. Charles Clay, missionary to Brazil, at its district meeting held on April 12th at the New Hope Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. The two agreed that the compelling force for a missionary is "a faith in people and a desire for heart-to-heart communications among people."

The district made a pledge of \$30,000 to missions in a service conducted by Mrs. J. H. Moorefield, district treasurer. Mrs. Clyde Faulkner, wife of the host pastor, led the memorial service, and Rev. Faulkner conducted the meditation. Mrs. Alton Jackson presented an original musical skit demonstrating the importance of harmony.

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, district president,

was in charge of the day's session. This district has 87 societies with 4,347 members.

The Gastonia District proved to be a challenging day for all who attended the meeting on April 18th at Asbury Methodist Church in Lincoln County. Mrs. B. E. Callis, president, opened the meeting with a challenge that "we as Methodist women give our time, our talents, and our material possessions for our Christ." Miss Bost gave a second challenge in her talk of the needs in Japan today. Mrs. S. Ray Lowder presented a third in a six-point set of goals that each society should try to achieve during the coming year.

Mrs. Charles Gunter summarized the work of the past year and Mrs. Edwin Ford led the pledge service for missions for the coming year. Mrs. Thad Ford presented a candlelight memorial service.

Dr. E. C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District, gave a meditation, "Faith Is Reason Growing Courageous." Each district officer told of the work in her department.

Lunch was served by the hostess church. Two hundred and four women were present for the meeting.

The Waynesville District kept faith with its tradition of having its district meeting at the lovely Cherokee Methodist Church on the Indian reservation. Miss Vera Falls, deaconess at the Center, gave a morning meditation and Mrs. George Owl of the hostess church, welcomed the group.

Mrs. J. W. Braxton, new secretary of promotion, gave a resumé of work during the past year and challenged the group to greater accomplishment in the future. Mrs. Edith Hall of Sylva, recently North Carolina's Mother of the Year, led the memorial service.

Eight officers were elected to fill vacancies: Mrs. C. W. Sartin of Robbinsville, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Moore, Franklin, treasurer; Mrs. Joe Hicks, Cullowhee, recording secretary; Mrs. C. F. Myers, Bryson City, missionary personnel; Mrs. Garland Young, Franklin, youth; and Mrs. J. W. Braxton, Canton, promotion.

Others on the program were the Rev. Frank Smathers, district superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Maxwell, Mrs. T. E. Frutchey, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Mrs. Gilmer Jones, Mrs. C. O. Newell, and Mrs. Sherman Beird.

Mrs. W. B. Harrill, president, presided. One hundred ninety-five women were present for the meeting.

The Asheville District had 200 women at its meeting at Haywood Street Church in Asheville on April 21st. Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president, presented the day's theme: "The Word—Our Christian Responsibility."

The Rev. John S. Jordan, host pastor, asked in his meditation, "What sort of a memorial will Jesus see in my life?" Mrs. O. C. Barker gave a summary of last year's work, which included \$19,464 contributed to missions.

All of the residents of Brooks-Howell Home were present. Five conference officers were recognized.

Others on the program were Mrs. E. C. Briggs, Mrs. C. G. Norton, Mrs. B. C. Adams, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Mrs. Clarence Edge, Mrs. Charles Glass and Mrs. Lino Solari.

Ardmore Church Entering Big Remodeling Program

Seventy new members were received in the Palm Sunday worship service on March 26th at Ardmore Methodist Church, in Winston-Salem, making a total of 117 received so far this conference year. Members of Ardmore are ready to move into the new Fellowship Hall where services will be conducted while the present sanctuary is being remodeled. The remodeling program will also include the old educational quarters. The building program calls for a new chapel, fellowship hall, and additional educational quarters for the church school. The complete building will be air-conditioned, and the total program will involve approximately \$400,000. Rev. Harold Groce is pastor of Ardmore Church.

Organ Recital Is Held At Carrboro Methodist Church

Richard Van Sciver, assisted by Dorothy Harwell, soprano, gave an organ recital at the Carrboro Methodist Church April 23. Mr. Van Sciver is a native of New York City, and is organist at Christ Church, Charlotte. He is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, Columbia University. He is a member of the American Guild of Organists and founder and president of the Oratorio Singers of Charlotte. Miss Dorothy Harwell, a native North Carolinian, is well known over the state. She is one of the leading members of the Charlotte Opera Association, and has sung many leads in its productions. She is also soprano soloist at the First Methodist Church, Charlotte.

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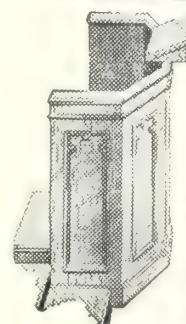
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Etowah Methodist Church To Be Dedicated

By MRS. W. R. ROBERTSON

The day of miracles is not past. What has happened at Etowah Methodist Church truly seems like a miracle. Etowah is one point on the five-point Brevard Circuit. On May 14th we will dedicate our beautiful brick church. The church and all appurtenances are debt-free.

The church was built over fifty years ago at the present location in Henderson County. The land was given for a Methodist church and school. The original building was put up by donated labor, and was of frame construction. Home-made benches served as desks for the school and as pews for the church. We had services on the first Saturday night and Sunday morning in each month. The preacher traveled to his different churches in a horse-drawn buggy. For a few years, school was held in the church, with the preacher as teacher.

Etowah was a Methodist Episcopal Church. On May 10, 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church were united unanimously in Kansas City, Missouri, into the Methodist Church.

In 1942, the preacher's salary paid by Etowah was \$200 per year. All through the years there were the "faithful few" who labored and prayed in the firm belief that there were better days ahead for Etowah.

In 1953 it was recommended to the bishop that Etowah Methodist Church be closed. Thanks to our God and our bishop, it was not closed. We were sent a pastor, and the church started up. In 1954 the Woman's Society of Christian Service started a building fund-raising campaign. We labored, saved and prayed. In 1957 we actually saw the improvement on our church begun. The old church had a complete renovating, with fellowship hall, classrooms, rest rooms, and a nice electric kitchen, all being built. We built a lovely new sanctuary. The grounds have been beautifully landscaped, and that is all free of debt.

The church building value is \$30,000. We received \$3,500 from Duke Endowment; gifts of \$800, \$300, and \$500 from the District Church Extension and the Conference Board of Missions. We sold the old parsonage (built on church land) for



Abernathy Memorial Completes New Building



Abernathy Memorial Church, Rutherford College, N. C., has reason to be proud of its new educational building, completed in 1960 at an approximate cost of \$80,000. The brick structure, connected to the native rock church by a covered walkway, houses six classrooms, pastor's study, ladies, parlor, large fellowship hall, well-equipped kitchen and bathroom facilities. There is a stage in the fellowship hall with footlights and colored spotlights for use in dramatic productions. Coffee and Olson of Lenoir were the architects.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. C. Kennedy a building fund was started and plans drawn up for the much-needed educational addition. Those serving on the planning committee were: Mr. James Burrus (now deceased), Mrs. Ed Cannon, Miss Ruth Lowder, Mr. Raymond Cooke, Mr. Earle Harper (now deceased), Mr. Clifford Jacumin, and Rev. A. C. Kennedy. Later on a building committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Fred Hallyburton, chairman, Mr. Ralph Feinster, Mr. Claude Icard, Mrs.

Marvin Lowder, Jr., Miss Ruth Bolick, Mrs. Charles Cornwell, Mr. Earle Harper (now deceased), and Rev. R. J. Starling, the present pastor. Mr. Claude Icard is chairman of the Official Board and Mr. Marvin Lowder, Jr., is Finance chairman.

The educational building was begun in July 1958, and was opened officially in December 1959 by the late Rev. J. E. Yountz, district superintendent, and Rev. R. J. Starling, pastor.

The rock building contains the sanctuary, nine classrooms, the George T. Whitley Memorial Library which contains approximately 1,766 books, and a basement assembly room used by the Girl Scouts.

Many former students of Rutherford College, a Methodist institution closed in 1935, will remember helping gather stones from nearby fields to be used in the construction of this building whose cornerstone was laid in 1930. The church building was completed while the late Rev. W. L. Scott was pastor.

\$2,000, which amount was divided equally between the church and the present parsonage.

Etowah is very fortunate in having members who can do all kinds of building work. Our church has grown spiritually as well as materially. At present, plans are under way to start building a new parsonage between the communities of Etowah and Horse Shoe. These two churches will become a two-point charge. We are already looking forward to building more classrooms. Presently we need pews for the choir, and more folding chairs and tables. We recently purchased a new electric organ for our church.

Would anyone believe a 5-cent cup cake could help build a church? In three years our ladies made and sold cup cakes and candy, bringing a total sum of about \$3,000. We have given church suppers and served dinners to local clubs from which we realized over \$2,000. Offerings and gifts of members and friends have paid the balance.

The present church membership is 80. We have Sunday school, worship service, and MYF each Sunday; prayer service and organized choir meetings each Thursday, and an active WSCS. On Sunday, May 14, we would welcome all former members, former pastors and friends to the dedication of "the church that was built on faith."

Dr. Marion B. Stokes Held Revival at Camp Springs

Dr. Marion B. Stokes, retired Methodist missionary, began a series of revival services at the Camp Springs Church in Caswell County Sunday, April 23. Services were held each night at 7:30 through Friday. Dr. Stokes is the father of four Methodist preachers: Dr. J. Lem Stokes, president of Pfeiffer College; Dr. Mack B. Stokes, member of the faculty of Candler School of Theology; Dr. Charles Stokes, missionary to Korea; and Dr. James C. Stokes, superintendent of the Salisbury District. Rev. Joseph C. Daniels is pastor of the Camp Ground Church.

Hickory Church To Lay Cornerstone

The Service for the Laying of the Cornerstone of the New Highland Methodist Church now under construction will take place at 3:00 p.m. on May 7th. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will officiate. Others taking part in the service will be Dr. Elwood Carroll, superintendent of the Statesville District, and the pastor of the church, Rev. Roy J. Barnwell. All former pastors of this church are cordially invited to return for this occasion.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 14

DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME

Background Scripture:

The Book of Proverbs

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 4:14; 10-1; 13:24; 20:11; 22:6; 29:17 and Ephesians 6:1-4.

Some years ago there appeared in one of our magazines an article entitled "They Are Not Like Us." It dealt with the surprise, frustration and even heartbreak that comes to parents when they are forced to see their children adopt and follow a different value-system from the one that means most to them. That this is no new problem is evident, not only from a study of the Bible, but also from the "wisdom" writings of other cultures than our own.

The normal parent cares about his children and wishes to have them become possessors of the best that he can give them in wisdom about the art of living. The way to attain this is said to be "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Assuming that the Christian parent really wishes to do this, the problem still remains as to *how* it can be done. Doubtless all of us have known parents who felt that they did their best to comply with the command to "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" and yet have been unsuccessful. In other words, their "best" was not good enough.

There is not sufficient space available to examine all the possible reasons for these failures on the part of parents. Every situation is unique and it is hard to find general rules of procedure that will fit every case. Evidently the author of the proverb in Chapter 20, verse 11 believed frequent corporal punishment was the way to insure good character. This is a method that has been used since the dawn of recorded history, and probably before. However, it would be hard to prove that it has been more successful than other methods of punishment. Even where it apparently succeeds we don't know whether the resultant good behavior was *because* of the beating or *in spite* of it. One reason for its continued use is no doubt the fact that by believing in the effectiveness of this method an adult can get a virtuous feeling while using brutal methods. Roy L. Smith tells the story of a small boy who was found sobbing after a whipping given him by his father. In response to a question from an older boy as to why the father had done this the child replied, "Because he was bigger'n me."

A great deal is said in the Biblical references and in the commentaries on this lesson about parents being entitled to respect by their children. It is doubtful that respect can be demanded or commanded. We may insist upon the *outward forms* of respect, but these are no guarantee that there is a basic deep-down feeling of regard. These gestures of deference to authority may last only so long as the parent is present to enforce them unless there has been established a real basis of esteem. It has been said that we can *win* real respect, but not command it. Here is a good question for your class to discuss.

When we move over from the Old Testa-

ment to the New, we get away from some of the emphasis on commandments, regulation and punishments. In the citation from Ephesians the writer is basing his admonitions on the assumption that the Christian faith makes a difference in the attitude of all the members of the family. The American Translation renders Ephesians 6:1 and 4 as follows: "Children, as *Christians* obey your parents, for that is right . . . You fathers, too, must not irritate your children, but you must bring them up with Christian training and instruction." Wev-mouth has it: "Bring them up tenderly in the instruction and admonition of the Lord."

Perhaps now we are beginning to see that discipline means punishment least of all. Howard Grimes defines it as "the ordering of our lives in obedience to God." Everyone knows that no community life, whether in the home or in the state, is possible without order. Nature itself shows us the power of discipline in its orderly ways. It is man who spoils the picture with his wilful disregard of the laws of nature, man and God. But it is the willingness to conform our lives *gladly* and *willingly* to the necessary rules and laws of home and society that reveals the greatest discipline. So, in the final analysis, the disciplined life is the one in which internal, self-imposed controls have been substituted for the external, other-directed controls which may be necessary for animals and for the immature, but they ought not to be needed by those who have committed themselves to the way of Christ.

Senior Investiture Held at High Point College

Senior investiture was held at High Point College on Wednesday, May 3, at the weekly assembly program. The graduating class of 1961 was presented by Dean Harold Conrad with induction ceremony conducted by Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of the college. The speaker for this occasion was Mr. Marse Grant of the class of 1941, who was introduced by Mr. Porter Holmes of the class of 1939.

Mr. Grant is editor of *The Biblical Recorder*, official journal of the Baptist State Convention.

A native of High Point, Mr. Grant was in secular newspaper work and industrial editing before becoming editor of *Charity and Children* in 1949. He is an honor graduate of High Point College where he was named the best all-around male graduate in 1941.

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Lake Junaluska—The Rev. Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, Lakeland, Fla., will give addresses on "The Message of the Bible" at a meeting here for Methodists of the Southeast June 21-25.

The meeting is called a Bible conference and conference for teachers of adult church school classes.

Dr. Hazzard is professor of Old Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Laymon is chairman of the Department of Religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland. Formerly, he was editor of Methodist adult church school publications.

The conference is for all adults and especially for teachers and other leaders of adult church school classes.

The Rev. Dr. Frank L. Robertson, Savannah, Ga., superintendent of the Savannah Methodist District, will be another principal speaker for the meeting.

Director of the conference will be the Rev. David J. Cathcart, Lakeland, Fla., executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Florida Methodist Conference.

Among other leaders will be Mrs. W. M. Alexander and Miss Sarah Bagley, both of Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Atlanta and Lake Junaluska; Mrs. Barbara Pittard, Atlanta; and the Rev. Harold D. Minor, Durham.

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A Tribute to Mother

Gave a mighty lot of lovin'
Did the one I called my Mom,
Gave a lot of strength and courage
To the home that I am from.

Walked the floor with little babies,
Lullabies crooned in their ear;
Tucked them in all warm and gently
For their dreams to re-appear.

Kissed away our hurts and bruises
Laughed with us at childhood joys,
Served as mighty judge and juror
In the battles twixt her boys.

Taught us patience and compassion
And in faith to persevere;
Helped us grow in strength and stature,
Taught us God's command to fear.

Gave a little one to heaven
For a reason, she would say;
He is safe inside the portals
Let his passage guide your way.

Gave a mighty lot of lovin'
Did the one I called my Mom,
Simple tribute now I pay her
All my love from this her son.

—Arthur Wilson Burrows

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ THE RICHMOND Subdistrict of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held last Wednesday, May 10, at the Roberdel Methodist Church.

¶ REV. ARNOLD POPE, pastor of Smith's Church, Roanoke Rapids, is assisting Rev. W. W. Sherman in revival services at Scotland Neck this week.

¶ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Hamlet, recently placed \$1,000 in the building fund of the church.

¶ ENGLEWOOD CHURCH, Rocky Mount, held a fish fry in connection with the installation of new officers for the Methodist Men's Club on Tuesday, May 9. Mr. Nelson Gibson, conference lay leader, was the speaker and installed the officers.

¶ REV. WALLACE KIRBY, pastor of the Methodist Church at Wallace, will preach the commencement sermon for the Wallace-Rose Hill High School Sunday evening, May 21. The service will be held in the Wallace Baptist Church.

¶ REV. JOE L. ERVIN, pastor of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Greensboro District, recently served as instructor in junior high camping in the Church of the Brethren Regional Training Conference at Camp Placid, Tennessee.

¶ THE COLLEGE BOARD of Visitors were on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College on Tuesday, April 25. Rev. W. C. Wilson, one of the visitors, was chapel speaker at the college. His topic was, "A Man and His Monument."

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES at the West Jefferson Church will begin on Sunday evening, May 14, and continue through Friday night of that week. The Rev. Jesse Johnson of the Wilkesboro Church will assist the pastor, Rev. C. A. Rhinehart.

¶ HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH, Hickory, was engaged last week in revival services with Rev. Dewey Smith, pastor of Abernathy Memorial, Newton, doing the preaching. The services were held each night at 7:30 Sunday through Friday. Rev. R. J. Barnwell is pastor.

¶ PALMYRA METHODIST CHURCH, on the Danbury Charge, has just closed one of the best revivals it has had in many years. Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor of Central Terrace, Winston-Salem, did the preaching. On Sunday, April 23, the pastor, Rev. B. V. Hunter, received 18 members on profession of faith and one by transfer.

¶ THE EVENT to which many blind friends look forward the year long is the annual meeting of the National Church Conference for the Blind, being held this year July 24-27 in St. Louis, Missouri. Get fuller information by writing to: National Church Conference for the Blind, P. O. Box 6999, Fort Worth 15, Texas.

¶ BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER of Columbus, resident bishop of the Ohio Area of the Methodist Church, will be the guest leader for a Family Life Conference May 14-15 at the West Market Street Methodist Church.

¶ THE EDITOR spoke last Saturday, May 6, to the Lee County Subdistrict of the WSCS at Fair Promise Church on the Glendon Charge. Mrs. Gladys Withrow is the district leader. He then drove to Wilmington, where he preached in Sunset Park Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON and Dr. Walter J. Miller will lead the dedication service at Cole Memorial Church, Charlotte, Sunday, May 14, at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. All former pastors, friends and members are asked to participate in the service. The service is for the new educational building.

¶ MR. PAUL ERVIN, prominent attorney of Charlotte and an active Christian layman in the Methodist Church, spoke to an ABC opposition committee rally at Mac Gray Auditorium in Statesville last Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock. He gave his reasons for being opposed to the ABC system and discussed other aspects of the problem of alcoholism.

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Louisburg College to Launch New Development Program

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees in its spring meeting held April 21 at the college voted to launch a development program following a report by Charles A. Dukes, director of alumni affairs at Duke University. The program was adopted as a result of a survey conducted by Mr. Dukes on the financial potential of the college.

In other business the Board adopted a recommendation for the expenditure of \$100,000 to renovate the Mills public school property across the street which is being purchased from the Franklin Board of Education at a cost of \$225,000. Renovation plans call for conversion of the Mills cafeteria building into an administration building and the conversion of the main building into auditorium and classroom purposes. The renovated building will provide an auditorium seating 900, sixteen classrooms, a lecture hall, chapel, lounges and toilet facilities.

The Board voted to proceed with plans to build a residence hall for women as soon as plans could be completed.

Following recommendations by Judge Hamilton Hobgood, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the following trustees were elected to fill vacancies: John H. Hodges, insurance executive of Louisburg; Alton G. Smith of Raleigh, general manager of Royal Cotton Mill Co. of Wake Forest; Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro; and Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, pastor of University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill.

Officers of the Board were as follows: Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh, president;

Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, Burlington, vice-president; A. E. Henderson, Louisburg, secretary; Miss Zelda Coor, Louisburg, recording secretary. The Board also voted to reelect Dr. Cecil W. Robbins as president of the college.

In his discussion Dr. Dukes stated that to launch this program additional staff and budget of around \$22,000 would be required.

Dr. Robbins in his report stated that construction on the new residence hall for men is expected to begin in early summer.

Resolutions of Appreciation Bryson City, April 23, 1961

Once the territory west of Asheville was known as the Lost Province of North Carolina. And for some time the Waynesville District of our Methodist Church was considered as rather formidable terrain. Now it is "the land of the delectable mountains" and compares favorably with any section of our state. It is the seed bed for teachers and preachers—a thermal belt for aspiring youth.

This great change has been the result of several factors but the Methodist church has played a strong part in the development. Our conference has kept faith with the future by sending able men, superintendents and pastors, who have given able leadership and our Boards of Commissions have been generous in their support.

Among those who have labored well and with distinction is our district superintendent, the Rev. F. C. Smathers and family, who are finishing six years of very effective leadership. Every phase of the program of our Zion has had his untiring and wise zeal behind the promotion of the cause. No worthy item has been neglected and his success has been symmetrical and well-rounded.

Notable leadership has been given to church construction and it is doubtful that there has been more building per population or wealth anywhere in our conference. This construction has been for both churches and parsonages and the quality of work is beautiful and permanent. It is an impressive accomplishment.

The unusual thing about the advance has been the quiet way it has been done without official pressure but with patient grace and without conflict. This winsome way has given the Smathers family a welcome and rapport with the pastors' families which is unusually warm and cordial. They seem to be appreciated and prized by all.

We therefore wish to thus record our sincere interest in their friendship and hope for them a continued happy and effective pastorate in their new field, and that through grace and divine guidance they shall know many years of service in the common cause of our Lord and His church.

It is also our desire to give expression to this sentiment through our ADVOCATE, as well as sending the Smathers family a copy. Another will be filed with our Waynesville District records.

Signed:

FRANCIS S. MCFARLAND.
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The Church's Place in God's Redemptive Purpose and the Layman's Responsibility

(Excerpts from addresses by the Rev. Dr. S. Paul Schilling, professor of systematic theology at the Boston University School of Theology, at Methodist National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C. Talks given April 25, 26, 27.)

I.

Methodists, in short, are looking for a relevant theology, one which is integrally related to the demands of every-day Christian living in society.

What do Methodists think today, in the six doctrinal areas examined, as indicated by their utterances in the past twenty-five years?

1. Authoritative guidance for human, social relations is to be found in the Bible. Its central message proclaims the deeds of God and calls men to respond in faith and love. Though it contains no blueprints, it discloses, particularly in the life, teachings, and death of Jesus, and in the religious and ethical teachings which he inspired, attitudes and principles which provide our major clues to God's will for society.

2. The central foundation of Christian social responsibility is faith in God and his mighty acts. Since God is the Creator and Father of all men, his worshippers are responsible for treating their fellow men as brothers in one family. As righteous Sovereign and Lord of history, he demands righteousness in those who serve him; unjust social institutions and practices fall under his stern judgment, and cannot endure. As Redeemer who acts in reconciling love to restore humanity to its true vocation, he summons men to respond in attitudes and actions of reconciliation toward each other.

3. The Christian view of man calls forth serious concern for the welfare of men in society. All men are children of God, created in the divine image for fellowship with God, and all are the objects of his saving love disclosed in Jesus Christ; hence each person has an infinite worth which others are bound to respect. Because of the sacredness of personality under God, Christians should oppose all social practices which obstruct and support those which advance the fullest growth of persons. Man's fellowship with God and human community as well have been broken by sin; Christians must therefore act both to restrain and to redeem the sinner and to control the social consequences of sin and the conditions which encourage its spread.

4. God has acted in Jesus Christ at infinite cost to redeem sinful humanity. This imparts to men an immeasurable worth which they must respect, prompts grateful recipients of the divine grace to act redemptively toward each other, and provides a firm foundation for hope that God's purposes will ultimately be consummated. The salvation which God offers combines personal regeneration and social transformation. Dependent basically on divine action, its fulfillment awaits the faithful, obedient response of dedicated Christians through whom God works.

5. The church is the body of Christ and the covenant people of God, commissioned to carry forward Christ's ministry of recon-

ciliation by manifesting to men God's redemptive love and power. It must therefore transcend within itself the barriers of nationality, culture, class, and race, and seek to bring the whole of human life into maximum harmony with the divine intention. This imparts primary significance to the ministry of the laity in their day-to-day relationships in society.

6. The kingdom of God means primarily the actualization in all human relations of God's righteous, loving will, but also his reign in judgment even when his will is violated. It is basically the work of God; for some Methodist man's role is that of co-operating with God in realizing divine ends; for others, that of restraining evil and thus preparing for God's ultimate gift of the kingdom. Both views call on Christians to seek in society the largest possible measure of justice and love. Only partially realizable within man's finite existence, the kingdom will come in its fulness beyond history; faith in its final consummation is a resource for social action now in accord with its norms.

The truth seems to be that religious attitudes, beliefs, and practices on the one hand and social, economic, and cultural life and thought on the other function in reciprocal relation, each affecting the other in manifold ways. It must always be the concern of the Christian church to heighten the creative and redemptive influence of the former and to channel toward constructive ends the positive potentialities of the latter, while restricting the destructive, antisocial tendencies of both.

II.

The ethical life of the Christian, as distinguished from that of others, centers in and issues from his relation to God, particularly to God as disclosed in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In such a relation the motivation for right living is the desire to serve him to whom we owe all; and the rightness of an attitude or act depends on the degree to which it represents a fitting response to the ways in which God has acted and now acts in human life.

1. From the perspective of Christian faith, the mighty acts of God center in what he has done and is doing in love to redeem sinful men and fulfill his purpose in creation.

2. Christian faith and life, including the ethical life, are man's grateful, repentant, loving response to God's saving grace.

3. The salvation thus made possible finds fulfillment as men empowered by God grow and deepen in love toward God and all whom God loves.

4. Salvation is inevitably social, involving persons in their wholeness, inter-related with other persons in manifold ways.

5. Salvation is realized within the fellowship of a redeemed and redeeming community, the church, which is called to a ministry of reconciliation of man with God and man with man.

6. Both the inner nature of the gospel and the interdependence of society require the

church so commissioned to seek the redemption and transformation of the total life of man, corporate and institutional as well as individual.

Among many Christians there has been a strong tendency to regard evangelism and social action as separate if not opposed concerns. As a result, much evangelism has proceeded with little conception of the reality and seriousness of men's social sins, and little or no awareness that Christian commitment involves the acceptance of social responsibility. On the other hand, much social action has ignored the persuasive sway of individual sin in the social evils it attacks; forgotten the need for personal transformation; urged men to act rightly without relating them to the power of God, apart from which they cannot act rightly; or treated symptoms without penetrating to basic causes.

An informed Christian faith will be no more interested in the glorification and preservation of the status quo than in evading responsibility for changing it. Such a faith will seek not to call society holy in the name of God, but to make it holy by the power of God.

III.

By all means let us have realism in our View of men and society. However, let it be a realism which centers in the deepest reality of all—the redemptive grace of God offered to men in the gospel of Jesus Christ. That grace is an enabling as well as a forgiving grace.

We are living in a revolutionary era. But the Christian gospel is a revolutionary gospel. According to it, by the power of God men are redeemable, and God alone knows the limits of what he can accomplish in and through persons who have been turned around and recentered in him. Such persons will humbly but expectantly place themselves at his disposal, witnessing redemptively to his purpose and power as they share responsibly in the movements of their time which seek a better society.

Truly seen, the church is present not only when the worshiping congregation rises in praise on Sunday morning, but equally on Tuesday night when some of its members stand intelligently and courageously for Christian goals in the P.-T. A., the hospital board, the labor union, or the chamber of commerce. It is functioning on Thursday afternoon when one of its number, because he is a Christian, advertises his wares honestly or charges a fair price for a careful job of repairing a car. It is active in those who, supported by their sense of belonging to a redemptive fellowship, uphold the rights of racial and other minorities, and work for reconciliation among nations. It is present whenever and wherever its members see in other people children of God for whom Christ died, sense the burdens they bear and the struggles they face, and in spirit, word, and deed mediate the love of God.

If the decisions of Christians on social questions are to be instruments of God in the salvation of society, they must be made in the midst of the life which God seeks to redeem. Hence they must be made chiefly by Christian laymen conscious of the church's place in God's redemptive purpose and of their responsibility in the church.

EDITORIALS

These Are Revival Times In North Carolina

Revival time has come again and many of the churches of all denominations have been busy in this field. While evangelism is the year-round work of the church, there are certain periods when ministers and laymen give particular emphasis to this part of the work. And the result is usually a gathering in of the fruits that have been developing all along through the year. Even if the ingathering is not so great, it is a time of "reviving" for church members who may have let their enthusiasm wane. We know that God is able to use, and does use, his ministers of all ranks and stations. It is the faithful work of the unheralded men that keeps alive the church and makes possible its growth and development through the years. But we were thinking, North Carolina has been signally blessed in having some of the outstanding revival preachers operating within the state during the past few weeks. To mention only a few: Bishop Arthur J. Moore, than whom there is no better revival preacher, has been at Central Church, Asheville and First Church, Gastonia; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, famed New York pulpiteer, has preached recently we know at High Point's Wesley Memorial Church, Charlotte's Myers Park Church, and Raleigh's Edenton Street Church; Bishop Paul Hardin has been in revival services at Trinity Church, Durham; Dr. G. Ray Jordan was in revival services last week at College Place Church, Greensboro; Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, of the General Board, was preaching last week in revival services at Front Street Church, Burlington; Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, of Centenary Church, Richmond, Va., will be in revival services at Trinity Church, Wilmington. These are some from outside the state who have been rendering a fine service in this field of evangelism in North Carolina Methodism. Many of the pastors of these two conferences have also been engaged in such services either in their own church or in assisting their brethren. We feel sure this has been "a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." And this is not all. Plymouth, down in Washington County, is looking forward to the coming of Dr. Harry Denman for a tri-county revival crusade June 3-6. The days between now and the meeting of the annual conferences and immediately following should produce a bounteous harvest in the field of conversions, reclamations, and new additions to the churches.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandments greater than these."

—Mark 12:30, 31.

The Church Is Not Dead By Any Means

There was a time some years ago when a certain type of evangelist, in order to draw a crowd, reverted to criticism of the church and its ministers. There were those people, not too well versed in religion nor too devoted to it, who were ready to fall in line with anything calculated to reflect discredit upon the church and its ministry. But we had hoped those days were gone. It seems that most of those inclined to that sort of tactics had realized their strategy was not good, and had become less vociferous. But we regret to read in the daily press of a speech delivered at the recent session of the North Carolina Council of Churches in which a well-known religious leader declared "the churches have failed," and predicted that "our next generation is going to turn away from and against the church if Protestantism does not make its witness felt." This scribe spent too many years in the pastorate not to have a deep appreciation for and an abiding interest in the church and its purpose. The accusation was made by a man who knows very little if anything about the pastorate. He has spoken to large mass meetings but he cannot speak with the authority of experience from the standpoint of a shepherd deeply concerned about his sheep. And while he charges the church with failure, the irony of it is that he is a member of a group which is not officially connected with the Council of Churches in a cooperative effort to give a clear witness to the world. It is our belief that the churches are sincerely concerned and are endeavoring to interpret the Christian principles of life to all the people. We know the church is not perfect because we belong to it. It makes mistakes. There is plenty of room for improvement, but it has not failed. While it may not have made the progress it should or could have made, it has been working at the job, and only our God knows what would have been the condition of the world without the influence of the church. Its work is not done by any means. And we agree with

the gentleman that we are in constant need of a revival that will quicken our spiritual concern, not only for the non-church people, but also for those who are members of the church; a revival that will put new dynamics and power into our churches. We agree with him that many members have prejudice in matters of race, and practice immorality in business ethics, and then go to church on Sundays, but we do not agree that all who are present are called saints. The true minister realizes that there are people before him on Sunday who need help, and it is his purpose so to present Jesus Christ and his standard of life as to help people see their need and have a desire to commit themselves to the Christian way of living. We are aware of the fact that the mere numbers and large budgets are not the most important evidences in religion, yet it is a fact that more people are members of the churches and more money is spent for the causes represented by the church than ever before, and this at least indicates that the church still appeals to people. As to its young people, more attention is given to their programs. But we cannot "program" people into the kingdom. And that brings us to a point of agreement. The speaker declared, and we agree, "the Protestant church today needs to come to a point of humility and dedication to Christ. We need a new depth of commitment to our Lord; we need new simplicity in our ministry; we need a spiritual awakening that will put a new moral fiber in our society; we need unity to work together, a spiritual unity. There are people who don't belong but who are searching for peace and security." We believe the way to attain that is to work for it, rather than to decry against the church.

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A Litany for Mother's Day

By PAUL H. FIELDS

For Mother's Day with its meaning, importance, significance, and value in human relationships:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the observance of this day with its high privileges and rich opportunities for worship, love, and service:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the mothers of all ages, all races, and all nations, who have sought to establish the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the mothers of the past who have have lived, wrought, and died that others might live more abundantly:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For all mothers living, who are in tune with the Eternal Spirit, and whose lives are dedicated to the making of a contribution of lasting value to our day and generation:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For every Christian mother, who patterns her life after the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For mothers, whose lives radiate win-
someness, cheerfulness, and goodness:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For mothers whose hearts are like unto the great compassionate heart of God:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For mothers everywhere, who face life and its challenge in the line of duty with faith, hope, and courage:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the true mother in the home, who accepts her daily work as a call from God to render unselfish, sacrificial service in the establishment of family relationships, which are the highest, truest, and best:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For the mothers whose daily devotion, constant care, keen understanding, unswerving loyalty, unfailing sympathy, undying love, and eternal consecration make of them God's choicest creations, beloved of all:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

For mother:

We give Thee thanks, O God.

"Professors" or "Possessors" Of Christianity?

Recently a project presented itself in our community that seemed to thoroughly interest everyone and all seemed to move at once in the same direction. We were all busy — some worked into the night many nights.

The matter was of great interest to all and worthwhile, too, I believe. The church people and those who do not attend church worked together that the goal might be achieved. I stopped to think—'tis one of these things "here today; gone tomorrow."

If we church people would so suddenly become interested in saving lost souls, we would have a different community. How can we take these activities so seriously when there are so many who are hungry for the gospel? Let us pray that we might have the feeling within our hearts to put worthwhile and first things first.

Someone has well said: "Professors or Possessors, we take this matter of being Christians too mildly."

—MRS. GAITHER BERTH



Members and invited guests of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., posed at their meeting in Raleigh April 19 for the above picture. The story of the meeting was carried in last week's ADVOCATE.

Short Sightedness

Look beneath the social graces:

Laughter often can betray!
Covered by the happiest faces
Often festers dark decay.

He who dons a gay disguise
Often hides a secret woe.
You and I observe with eyes
Heedless of the pain below.

While our laughter rises louder
As a clown cavorts amain,
Hidden by the paint and powder,
He may nurse a ravaging pain.

Many a poet may be cheerful—
Joyfully create his art—
While the shadows grow more fearful,
Deepening in his anguished heart.

Far beyond the glittering main
In the tranquil autumn light,
There may be a hurricane,
Ripening to display its might.

It should be a cause for wonder,
Why a viewer seldom cares,
Though a soul is torn asunder,
If the clothes are bright it wears.
—PAUL MOWBRAY WHEELER
Pfeiffer College
Misenheimer, N. C.

"The Garden of Gratitude" Presented By Tabernacle Church

A Children's Day pageant, *The Garden of Gratitude*, written by Elsie Duncan Yale and Lee Ellis, was presented at the Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro, Sunday morning, May 7, during the 11:00 o'clock worship hour, by boys and girls of the Children's Division. The youth choir furnished the music.

This is a beautiful and instructive program that portrays a true message of love from the scriptures. Gradually, by the differ-

ent groups, a gratitude garden is built up that assures all of the Father's love and care. Then, this garden is likened to a garden of the heart, where gratitude for God's loving-kindness needs always to thrive and grow.

Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor of the church, and Mrs. S. F. Kiker is superintendent of the Children's Division.

Miss Elizabeth Bedsole Is Louisburg May Queen

Miss Elizabeth Bedsole of Elizabethtown, a sophomore, was crowned Queen of May at the annual May Day exercises at Louisburg College, Saturday, May 6, 8:00 p.m. Miss Marlene Wolf of Richmond, Va., a freshman, was the maid of honor. Richard Averette of Oxford escorted the queen and John Rose of Richmond, Va., the maid of honor.

Attendants and their escorts were: Earlene Martin of Bradenton, Fla., and Gordon Edwards of Portsmouth, Va.; Nina Thayer of Louisburg and Wally Masencup of Amherst, Va.; Julie Kirven of Sumter, S. C., and Mike Gregory of Virginia Beach, Va.; Bette Lou Cash of Louisburg and Claude Jones of Durham; Sylvia Hart of Durham and Danny West of Elizabethtown; Ann Woodard of Richmond, Va., and Bucky Buxton of Newport News, Va.; Etta Barker of Semora and Ernie Nylander of Richmond, Va.; Mary Linda Pinkham of Washington and Eddie Roebuck of Arlington, Va.; Marla Gupton of Louisburg and Brinkley Overton of Ahsokie; Gail McNeil of Norfolk, Va., and Donnie Kintz of Kingston.

The Louisburg College Spring Fine Arts Week was held in connection with the May Day activities.

The class of 1951 held its ten-year reunion. Mrs. Kathryn W. Paul of Raleigh and Mrs. Octavia Beard Perkinson of Colonial Heights, Va., were in charge.

Richard G. Stockton (1892-1960)

It is with genuine sorrow that we, the trustees of the Children's Home, record the death of the chairman of our Board on December 12, 1960. In the death of Richard G. Stockton, our Board has lost an able and faithful leader, and the Home one of its most devoted and generous friends. He will be greatly missed.

Richard Stockton was elected a member of this Board in 1926 and its chairman in 1941. Although he held high and responsible positions in the business world and was a leader in civic, educational, charitable and religious activities and organizations of state-wide scope, as well as locally, he was never too busy throughout the 34 years of his service on the Board of Trustees, and particularly during the 19 years that he was chairman, to give all of the time required to attend to the affairs of the Children's Home. Of all of his interests outside of his own family, apparently none was dearer to him than the Children's Home. He furnished wise leadership which contributed substantially to the expansion and improvement of the physical equipment and the efficient operation of the Home during the past 19 years.

He was generous, not only with his time and service, but with his financial contributions as well. Although, at his request, no publicity was given to it during his lifetime, he and Mrs. Stockton gave the organ in the Woosley Chapel. Here we recall the gift, many years ago, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Stockton, of funds for the erection and furnishing of the Stockton Cottage, now occupied by junior high school girls.

We are deeply grateful for his life and for the unselfish and valuable service rendered by him to the Home and to the children who have lived and received training here.

We extend to his devoted wife, his two daughters, his brothers and sisters, and the other members of his family, our deepest sympathy, and wish them to know that we share with them their present sorrow.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a copy of this inadequate statement of our appreciation of the services rendered by him to the Children's Home be copied in the minutes of this meeting of the Board of Trustees, and that copies be sent to his wife and other members of his family.

(The above is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home at its regular semi-annual meeting held on April 20, 1961).

Parsonage To Be Dedicated

Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, will dedicate the parsonage at Trinity Memorial Church Sunday afternoon, May 14, at 2:00 o'clock. Preceding the dedication services a noon-day meal will be enjoyed by all in attendance in the Fellowship Building. Following the dedication open house will be held. A cordial invitation is extended to all former pastors and families to attend these events.

In Memoriam

MRS. ESTELLE HARRELL WILSON

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Louisburg Methodist Church, wish to express our love and appreciation for the memory of Mrs. Estelle Harrell Wilson who passed away in December, 1960.

Mrs. Wilson, for many years, was a faithful member of the church, having served as treasurer of the WSCS for eight years. She was a charter member of the WSCS and held a life membership. Her devotion to the church and her joyful Christian spirit will have a lasting influence on those who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. Wilson had a sincere love for her family, home, and community. She will be greatly missed. Her Christian witness and gentle smile have inspired us to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

—MRS. F. M. FULLER
President of WSCS

Louisburg, N. C.
April 27, 1961

Methodist Student Day To Be Observed June 11

Many Methodist churches will observe Methodist Student Day on Sunday, June 11, and give an offering for scholarships and loans to outstanding Methodist students.

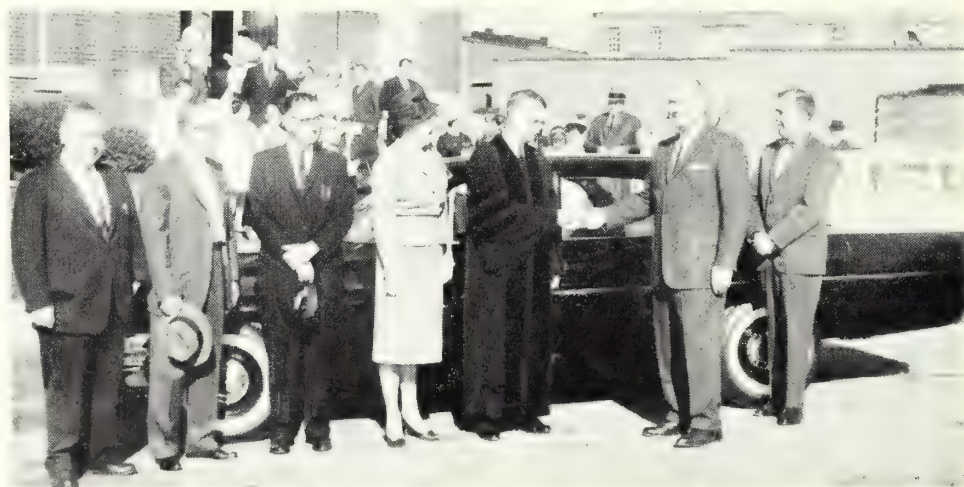
More than 9,000 loans, totaling over \$2,750,000, have been granted during the last four years through the Methodist Student Loan Fund, said Dr. Everette L. Walker, Nashville. He is director of the Methodist Board of Education's student loan and scholarship program.

The funds are administered by the Methodist General Board of Education, which has its national headquarters in Nashville.

Sanford Sub-District WSCS Met At Fair Promise

The Sanford Sub-district of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met last Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Fair Promise Methodist Church on the Glendon Charge. Mrs. Gladys Withrow is subdistrict leader, and presided. Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, gave the opening devotion and later was asked to speak on "A Look at Our CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE." The welcome was given by Mrs. Bobby Phillips, president of the local society. Mrs. Hoyle Kelly, Sr., president of the Morris Chapel Society, responded. Mrs. R. L. Wilson, secretary, called the roll of churches, and representatives gave reports. Two local young ladies sang a duet and served also as ushers. A Life Membership was presented by Mrs. H. T. Wilson to Mrs. Gladys Warren, of the Cameron Society. Mrs. Stanley Potter presented the speaker for the occasion, Mrs. Sam Dunn of Enfield, who is vice-president of the Conference society. Mrs. Dunn brought a challenging address to the ladies on the work of the Woman's Society. Her subject was "Our Mission Today." Mrs. Withrow presented the conference and district officers, including the new officers for the coming year. The memorial service was led by Mrs. George Bortz of the Jonesboro Heights Society. Serving as organist was Mrs. Maxine Hill. The Rev. J. W. Davis, local pastor, gave the benediction and returned thanks for the noon-day meal. A bountiful lunch was served by the ladies of the local society, and a period of good fellowship was enjoyed.

FOR RENT: Modern two-bedroom furnished home on crest of peninsula at Lake Junaluska. Available May 15th-July 7th (except June 4-11). 50% discount May; 20% discount June. Rev. Frank Cook, 3819 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem.



In a recent issue of the ADVOCATE we carried the news item that the Steel Street Methodist Church, Sanford, presented their pastor with a new 1961 Pontiac automobile. In the above picture Rev. Stanley Potter, the pastor is shown accepting the keys from Mr. E. A. Hubbard, chairman of the Official Board. Pictured are, left to right: Victor Keith, from whom the car was purchased; Mr. W. E. Horner, member of the committee; Mr. A. E. White, chairman of the committee; Mrs. Stanley Potter, wife of the pastor; Mr. E. A. Hubbard, chairman of the official board; and Mr. James Cobb, member of the committee.

**Louisburg College Announces
Commencement Program**

Senator B. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw, Dr. Daniel M. McFarland and Rev. Warren B. Petteway of Henderson will be the speakers for the commencement exercises at Louisburg College May 27 and 28, according to an announcement by President Cecil W. Robbins.

Senator Jordan will speak to the graduating class at the graduating exercises on Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 p.m., in the Mills School Auditorium. Active on the political scene, Senator Jordan is also treasurer of the Sellers Manufacturing Co. of Saxapahaw, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Alamance County Hospital, and is a trustee of Duke University and Elon College. He is a Rotarian, a Mason and a Methodist.

The President's Reception will be held immediately following the graduating exercises in the Main Social Hall for members of the graduating class, their families and friends.

Rev. Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church, Henderson, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, in the Louisburg Methodist Church. A native of Kinston, Mr. Petteway is an alumnus of Louisburg College. He is also a graduate of Wofford College and Duke University. Prior to his present charge, he served churches in Swansboro, Rougemont, East Rockingham, and Asbury in Durham. Active on various boards and commissions of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, he is at present a member and secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance. Prior to becoming a member of this commission, he was a trustee of Louisburg College.

The Alumni Banquet speaker is Dr. McFarland, who is chairman of the Social Studies Department of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. He also is an alumnus of Louisburg College. He received the A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina and the graduate degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. An active Rotarian, he also works with the Cub Scouts and is active in a number of professional societies. Married to the former Lillian I. McCain, they have two sons.

A memorial to Miss Sallie Betts, former dean of women, will be presented by the classes of 1926-29 at the Alumni Banquet. A student of the class of 1928, Mrs. Kimiko Yaminishi Motegi of Qokahoma, Japan, is making the trip to the States for this event.

The voice and piano students of Miss Sarah Foster of the Department of Music will be presented in recital on Friday evening, May 26, in the auditorium.

The Good Hunter

"The good hunter is the one who goes to the place where the animal lives. Never do the animals come to the hunter." These are the words of the Rev. Nason Dikanifuwa, used in a recent staff meeting of Hilltop Methodist Christian Center in Sakubva, the African township of Umtali. This was an illustration to point out what he felt was his task. Interpreting this, he continued, "If we want to be successful in our job, we must go out and visit our peo-

ple and not say that they should come to us."

The area of "hunting" to which he was referring is a township of approximately 30,000 Africans. The vast majority come from different tribes within Southern Rhodesia. Needless to say, it is a heterogeneous population, concentrated together and facing the problems you could imagine to be apparent in an urban area but magnified even more because of the races that are stirring within Africa. And yet, though many people live close together, there is the need for the church to hunt them out. Dr. Dikanifuwa speaks from experience, and he has sought to fulfill the advice he prescribes in his own ministry. The fruits of his ministry are apparent in the growth of Hilltop Church.

How simple, yet how profound are the words and the wisdom of this African pastor! Diligent "hunting" must increasingly become the business of every church member and minister in these crucial days in which we live.

YE OLE BUTTER CHURN AND MAMA

You sit there a reminder of things of the past,
Of days when a youth knew you well.
I'd throw you away, get rid of you fast,
Except for the things you can tell.

Your round face is grinning at my every glance
You're thinking, "She cannot forget
The hours on hours (almost in a trance)
She labored with me, a real vet!"

Old churn, you are right, I cannot deny,
Your face does remind me of much.
But when I worked with you, no doubt I'd deny
That you taught me any lessons or such.

Just turn, turn the handle, and hear the milk fall
In big gulping sounds through the dasher.
The butter won't come, I'm in state of appall
And so I turn faster and faster.

If there came from this chore any wisdom or truth
I'm afraid it was wasted on me.
Yet when Mama took butter and milk—forsooth
The hands of the expert I did see.

She patted the chunks of butter together,
Until a large ball had been formed.
To watch her, you'd think it was light as a feather,
I stood 'side her truly charmed.

She carefully pressed the rich golden butter
Into a wooden mould of design.
She patted and shaped it, my artistic mother,
And I knew when she finished, 'twould be fine.

And then I watched her take cake after cake
Of butter, all moist and supple,
And place it "just so" on a clean waiting plate,
I marveled, and learned, as a pupil.

She didn't know then that this humble chore
Would long be remembered by me.
But God has a way of giving even more
Meaning to work than we see.

So ole butter churn relax and be gay
You'll stay in your place I am sure.
You'll remind me of Mama and her wonderful way
Of making work lovely and pure.

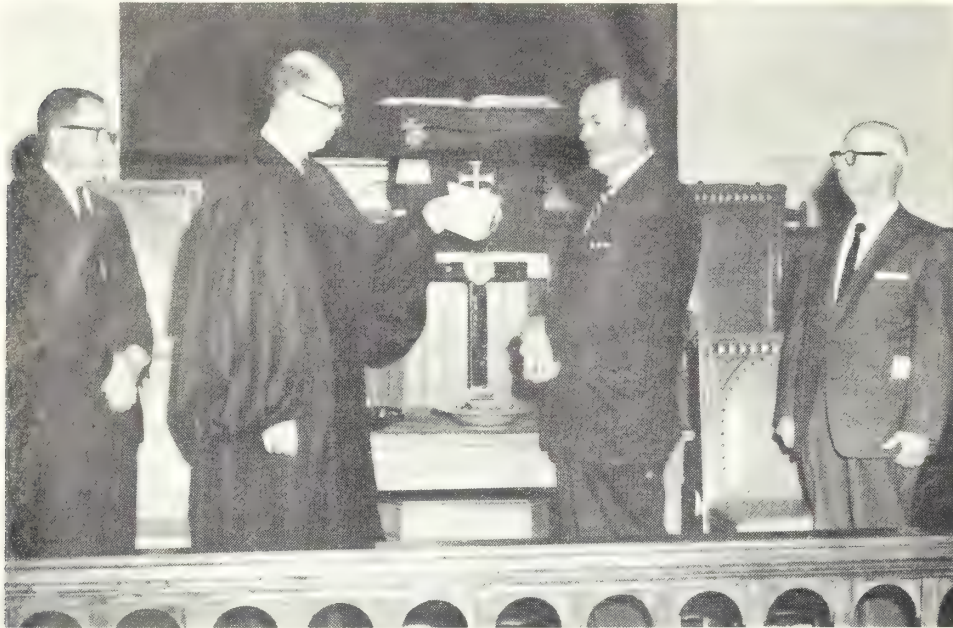
—JOHNNIE SPEAS CARTER

Second Sight

As in the northern climes the twilight steals
So imperceptibly upon the day
That even a close observer cannot say
When evening comes at last, and often feels
That all the heavenly flowers that night re-
veals
One instant are not there and then dis-
play
Their glory suddenly with bright array
Of symbols that the glaring sun conceals;
So, when one lives the long, long day of life,
The gloaming comes and dims the blind-
ing light
So slowly that the turmoil and the strife
Disperse and fade, and all at once the
night
Is calm and spangled with the hopeful
lore
That God has written but was unread be-
fore.

—PAUL MOWBRAY WHEELER
Pfeiffer College
Misenheimer, N. C.

Fair Grove Church, Thomasville, Burns Note



Pictured above is the burning of the mortgage which symbolized the fact that Fair Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville, is debt-free. The ceremony took place during the morning worship service on Sunday, April 30. Shown holding the note as it burns is the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, pastor of the church. Others participating in the ceremony, left to right, are: Harvey Black, Jr., building fund treasurer and chairman of the trustees who received the cancelled note in behalf of the church; W. C. Leamon, Sr., chairman of the official board who lighted the note; and R. L. Pope, executive vice-

president of First National Bank, Thomasville, who presented the cancelled note.

This ceremony marked the removal of indebtedness from the educational addition to the church which was constructed in 1957. The addition contains eight classrooms, a chapel, church parlor, pastor's study, and three restrooms, and was built and furnished at a cost of approximately \$45,000.

Fair Grove is the oldest Methodist church in the Thomasville area, having been founded in 1829. The church now has 465 members.

Institute For Christian Leaders At Blue Ridge Assembly

"Our Unity in the Holy Spirit" will be the theme of the Sixth Ecumenical Institute for Christian leaders sponsored by the Southern Office of the National Council of Churches. The Institute will be held at Blue Ridge Assembly, June 11-16.

The purpose of the Institute is to provide an opportunity for church people to study and worship together on an interdenominational basis and thereby have an ecumenical experience. Many opportunities will be provided for informal associations and the establishment of new friendships.

This institute will be interdenominational and interracial. The registration fee is \$6.00 if paid by June 1st, \$7.00 if paid thereafter. Family accommodations are available both at Blue Ridge Assembly and Christmont Assembly. Write Mrs. H. H. Triplett, Corbin, Kentucky, for room reservations and family accommodations.

Colerain Methodist Church Hosts Northampton WSCS Subdistrict

On Thursday, April 20th, the Northampton Subdistrict of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the Colerain Methodist Church for a half-day session. Mrs. Maness Mitchell, the retiring president from Seaboard, presided. There were ap-

proximately 120 Methodists present, including two ministers and two laymen.

Upon arrival, the guests were received in the vestibule of the church by two registrars, Mrs. Frances Taylor and Mrs. Bolton Parker, who presented each registrant with little mementos from some of the merchants in Colerain. The mementos included a pencil, a book of matches, and a can of herring roe, a product of the beautiful Chowan River.

Included in the highlights of the meeting was a program, at the conclusion of which the guests were invited to the Colerain Community Building where a delicious hot luncheon was served.

Family Life Week and Homecoming at Wanchese

The Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, observed Family Life Week, which began Sunday, May 7, with a Children's Day service at 11:00 a.m., and Holy Communion Sunday at the evening service. Wednesday evening was observed as Family Night, with a short devotion, congregational singing, followed by a period of recreation, closing with a fellowship dinner.

Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day) will also be Homecoming Day. Worship at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, will be followed by a fellowship lunch on the church lawn. All former pastors, members and friends are extended a cordial invitation to attend. Rev. J. M. Carroll is the pastor.

Cashiers Methodist Church To Be Opened May 14th

The members of the Cashiers Methodist Church of Cashiers, N. C., and the pastor, Rev. John C. Vernon, announce the formal opening of the new sanctuary to be observed on May 14, at 11:00 a.m. There will also be a baptismal service and a reception of new members at this service. Dr. L. B. Hayes, of Franklin, will be present to assist in this service.

Special music for the occasion will be furnished by Mrs. Earl M. Denoon, organist for the day, and Mr. Robert G. Ramsey, who will sing "Come Unto Me" by Coenen. The pastor will bring the message on the theme: "Christ Is At Our Door."

The flowers on the altar for the special service will be placed in honor of the oldest member of the church, Mrs. Minnie Cole, in recognition of her many years of faithful service to the Cashiers Church.

The church will observe open house in the afternoon on May 14, from 2:00 to 4:30 o'clock. The ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will serve tea, and members of the Building Committee will be present to conduct tours of the new education building and sanctuary. Mrs. Howard Zachary is president of the WSCS. Members of the Building Committee are: Mrs. Genevieve Wright, chairman; Mrs. M. R. Coward, treasurer; Carol Pell, Bradburn Pell, L. A. Ammon, and Tom Dillard. The architect is Henry C. McDonald of Brevard, and the contractor is C. S. Cochran of Brevard. Architect for the education building was Robert G. Ramsey of Highland, and the contractor was Carol Pell of Cashiers.

Neighbors and friends are invited to visit and see the new church on Sunday, May 14, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

N. C. Traffic Safety Council Receives \$14,000 Gift

Raleigh, April 26—Governor Terry Sanford received \$14,000 in checks today from the North Carolina Trucking Industry on behalf of the North Carolina Traffic Safety Council.

J. T. Outlaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, made the presentation at the Governor's Mansion during a meeting of the Traffic Safety Council's state-wide executive committee.

Accompanying Outlaw were Council Executive Chairman Buck Fraley, Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation, Cherryville, and NCMCA Board Member D. W. Royster, Royster Transport Co., Inc., Shelby. Fraley is chairman of the Motor Carrier Division of the N. C. Traffic Safety Council, whose total goal is \$25,000.

In accepting the trucking industry's first payment of \$14,000, Governor Sanford said, "The North Carolina Motor Carriers Association is to be highly commended on its decision to endorse and materially support the program of the North Carolina Safety Council. No single group in our state is more acutely aware of the need for an ambitious and effective program of highway safety, and I sincerely hope that this extremely gratifying action on the part of the representatives of our trucking industry will encourage others to take an active part in this undertaking."

Marvin Methodists to Worship In New Sanctuary Mother's Day

The new Marvin Methodist sanctuary which has been under construction at 4391 Indiana Avenue, Winston-Ealem, since last fall will be consecrated on Mother's Day, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. H. A. Pruyn.

The Rev. J. S. Hiatt, D. D., pastor of Marvin 1908-1909 and now chaplain of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital in Elkin, will deliver the sermon at the 11:00 o'clock worship period.

The new sanctuary is of traditional design, executed in Colonial brick with white trim. The roof has an accented slope to suggest the upward look toward God.

The sanctuary ceiling is composed of laminated wood alternating 2" x 4" and 2" x 3" installed vertical to beams. Architect Fred W. Butner, Jr., informs that this will bring decided acoustical improvements. Seating capacity in the sanctuary is approximately 417 people. The interior of the sanctuary is painted in soft colors and complemented by the white and mocha of the furniture, the frost green of the carpet, and the deep colors of the stained-glass windows. The pulpit and lectern furnishings, the altar, the organ, the piano are of the same colors, and in harmonizing design. Attention is focused on the altar by its position immediately beneath a specially-designed stained-glass cross-window, made of vividly-colored glass of the highest quality, imported from Bavaria. Lighting is the concealed cove type except for ceiling lights to the chancel area. The sanctuary and basement are air-conditioned for summer comfort.

Varied thoughts are conveyed by the sanctuary and narthex symbols in the stained-glass windows. Peace, unity of the church, Christian hope, charity, holy communion, praise, justice, Matthew, Mark, Luke, Christian knowledge, victory, and worship are all included in these symbols. The stained-glass cross-window above the altar suggests the price paid by the Savior for man's redemption from sin.

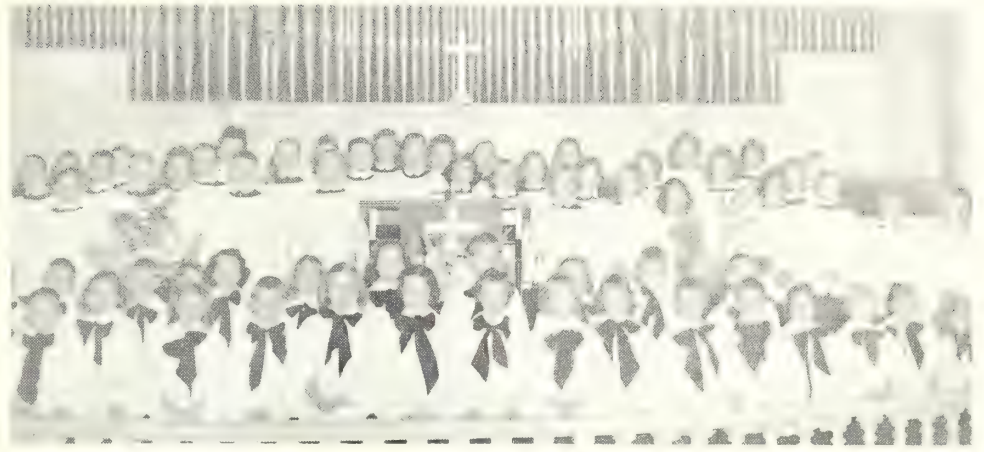
The basement contains a fellowship hall with stage and dressing rooms, a room for the air-conditioning unit and storage. Provision has also been made for a kitchen and rest rooms.

The entire building is of brick, block and steel structure. It is connected to the church school unit by a breezeway and steel fire doors. The structure is therefore practically fire-proof as all floors are concrete.

J. W. Wilkinson, chairman of the building committee; David C. Cash, chairman of the official board; C. D. Cozart, chairman of the trustees; and Mrs. Athel Jefferson, president of the WSCS; and all other officials extend a hearty invitation to attend the Open House on Mother's Day from 2 to 4:30 p.m., which will be followed by a music meditation period in the sanctuary. At that time Mr. Jesse G. Bowen, Jr., one of Winston-Salem's leading figures in the field of organ music, will present a program of sacred music. Mr. Bowen studied music at Guilford College.

The builder of the sanctuary was Mr. Wade Phelps, a member of Marvin Methodist Church.

The total cost of the edifice, including architect's fee, furnishings and the contract



Shown above are the Primaries and Junior Choirs of First Methodist Church, Rockingham. Mrs. Phil Wood is director.

price, is approximately \$135,000. Included in this are the carpet given by the WSCS, a Hammond church console organ with chimes, given by the Fellowship Class, a Cabel-Nelson piano, given by the Friendly Bible Class, and over \$10,000 in honor gifts and memorials. The Methodist Board of Church Extension of Winston-Salem District has contributed \$5,000.

Laying of the cornerstone by chairman of the building committee, Mr. J. W. Wilkinson, will be at 10:30 of opening day.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

Income Tax. A member called the church office, saying that he had reported on his income tax contributions to the church totaling \$250 for the previous year. He wanted a statement from the financial secretary to substantiate his claim. The records showed that he and his whole family had contributed during the year in question a total of \$29.75! The secretary sent him a letter giving the correct amount.

A member in another church asked his pastor to give him a statement to the effect that he had contributed a certain amount the previous year—the amount he had reported on his income tax return. The minister gladly agreed to furnish a report based on the treasurer's records. When the books were examined they showed that he had contributed exactly nothing. "But," said the member, "I contribute through the Men's Bible Class." "All right," said his pastor, "I'll be glad to write a letter for you showing what you have contributed there." The total offerings for the whole class for the whole year were considerably less than this one man alone claimed to have contributed. The member finally decided that he did not wish to have his pastor write the letter, but became angry and left in a huff.

The Internal Revenue agent consulted another pastor, wanting to know how much a certain steward had contributed. His pastor said that he did not know but that the church treasurer could tell him. Then he added, "Though I do not know how much Mr. _____ contributes, I do know he is atither." The agent replied, "That is all we want to know."

Warren-Vance Subdistrict WSCS Holds Meeting

The Warren-Vance Subdistrict of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Shady Grove Methodist Church, Warren County, on April 27th.

Mrs. George Ratterman, president of the Burlington District woman's work, gave the inspirational address. Her topic was, "The Faith That Compels Us."

At this meeting, the Macon Woman's Society of Christian Service reported more to missions per capita than any other in the subdistrict. Also they reported more subscribers to *The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook* in proportion to the number of members than any other group.

They reported that they had sent to the conference treasurer the sum of \$421.51 for missions.

In this year's report will go two Adult Life memberships and five Baby Life memberships. The two adults receiving Life memberships were Mrs. F. M. Drake, Sr., of Macon, and Mrs. Hope Williams, also of Macon. The Baby Life memberships were to Sally Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris, Jr.; Robert Edgar, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. St Sing; Garry Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Williams; Robert Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Tharrington; and Theresa May Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Harris of Englehard. The others are of Macon vicinity.

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Dr. Harry Denman To Hold Tri-County Christian Mission At Plymouth June 3-6

Plans are underway for a Tri-County Christian Mission to be held at Plymouth in the Elizabeth City District, June 3-6, with Dr. Harry Denman as the evangelist. This is being sponsored by twenty-one Methodist churches, together with six member churches of the Plymouth Ministers' Association, namely: the Plymouth Presbyterian, the Church of the Nazarene, the Church of God, Grace Episcopal, Ludford Memorial Baptist, and the First Presbyterian. All Methodist churches of the Elizabeth City District are asked to participate actively for the last night rally. Each participating church is asked to secure ushers, choir members, persons from each church

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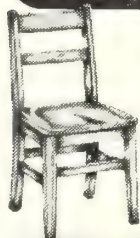
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to help with traffic, and committees have been selected for all phases of planning. A budget of \$900 has been adopted. There are to be no assessments on churches before or after the meeting as it was felt that the free-will offerings would cover all expenses. Dr. Morris Husted of Stedman will serve as guest soloist. John Lowry, of the local high school faculty, will direct the choir. Services will be held in the 2,000-seat gymnasium of the local school.

Posters using the quadrennial theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," have been distributed to churches and business places. Dr. Denman begins this week a series of messages in the local *Roanoke Beacon* and plans in addition to the mission sermons to conduct ministerial training in evangelism workshops both in Greenville and Plymouth on Monday and Tuesday afternoon, respectively. The Sunday morning service from the gymnasium will be broadcast over Radio Station WPNC.

Belmont Educational Building And Parsonage Dedicated

The educational building and the parsonage of First Methodist Church, Belmont, was dedicated last Sunday.

Dr. Eugene C. Few, superintendent of the Gastonia District, conducted the dedication services for the two buildings at the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. E. H. Lowman is pastor. The two buildings were erected under the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph R. Bogle at a cost of approximately \$100,000. The final indebtedness was paid this year.

The education building, adjacent to the sanctuary, houses a large assembly room, kitchenette, parlor, facilities for nursery, kindergarten, primary, secondary and junior departments and a classroom for women.

The parsonage is located on a spacious lot in the midst of a natural grove of dogwood, and contains seven rooms, two bathrooms, and a utility room.

Dr. Few also conducted the Fourth Quarterly Conference in connection with the dedication service.

Wesley Memorial, Raleigh Completes Leet Crusade

The combined church-Sunday school attendance was 271 at the Victory Day service at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, on Sunday, April 23. One hundred and ninety-seven were challenged, and one hundred signed cards to become tithers. Of this number 36 were adults, 41 were children or youth, eight were from other churches, and 15 were housewives whose husbands had already signed cards. According to Mr. Leet, this was the 165th crusade with 100 per cent attendance, and the 94th with 100 per cent-plus attendance at the Victory Service. The church school enrollment is 301. It was the 338th Crusade conducted by the Leet Stewardship Evangelism team.

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I went and did it every bit
Because my mother I adore.

I am thirty.

My husband gave to me a task.
He did not bargain, beg, nor ask
If I would welcome chores galore.
I settled down and ceased to roam
And gave my time and thought to home
Because my husband I adore.

I am fifty.

Life handed to me many a task.
Life did not bargain, beg, nor ask
If of these duties I approve.
My husband, home, and children brought
The full contentment that I sought,
For mother's role in life I love.

I am seventy.

My Savior gives me many tasks.
He does not beg. He never asks
If I am willing to obey.
I love Him for He first loved me.
I'll serve Him through eternity,
And glorify His Name for aye.

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

High Point, N. C.

April 7, 1961

Special Committee on Pfeiffer College to Meet May 11

A special committee which will report to the Board of Education and the Western North Carolina Conference on whether or not Pfeiffer College has met the requirements stipulated by the Annual Conference for affiliation will meet in Charlotte on May 11. The members are Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, chairman; Richard E. Thigpen of Charlotte, Dr. Frank Jordan of Thomasville, Dr. Fletcher Nelson of Marion, and Mr. Edwin Ford of Shelby. Reporting for the Pfeiffer Board of Trustees are Mr. Paul Ervin, chairman; Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, and President J. Lem Stokes of the college.

Brevard College to Inaugurate Program for Church Secretaries

Realizing the need for trained personnel to staff church offices, Brevard College is introducing in the fall of 1961 a program designed specifically to meet the demand for church secretaries, President Emmett K. McLarty has announced. With the co-operation of the departments of religion and business, a two-year terminal course of study leading to the junior college diploma is proposed.

It is the hope of Brevard College in this way to extend its services to the Western North Carolina Conference and the adjoining areas by offering this course to train young men to assist competently in the work of the local church. It is further the hope of the college to provide a service to the young women of the Methodist Church who conscientiously desire to enter a church-related vocation and want to serve the church in this much-needed area.

In order to make this training as comprehensive as possible, courses in Methodist Church history, hymnology, church organizations, audio-visual aids, program building, materials and worship are being added to the curriculum offerings. In addition to these specialized fields, students enrolled for this training will take the basic courses offered in English grammar and composition, Old and New Testaments, health and physical education, secretarial science (including shorthand, typing, office machines, accounting and office practice). Electives

in the area of music, psychology, sociology, art, journalism, speech and dramatics will be available to students participating in this program.

Mrs. Rubie Plant Butterworth, dean of women, who has had previous experience as a church secretary and as a director of Christian education, will be advisor to the program. Rev. Mr. C. Edward Roy, chaplain to the college and head of the Department of Religion; Mr. Louis Miles, instructor in history and religion; Mrs. Grace Munro, instructor in secretarial science; and Mrs. Butterworth will share the teaching responsibilities.

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Woman's Activities



Annual Meeting Scheduled For June 13th

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska on June 13-15, with Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president, in charge.

Delegates from each of the 928 societies in the conference will gather at the Lake in time to complete their registration before the opening of session at 2:20 p.m.

Mrs. C. A. Meeke, of New York City, editor of *The Methodist Woman*, will be the guest speaker at two sessions of the conference. The Rev. R. H. Nicholson of Waynesville, formerly a chaplain, and Mrs. H. G. Allen, formerly a conference officer, will also speak. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte will give the opening meditation.

A vesper hymn sing by the lakeside is planned, with Glenn Draper leading. An early morning communion service in the Memorial Chapel is planned.

Many interesting people will take part on the program. Workshops will be held for each line of work.

The women of the Gastonia District are to be the official hostesses for the meeting this year.

The entire program promises to be one of inspiration, instruction, fellowship and meditation. It is a time that no Methodist woman should miss, say the members of the program committee.

The theme is to be, "For Such a Faith," and the theme hymn, "O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink."

A leaflet on places where delegates may stay is on file with the secretary of promotion in each district.

Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference will meet at Lake Junaluska on the weekend of June 16-18.

Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte, Conference secretary of the Guild, has announced that the Guild Weekend will be a mountain-top experience.

Mrs. C. A. Mecker will be guest speaker at this meeting.

The program will open at 7:15 p.m., on June 16th after which a get-acquainted session will be held in the auditorium. Saturday is a day planned to keep Guilders busy—it includes workshop groups, business session, "The Magic of 13," students from other lands, rural workers from the Western North Carolina Conference, an inspirational program for the evening.

The closing session will be the morning worship service in the George R. Stuart

Auditorium, when Bishop Henley of Jacksonville, Fla., will preach.

The Gastonia District Guild will be hostess for this meeting.

District Meetings

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, has presented her message of missions in this far-away country to another 2,000 Methodist women in their district meetings held this week in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Bost has talked to five districts in their sessions this week, making a total of ten districts in all. Almost every evening she has made a talk to a Wesleyan Service Guild in the town where she was visiting. She often shows slides and pictures of Japan at the evening programs, and each time she tells of her beloved Japan, she adds facts and stories of her many years as a teacher at Kwassui College at Nagasaki.

North Wilkesboro District—Two hundred thirty-five women attended the meeting of the Woman's Society of the North Wilkesboro District held at the West Jefferson Church on April 25th.

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., of Elkin, conference secretary of missionary education, spoke on "A Forward Look in Missionary Education," and Mrs. Thomas Frutchey of Asheville, conference vice-president, spoke on "Program Building."

Mrs. G. M. Kirkpatrick, district treasurer, led a pledge service, "From Our Hands," and Mrs. Frank Hughes, district secretary of literature and publications, presented a skit, having her helpers dressed in costumes made from covers of *The World Outlook*, *The Methodist Woman*, and other leaflets.

Mrs. Charles Weaver, Jr., of Elkin was elected as district secretary of missionary education. The Rev. Garland Stafford told of the 250-acre tract of land purchased as a site for a district camp for young people.

Mrs. Julian Reeves presided at the meeting.

Salisbury District—Mrs. William J. Clayton, president of the Salisbury District, paid tribute to the outstanding work of the district officers at the meeting of the Woman's Society of the Salisbury District held on April 26th at the Midway Church in Kanapolis.

Dr. J. C. Stokes, district superintendent, presented a meditation. The district officers presented a candle-lighting program, "Our Mission Today," each giving a highlight of her department. Mrs. William Buchanan was narrator.

One hundred sixty-eight women were present for the day. After lunch slides of mission work in Hawaii were shown.

Two Officers Training days were planned: Cabarrus Subdistrict, May 12th, 7:30 p.m., at Epworth Church; Rowan Subdistrict, May 16th, 7:30 p.m., at Central Church, Spencer.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Three Districts Report Meetings

Speaking before the Annual Meeting of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Hillsboro Methodist Church, the Rev. P. Gordon Gould, founder and director of Alaska University, Anchorage, Alaska, declared, "People move on the levels of value that they believe in."

A product of the Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska (a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service), the minister described as the meaning of the missionary enterprise "to establish in every nation a basis of value judgments that belong to the Kingdom of God."

Among other highlights of the meeting were a master report, installation of officers, and presentation of awards.

Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. J. E. Sponenbarg and Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, outgoing president and secretary of promotion, respectively. An Adult Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Paul Carr, president of the hostess society. A gift of money for the support of Sudie Hunt Doughton, missionary to Chile, and honoring the outgoing officers, was also announced.

The Rev. Steve Kimbrough, pastor of the host church, gave the meditation and Mrs. J. A. Warren, secretary of spiritual life, led the memorial prayer.

The new officers, along with the hold-over officers, were installed by Durham District superintendent, Dr. C. D. Barclift. The newly-elected officers include Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, president; Mrs. Carl Smith, vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Wingate, secretary of promotion; Mrs. Christian White, Christian social relations; Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, literature and publications; Mrs. Clyde Roberts, supply work; Mrs. Ralph Lewis, missionary personnel; Mrs. R. Bruce White, chairman public relations; Mrs. Ruby Allen, chairman committee on nominations.

Rocky Mount District

The Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service, meeting at the Scotland Neck Methodist Church, had for its principal speaker Mrs. H. A. Davis of Raleigh, immediate past treasurer of the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS and currently a member of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Davis used as her topic, "Maturing Spiritually."

Yoshikp Ogawa, a native of Japan and a student at Louisburg College, spoke of some of her experiences in becoming a Christian. The young student was introduced by Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr., of Louisburg.

Among our features of the program were

reports of Mrs. J. W. Benson, secretary of promotion, and the secretaries of lines of work; highlights of the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS, Mrs. Rom Parker, Jr.; a Service of Remembrance, led by Mrs. E. H. Measamer, and installation of officers.

Installed by Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, conference vice-president, the newly-elected officers are Camille Staton, Bethel, president; Mrs. Carl Wright, Windsor, vice-president; Mrs. C. M. Mitchell, Seaboard, treasurer; Mrs. Willie Pritchard, Seaboard, Christian social relations; Mrs. J. W. Fulghum, Jr., Roanoke Rapids, literature and publications; Mrs. Eugene Tisdale, Conway, youth work; Mrs. E. W. Towe, Wilson, supply work; Mrs. Lena Gray, Rocky Mount, secretary Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. R. K. Adkins, district president, presided.

Raleigh District

"As we think of our pledge this year there has been one factor that has motivated—the Faith that Compels Us," Mrs. L. C. Vereen, of Durham, conference treasurer, told members of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service at their Annual Meeting held at Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh.

The Rev. R. E. L. Moser, host pastor, gave the opening meditation.

Mrs. John Crawford, district vice-president, was moderator for a panel presenting reports of district officers. Mrs. W. P. Crawford, secretary of spiritual life, led the memorial service.

Mrs. Vereen posed the question: "Are we prepared to witness our faith that compels us? Some have more than others, but whatever we have God gave to us. We are all alike in that we all have the opportunity to use what we have: our time, our talents, our material gifts. All have the same number of hours each day; how we are using them? Some have more talents than others, but if the talent is not used it may be taken away. If we give our time and talents we will give our material gifts. Do we think of the needs of the world when we give our material gifts, or do we just give? We have to feel the joy of giving our time, talents, and gifts before we can actually give."

Mrs. M. M. Persons, Sr., of Louisburg, newly-elected secretary of supply work, and all hold-over officers were installed by the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, superintendent

of the Raleigh District.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg has been appointed secretary of spiritual life for the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, according to an announcement by Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Conference president. The wife of the pastor of Durham's Bethany Methodist Church, Mrs. Sponenberg is outgoing president of the Durham District WSCS. In addition she has held other district offices, including secretary of missionary education and service for the Raleigh District WSCS. Mrs. Sponenberg will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. R. L. Jerome, of Elizabeth City, secretary-elect of youth work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS.

**"Lamp Unto My Feet" On
CBS-TV Sunday, May 14**

The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, will be the featured guest on the CBS "Lamp Unto My Feet" television program Sunday, May 14. Dr. Staples is director of the Department of the Christian Family of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



PICTURES IN MUSIC

Nina W. Troy

Jeanette had just finished her music lesson and was standing at the window watching the school children on the playground next door. They dashed joyously from slide to merry-go-round, and from swing to sand-tray. They enjoyed feeding and watching the birds in the trees and on the ground. They marched and they danced, and they played games.

With her music lesson still fresh in her mind, Jeanette was thinking of what her teacher had said about the piece called "Climbing" that she so loved to play. "Why, that really is what the music does," she thought — "like the children on the slide, as they go up and come down, over and over. What fun it is to try to make folks see the playground as I play my pieces!"

Soon after that Jeanette and her teacher planned the following program for her to play for the children, representing a number of things they were familiar with in school and on the playground. She played the pieces so well that they were able to see what the titles of the pieces said.

Program

(The Slide—Climbing Up and Sliding Down)—"Climbing" . . . MachLachlan
(The Merry-Go-Round)
"Spinning Song" Ellmenreich
(The Birds Flying and Feeding)
"Wings in Flight" Felton
(Marching from the School-Room)
"March of the Sages" Felton
(Relaxation—The Noon Nap)
"Lullaby" Brahms
(The Empty School-Room)
"Valley Echoes" Felton
(A Delightful Dream)

"Silent Night" . . . German Folk Song

As Jeanette played the last number (her own arrangement), the name of which the children were supposed to guess, they quickly began to hum their "guess," and could hardly keep still until it was finished. Eager hands waved their recognition and happy faces made the singing of our best-loved Christmas song the perfect closing for a long-to-be-remembered program of "Pictures in Music."

YOUR GIFT TO MOTHER

No matter the price, no matter the cost,
Your gift to Mother may well be lost
Unless you make sure that the thing you do
Is giving Mother a part of YOU.
If you would gladden your mother's heart,
Spend of yourself a tiny part.
Put all your money upon the shelf

And give her a part of your own dear self.
Give her a smile along the way,
She'll wear it proudly all the day.
Give her a word of love and praise,
And see how its lovely radiance stays.
Give her an hour from things you do
To make her happy the whole day through.
For a word, a look, or a garden rose
Are the sweetest gifts a mother knows.

—MARIE WILLIAMS VANDEGRIFT

MOTHER'S MAGIC EYES

My mother had magic eyes, although I did not realize this as a child. In fact, I was quite grown up when I found it out.

When a child I had painted her a picture with a tall birch tree in the foreground, and she said it was beautiful. Years later, I noticed that the tree was thick where it should have been thin, knobby where it should have been straight. Another time, I embroidered her a pin-cushion which had on it the word "Mother." The stitches were far-spaced and not very even, and the eyelet holes were much too large.

I know now why she could say my handiwork was beautiful. She saw not with her natural eyes, but with the magic eyes of love. She saw not the crooked tree with its odd-shaped branches, but the child at work, painstakingly painting her love. She saw not the crooked stitches, the uneven pattern, but rather the needle-pricked finger and the cramped little hand. Her magic eyes looked past the material offering and saw deep into a small heart presenting its gift of love.

What wonderful eyes my mother had!

—By MRS. BRIGADIER EARL LORD
in *The War Cry*

HONESTY

By KENNETH FAIRCLOTH
(Age 9)

Honesty is something that is truthful and honest.

One day a boy named Jack asked a boy to do his homework, which was nine lines of math. (Math is arithmetic). He paid him three dollars for it. That night the boy who did the math realized that he had done something wrong; he had helped a boy cheat in arithmetic, so he got down on his knees and said a prayer:

Heavenly Father, forgive me for doing Jack's homework. I just didn't think of the right thing to do. Amen.

After that the boy did his own homework.

The next day Jack told the boy, Freddy, to give him the homework, but Freddy tried to give him the three dollars back. Jack wouldn't take it, so Freddy gave him the homework. That day the teacher at school found two sheets of paper just alike. The teacher found out that Freddy had written them because she knew Freddy's writing. She showed it to the principal, and he said that he would let her tend to it.

When school was out the teacher said, "Freddy, I want to talk with you after school today." Class dismissed, and the teacher said to Freddy, "Come sit at the front chair. I'm just writing a note to your parents."

Then Jack hurried in the room and said, "Miss Peach, I'm sorry that I cheated because I told Freddy to do my homework." Miss Peach said, "Thank you, Jack, for coming in and having the courage to tell me that. Freddy didn't tell me." "Well, I thought Freddy had already told you."

So never try to cheat anyone, because God is always seeing what you do and He hears what you say.

(NOTE: Kenneth Faircloth lives at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, N. C.)

Thought for the Day

A smile is a light in the window of the face that shows the heart is at home.

Chuckle

Young Richard was just closing the deal for a newly-weaned puppy. He had picked out the one he wanted, and was preparing to leave, when the kennel owner said doubtfully, "Oh, perhaps I shouldn't let that one go. I'm not sure he's big enough yet."

A shocked expression flashed over the boy's face. "Gosh, mister," he said, "I don't want to eat him—I just want to play with him."

Bible Quiz

1. What is the most famous stone mentioned in the Bible? _____
2. What little boy said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth?" _____
3. What tree was in the midst of the Garden of Eden? _____
4. What was St. Paul's occupation, in addition to being a missionary? _____
5. Where were the Ten Virgins going with their lamps? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. To guide the Israelites through the wilderness.—Exodus 13:20-22.
2. Abraham—Genesis 22:1-14.
3. Moses—Exodus 3:1-6.
4. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego — Daniel, 3rd chapter.
5. Day of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-4.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 21

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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THE IMPORTANCE OF DILIGENCE

Background Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-11; 22:22-29; 24:24-34; Eccl. 3 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 6:6-9; 22:29; 24:30-34; Eccl. 3:22

This lesson is the second of a three-session unit on "Wisdom and Discipline." Certainly a part of the discipline of life is seen in the exercise of diligence, a word which Webster defines as "careful, constant effort, or perseverance." The book of Proverbs, from which the greater part of our scripture is taken, has a great deal to say about the virtue of hard work and the sin of laziness. The word for the habitually lazy or indolent person is "sluggard." Much of our scripture for today is concerned with this type of person, his characteristics and his destiny.

The book of Proverbs, like so much of the wisdom writing of the Bible, is full of contrasts, especially of the wise with the foolish man. The sluggard is shown to be not only an unworthy person but also a fool; and the book of Proverbs has little or no sympathy with fools! This lazy man is pictured as inferior even to the lowly ant, an insect which has sense enough to provide for its future needs. By contrast, the man who is skillful (a trait that comes only with hard practice) will "stand before Kings." If we had the space it would be worthwhile to discuss the amount of emphasis given in Proverbs to the virtues that lead to "success." Many of the young Jews, trained in the virtues of hard work, common sense and responsibility, actually did "stand before Kings." Remember that Joseph attained high rank in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon. It is said that Alexander the Great found many young Jews excellent government administrators.

A man may work hard for a number of reasons. He may be spurred on by ambition for wealth and power. He may work hard in order to forget feelings of guilt, or to outdo a rival; or, as in Ecclesiastes 3:22, a man may work simply because he enjoys it. The writer recalls a remark of one of his teachers to the effect that "there are few satisfactions in life which can compare with that which comes at the end of a day's work well done." However, none of these represent the highest motive for work.

The Christian doctrine of work is a revolutionary one. It reverses the idea that work is a curse. In Genesis we are told that man was condemned to earn his living "by the sweat of his brow." But Jesus said "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." In this connection we may note that the opening lines of the Bible are a poem on the work of God, concluding with the verse: "So God blessed the seventh day, and consecrated it, because on it he had desisted from all his work, in doing which God had brought about creation" (Genesis 2:3).

One of the earliest pieces of writing in the New Testament (II Thessalonians) contains Paul's warning to the idlers in these words: "Keep away from any brother that lives in idleness . . . follow my example, for I was not idle when I was with you; I did not eat anybody's bread without paying

for it, but with toil and labor I worked night and day in order not to be a burden to any of you." In Ephesians 4:1 the members of that church are urged to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called."

Our time is seeing a new and long overdue emphasis placed upon the basic Christian belief in the sacredness of every worthy calling. This means the layman is at last being given the place he deserves in the church. He is not a person who just "helps the preacher" carry on the work that the preacher feels is important. *The layman is the church.* Clericalism is to be dreaded as the enemy of a living dynamic Christian fellowship. The layman is to carry his Christian principles into the market-place, the political forum and the world of everyday living. That is what he is called to do. When he does this he will begin to break down the "wall of partition" between the sacred and the secular. It was once said by an enemy of our faith that "so long as we can keep the Christian religion shut up in a church it will be relatively powerless." How true this is!

We may conclude our lesson with a prayer written by John Austin in the seventeenth century:

"O Lord, temper with tranquility our manifold activity, that we do our work for Thee with great simplicity. Fix Thou our steps, that we stagger not at the uneven motions of the world, but go steadily on our way, neither censuring our journey by the weather we meet, nor turning aside for anything that befalls us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

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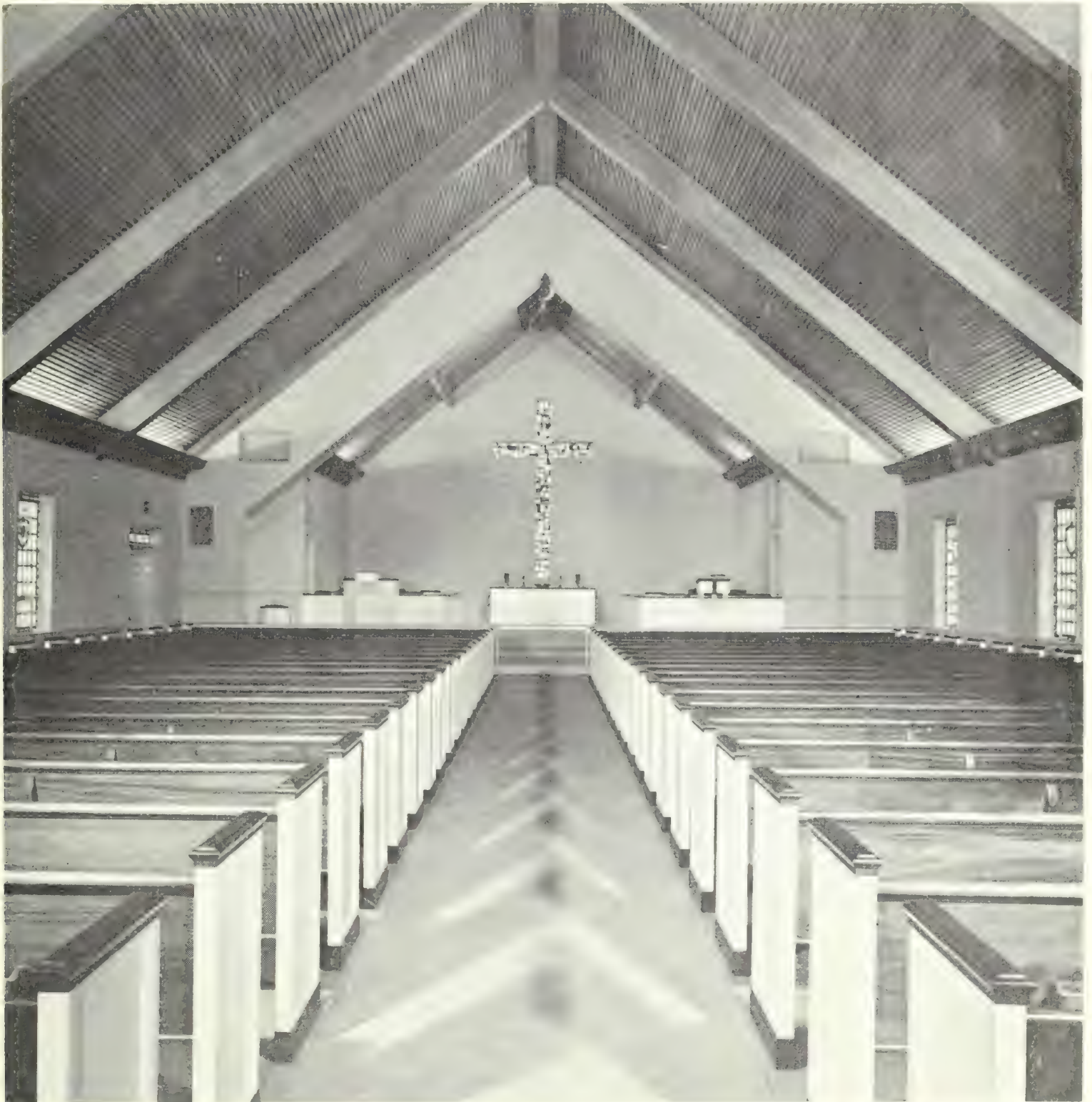
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The beautiful new sanctuary of the Marvin Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, was opened for worship Sunday, May 14.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ DR. H. G. ALLEN of Statesville preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at Asbury Church, Lincolnton, Sunday, May 7.

¶ THE MINISTERS of the Charlotte District and their families met at the Methodist Home last Friday afternoon at 4:30 for a check-up meeting and picnic dinner.

¶ WEST CRAMERTON Methodist Church held homecoming services Sunday, May 7. A picnic dinner was served following the morning worship service.

¶ REV. TROY J. BARRETT, minister of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Warrenton, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the John Graham High School, Warrenton, Sunday evening, May 28th.

¶ REV. AND MRS. EMMETT E. HIATT, JR., of the Table Rock Charge in the Marion District, announce the birth of a son, Emmett Ernest Hiatt, III, on April 21, 1961, at Grace Hospital, Morganton.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES were held last week at the Asbury Methodist Church, Route 3, Lincolnton. Rev. Ralph Reed, pastor of the St. James Church, Charlotte, assisted the pastor, Rev. Grady N. Dulin.

¶ GOVERNOR TERRY SANFORD will deliver the key address at Mount Olive College on May 18. This is a part of the College Appreciation Day being observed by the Free Will Baptists.

¶ BRANSON MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Durham District, will begin revival services on May 28. Dr. D. E. Earnhardt will preach with Rev. L. C. Vereen leading the singing. Rev. O. V. Elkins is pastor.

¶ DR. H. G. ALLEN of Statesville was the speaker for the Methodist Men's-Ladies' Night program at First Methodist Church, Asheboro, recently. Dr. Allen related some of his interesting experiences of his trip around the world.

¶ MR. RICHARD THIGPEN of Charlotte has been elected by the Council of Bishops as a representative from the Methodist Church to the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Mr. Thigpen is a member of the Myers Park Church.

¶ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE, superintendent of the Winston-Salem District, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for commencement exercises at Brevard College May 28. Dr. Lester F. Zerfoss, director of industrial relations and management services for American Enka Corporation, will deliver the commencement address.

¶ REV. A. MITCHELL FAULKNER, pastor of Central Church, Shelby, is this week assisting Rev. E. Paul Hamilton in revival services at First Methodist Church, Cherryville. Rev. Jack Cooke, serving as chaplain for Carolina Freight Carriers, is leading the song services. Special youth breakfasts were held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:15.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. Rufus H. Stark of Burlington announce the birth of a son, Paul Cushman Stark born May 4. Rev. Mr. Stark is pastor of St. Paul Church, Burlington.

¶ REV. R. W. BLANCHARD, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, left May 1 to supply missionary work at Harbor Island, the Bahamas. His address is c/o Rev. William Makepeace, P. O. Box 497, Nassau, Bahamas.

¶ ON SUNDAY, June 11th, at 11:00 o'clock, John Lockman, of the Asbury community, a local preacher who is finishing high school this year and plans to go on to college in preparation for the Methodist ministry, will be the preacher for the Conference Sunday sermon at Asbury, near Lincolnton.

¶ MRS. A. R. BELL, wife of Rev. A. R. Bell, a superannuated preacher of the Western North Carolina Conference, has been in the Lee County Hospital recently suffering from a heart attack. She has returned to her home in carthage, and thanks her many friends for their kindnesses both while in the hospital and previously.

¶ REV. W. R. BRANTLEY, pastor of Faith Methodist Church, Gastonia, will be the commencement speaker at the Dawson Springs, Kentucky High School May 29th. This is the high school from which Mr. Brantley graduated several years ago. In his absence, the Rev. Kenneth Horn, minister of education at First Church, Charlotte, will preach May 28th at Faith.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES were in progress last week at Trinity Memorial Methodist Church at Trinity, with Rev. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor of Central Terrace, Winston-Salem, assisting the Rev. J. L. Oakley, pastor of Trinity Church. Choirs from seven neighboring churches assisted in the services. On Sunday night the choir was from Mount Vernon and Prospect; Monday, Trinity Baptist; Tuesday, Archdale Friends; Wednesday, Hopewell; Thursday, Archdale Methodist; and Friday, Fairview.

¶ THE J. C. SMALLEY family has arrived in Fremont, N. C., from Cuba. They left behind three married daughters, an orange grove, and all their worldly possessions. The Fremont Methodist Church became interested in them as refugees from Castro's Cuba and has raised \$220 in cash, plus linens, furniture, and food, to show its appreciation and concern. An interdenominational committee got busy to give the new inhabitants a house-warming, and make them feel at home.

¶ The Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church will observe Homecoming Day on May 21. The guest speaker will be the immediate former pastor, Reverend Neil Thompson, who is now serving Fair Bluff Methodist Church. Following the morning worship service an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds will be held for members, out of town members, and visiting friends. Reverend Paul W. Boone is the current pastor.

¶ DR. WENDELL PATTON, president of High Point College, was the featured speaker at Pfeiffer College's Honors Day Program on Monday, May 15th, at 10 a.m. in Mitchell Gymnasium.

¶ DR. JOHN W. RUSTIN, of Kingsport, Tennessee, was the speaker at the meeting of the Methodist Men's Club of First Church, Charlotte, last Monday evening. New officers were elected for the coming year.

¶ REV. AND MRS. TROY J. BARRETT shared a dialogue sermon on the home and family at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Warrenton, on Sunday, May 7th, the beginning of National Family Week.

¶ HOMECOMING SERVICES will be held at Fair Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville District, at 11:00 o'clock June 4. Dr. Allen Best, vice-president of Greensboro College, will be the speaker, according to the Rev. Dwight Pyatt, pastor of the church.

¶ CHAPLAIN RICHARD BRAUNSTEIN (Major) has been critically ill in the hospital for several months. At the time of his illness he was serving as interim pastor of the Middleburg Charge. Chaplain Braunstein is a member of the New York Conference.

¶ THE REV. R. E. FOWLKES, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Edenton, will preach the commencement sermon for the John A. Holmes High School Sunday evening May 28th. The services will be held in the high school auditorium.

¶ REV. THOMAS A. COLLINS, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College Rocky Mount, is this week assisting Rev. W. M. Jeffries in revival services at Whitakers Methodist Church. Services began last Sunday at 7:30 and will run through Friday evening, May 19th.

¶ Ben McDonald WECT Television news reporter, was the guest speaker for the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Men's Club on May 9. This was the annual ladies' night observance and was well attended by members and their wives.

¶ The Tuscarora Methodist Church of the New Bern District will observe their annual Homecoming Day service on May 21, 1961, at the 11 o'clock hour. All former pastors, members, and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. There will be a picnic dinner served on the grounds immediately after worship service.

¶ Mount Carmel Church, on the Gillburg charge, celebrated Home-Coming and the 104 anniversary of the organizing of the church on Sunday May 14, at the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. Donald F. Funderburk is pastor. A picnic lunch was enjoyed at the noon hour, and in the afternoon a song service was directed by Mr. L. D. Myrick, church lay leader.

¶ Dr. Ralph A. Herring, who has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem for the past 25 years has, at his own request, been released from his duties as pastor. He expects to be engaged in writing books and articles, conducting seminars and meetings, particularly with college students and young men entering the ministry, conducting lectures and holding revival meetings.

THE ANNUAL YADKIN College homecoming was held last Saturday, May 13. The program began at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald of Charlotte was speaker for the occasion. A picnic dinner was served. Mrs. Mary Lee Greene Rozzell is president of the association and Mrs. Mayree Oakes Greene is secretary.

IT WAS THE PRIVILEGE of the editor to speak to the Methodist Men's Club of the Morris Chapel Church at Walkertown last Sunday at their 8:00 a.m. breakfast meeting. This club was organized some months ago and is doing a magnificent work. Around 45 men were present for the very fine ham-and-egg breakfast prepared by Henry Bennett and his corps of assistant cooks. This was a delightful meal and was enjoyed by all. Announcement was made during the meeting that Mr. R. F. Morris, Sr., was contributing a water cooler to the church. Plans were also announced for the dedication of the educational building the first Sunday in June. A list of officers for the coming year was announced. The Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor of the church and is in very high favor with his people.

High Point College Commencement Program

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, announced this week the plans for the 38th graduation ceremony to be held on Sunday, May 28th.

The principal speaker for the Sunday afternoon ceremony to be held in Memorial Auditorium at 3:30, will be the Honorable Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina. Degrees will be granted to some 159 graduating seniors.

The baccalaureate service will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m., in Memorial Auditorium with the sermon by Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Jordan is a trustee emeritus of High Point College and former pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point.

High Point College, as previously announced, will confer three honorary degrees at this May graduation. The three recipients are Governor Sanford, who will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws; Rev. Clifford Peace, who will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity; and Rev. Ralph Taylor, who will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

High Point District Wesleyan Service Guild

Two hundred thirty members from the seventeen Wesleyan Service Guild units of the High Point District held their first annual meeting at Wesley Memorial Church on Monday evening, May 1. Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan and China, spoke to the group on the women of Japan.

District and conference officers of the WSG and WSCS were well represented, and one Jurisdiction officer was present. Dinner was served buffet style at 6:45 p.m. May baskets and Maypoles expressed the traditions of the day. Beautiful spring flowers were used in both foyer and dining room.

Special Program On Station WBT May 24

Radio Station WBT in Charlotte is giving a one-hour program on "The Methodist Church" on Wednesday night, May 24th, at 8:00 o'clock, which will be the 223rd anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience. Methodists within this area are invited to listen to this program on Methodism.

It will include featured music by several Methodist congregations and choirs, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Area will speak, and the following will have parts: Dr. Horace McSwain of the Board of Missions; Powell Majors, Lay Leader of Charlotte District; Dr. Walter J. Miller, District Superintendent, The Reverend Douglas Corriher, The Reverend Richard Crowder, The Reverend George Robinson, and The Reverend William Butler. The program has been planned by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon.

Students Give Surprise Party For Miss Clarice Bowman

Miss Clarice Bowman, Assistant Professor of Religious Education at High Point College, was the guest of honor this past Monday evening at a surprise party given in her honor by students at the college. Miss Bowman is leaving her teaching position at the college to accept a faculty position in the Bangor Theological College in Bangor, Maine. This party was the students way of showing their appreciation for the work which Miss Bowman has done while teaching at High Point College.

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The Rev. Dr. Marion J. Creeger has announced that he will retire next year as executive secretary of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, Washington, D. C. A member of the New York East Conference for 41 years, he has held the national post since 1953.

Bishop Garber To Officiate At Three Churches May 21

Three Methodist churches of Henderson will have dedication services on Sunday, May 21, with formal consecration of some of their buildings. Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, who is the presiding officer of the North Carolina Conference, will spend most of the day leading in the ceremonies.

The new educational building of the First Methodist church will be dedicated at services at 11 a. m. Participating in addition to the bishop and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Petteway, will be Rev. G. S. Eubank, of Raleigh district superintendent; Dr. A. P. Brantley, of Raleigh, and Rev. A. S. Parker, of Carrboro, former pastors, and J. W. Jenkins and Jasper B. Hicks, local laymen.

In the afternoon Bishop Garber will officiate at similar ceremonies at City Road Methodist church and Wesley Methodist church.

Under the Methodist system, a building may not be dedicated until it is free of debt. All three churches have paid the last of obligations incurred in erecting their buildings.

Several other former pastors are to have part in the First Methodist program, which relates to the educational building, completed several years ago, and which has now been cleared of all debt encumbrances.

Dr. Taylor Addresses Conference

Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, addressed the conference on the subject, "The Making of Appointments." It was a very enlightening and timely address, directed to the pastors and members of the Pastoral Relations Committees present. With the meeting of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference coming June 7-11 at Lake Junaluska, at which time the pastors receive their annual appointments, Dr. Taylor's remarks were very appropriate.

There were approximately 400 persons in attendance at this special session of the district conference.

Dedication Of Parsonage And Memorial Day At Tabernacle



Rev. James M. Armstrong, Jr., pastor of Thrift Methodist Church, Paw Creek, will be the guest speaker for the annual Memorial Day service at Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro District, Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Lynn Horney, chairman of memoirs, will be in charge of the service, held in honor of those who have died during the past year.

Immediately following the memorial mes-

sage, the service will be concluded at the parsonage with the dedication led by Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District. Following the dedication and open house at the parsonage, there will be a picnic lunch for members and visitors. Families have been asked to bring picnic baskets.

Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor of the church.

EDITORIALS

A Strange Way Of Reasoning

There is a strange sort of reasoning in the minds of some people with reference to certain evils of the day. For instance, we read recently an article by a man in a city where they were preparing to vote on whether to legalize liquor. After laying the foundation for his argument, he referred to the opposition by church people. He went on to say that he was an official member of one of the largest churches in the community; but he urged people to vote in favor of the liquor interests. As we see it, it was a matter of putting his desire for the success of the liquor interests above his desire to be a good Christian. It was as simple as that! He, along with others, take the position that we must have taxes from liquor in order to educate our children. Many of the people in the legislature through the years have taken that same position. If only they would reason intelligently, they could be convinced that only a fraction of the money spent for liquor and its attendant evils, such as wrecks, broken homes, court costs, crimes, loss of time, big profits for the distillers, salesmen, clerks, etc., would provide well for our educational needs, and the rest could be used for other purposes. Maybe this is not so much strange reasoning as it is just a lack of good gumption. Many business places give their employees Christmas parties, and some of them feel they must serve intoxicants. Of all times, this is not the time for it. People do not reach such decisions by reason, but drift into it through a lack of reason. They may think they have intelligence, but they are not using it. Those responsible for producing television and radio programs and moving picture films have the strange idea that there must be drinking, murder, thievery, and such like to appeal to the public. We sometimes wonder about the crime wave among youth, when as a matter of fact that is what they are being fed on, and there is where they get their ideals. If people responsible could only realize the great injustice they are doing the young people and others in these things it seems they would want to improve these situations. There are too few television programs today in which there is not an overwhelming emphasis on drinking, shooting, robbing, sex, and the like. Recently we received a notice and an invitation to attend a meeting in another city and another state having to do with the line of work we are concerned about. But in giving the program,

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."—phil. 4:8.

there was provision made for a cocktail party on two occasions. When we came to that statement we immediately threw the whole program into the wastebasket. We do not intend knowingly to be a party to anything that promotes or tolerates that which is destructive. And we cannot see how anyone who desires to be a genuine Christian could agree to such. One of our troubles is that we have been too gullible for every evil suggestion that comes along. We need to believe something strongly and give ourselves to it diligently and uncompromisingly. It is a reflection on the intelligence of people to assume they would indulge in something that deadens the nerves, dulls the brain, and destroys their resistance to evil. Our people deserve better things. Let's set before them high ideals and challenge them to live usefully and thereby contribute to their own happiness.

Put The Advocate In The Budget

As churches are now making up budgets for the coming conference year we would like to suggest the advisability of including in those budgets the matter of sending the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** to every family in the church. There are many reasons for this. We would remind our people that the **Advocate** is owned by the two conferences and should be supported by them. But the major reason is the contribution the **Advocate** can and will make to the churches and the individual members by keeping them informed of the programs, workings, and movements of Methodism. An uninformed church is not likely to be as active and cooperative as one that is informed. There is no better way to be informed than by reading the church paper. Furthermore, the **Advocate** furnishes good literature for the family. It is worth the price just to keep the Christian ideal before the family all the time. Again, the **Advocate** is the only publication that deals with the church right down at the grass roots on the local level. It does not specialize in feature articles, but, while it carries

some of these, it seeks to furnish information and inspiration from the standpoint of the two conferences. Sometimes people want to use the church paper for publicity purposes but do not support it sufficiently. The **Advocate** renders a service not rendered by any other publication. We regret to say that some other sections of Methodism seem to support their conference paper better than we do in North Carolina. We feel sure that plans could be worked out whereby the paper could be financed by the church, or if preferred, it could be financed by the individual families. Brethren, our **North Carolina Christian Advocate** stands at the top of the list in its appearance and its content. Let's build its subscription list to the point that it will be second to none in its circulation. It will be a paying proposition for all who put it in the homes of their people. Now is the time to act.

Time To Plan For Vacation Church Schools

In most instances vacation church schools are held immediately following the closing of the public schools for the summer. That points up the fact that right now is the time when churches and church school workers are making plans for such programs. The vacation school offers an opportunity for religious instruction, combined with recreation, to be given children just out of week-day public classes. It is impossible to evaluate the lasting good accomplished in this way. June, July, and August will witness many such vacation schools being conducted in the various denominations. Many workers will be engaged in a voluntary service where results may not be immediately noticeable, but will bear fruit in the years to come as a result of information obtained and ideals instilled during vacation Bible school. It is a good time for churches to plan for such a program.

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By INGVAR HADDAL of Norway

I'll tell you one thing and I think it is a fact: you will not be too impressed by our churches when you see them, especially if you come from some metropolitan church in the great continent beyond the seas.

But we do have churches, about 70 of them, four of which you will find in Oslo. And do we love them!

End of February Bishop Odd Hagen dedicated the new Central Church, five minutes' walk from the Royal Castle. The congregation is 73 years old and had an old church on the same site. They tore it down three years ago and built this modern central building where our home missions and youth work have their headquarters.

Said the Lord Mayor of Oslo during the dedication service: "We are not at all surprised that the Methodists succeeded in erecting this building. We know them as people full of initiative and readiness to give to the cause which means so much to them. To a great extent they have relieved the sufferings of those in this town who so much needed their ministries of comfort and relief."

The new Central Church seats about 550 and is situated close to the Philadelphia Hall where the World Methodist Conference will meet August 17-25.

The First Methodist Church seats about the same number and is decorated by one of our most distinguished artists. Lovely indeed is the Immanuel Church built some five years ago and seating 300. Our smallest church is called Elin.

In Oslo we have our publishing house, two orphanages, one home for old people and one of our three hospitals. The Methodist Church has several homes for children and for aged people in different parts of the country. A year ago our Crown Prince Harald dedicated a home for young apprentices coming from our orphanages, the institution being named after the Crown Prince by his kind permission.

Bethesda, Danbury, Holds Revival and Homecoming

Bethesda Methodist Church of the Danbury Charge Winston-Salem District had an excellent revival the week of April 30 to May 5 with the pastor's brother, the Rev. Robert Hunter doing the preaching. There were many rededications along with 3 by profession of faith and two by transfer coming into the church.

Bethesda has just completed an addition to the educational plant along with some remodeling of the old unit which provided space for a new class for pre-school children. A large assembly room along with a new kitchen and dining area have been provided. The value of work done was \$6,000.

Bethesda will observe its annual homecoming Sunday, June 4 with service at 11:15 followed by dinner on the ground. In the afternoon there will be a short service with singing. All former pastors and friends are invited to take part in these services, Billy V. Hunt is pastor.

WNC Conference Caravan To Scandinavia



The Western North Carolina Conference has sponsored a caravan to Scandinavia for several years through its Boards of Mission and Education under the leadership of Dr. Carl H. King and Dr. Horace R. McSwain. In recent years a caravan has also come from Scandinavia to W.N.C.

This year the caravan, as in all other years, is a carefully-selected group of older youth. All have special talents to contribute to the team efforts and all have had a wide range of experience in youth work which, in most cases, included district and conference levels.

The caravan will sail from New York June 17 on the *Independence*. Reaching Naples on June 25, the caravan will experi-

ence two weeks of sightseeing before beginning the work of the caravan on July 10.

Beginning on July 10 in Fredericia, Denmark, the caravan will meet with Methodist church groups and camps in Denmark until July 17, will be in Sweden July 17-24, in Finland July 25 to August 2, in Sweden August 3, Denmark August 4, back to Sweden August 5 to 8. August 8 will enter Norway where caravan will work until the World Methodist Conference, August 17. Most of the caravan will fly home after visiting the World Methodist Conference in its opening days, August 17-18. Rev. G. W. Bumgarner and Oscar Smith will remain as delegates to the conference, returning home on August 24 and 25, respectively.

Magazine Opposes Tax Aid

World Outlook, in its May issue, has come out strongly against the use of federal funds for other than public schools and asserts that Roman Catholic political activity in behalf of tax funds for parochial schools "could undo all the friendly efforts that have been made to build a better spirit between Catholic and Protestant in America."

The magazine is published in New York by the Board of Missions. Its editors are Miss Dorothy McConnell and the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle.

First Of Its Kind In U. S.

Kanichi Miyama was the first Japanese Christian convert in America. A two-day celebration April 29-30 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the congregation which grew out of the nucleus of young Christian centered by Miyama. Today it is Pine Methodist Church of San Francisco, the first Japanese Christian Church in the U. S. Its former building was destroyed in the earthquake and fire in 1906. One example of its service was an English language school that served a total of 6,000 students from 1900 to 1920.

Cubans To Join Brevard College Faculty Next Year

Mr. and Mrs. Mario P. Perez, of Havana, Cuba, will join the Brevard College faculty next year. Mr. Perez, who is assisting in the college business office this semester, will teach Advanced Spanish and Accounting. His wife will teach beginning Spanish.

For fourteen years Mr. Perez was a member of the faculty at Candler College, Marianao, Cuba, where he began teaching area. From 1953 to 1960 he was head of the Havana Military Academy's Business Department, and also Senior Professor of Accounting at the Masonic University of Cuba.

Mrs. Perez received her Ph.D. degree in Education at the University of Havana, and has been teaching for 15 years at Candler College.

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Norman G. Byar, Media, Pa., has been elected director of the Department of Architecture of the church's Division of National Missions, Philadelphia. On assuming his new post in July, Byar will succeed H. M. King, who has headed the department for many years.

Montmorenci of Candler Opens New Sanctuary



Montmorenci Methodist Church, Candler, in the Asheville District, opened its new \$80,000 sanctuary on April 23, 1961. Superintendent Robert G. Tuttle preached the sermon. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor, gave the welcome, announced the official opening, and had charge of the services. Rev. C. M. White, associate pastor, participated.

The first church, a gray, wooden-framed building, dates back to 1857. That church was replaced in 1886 by a building constructed of hand-made brick on the farm of Mr. J. W. Rice, father of Mr. James G. Rice, the oldest enrolled living member of the church. The one hundredth anniversary was observed March 8-10, 1957. The new Gothic sanctuary is built of modern brick and was designed by Architect Henry Gaines of the Six Associates, Inc., Asheville. The beautiful stained-glass windows taken from the previous sanctuary, and the arched American walnut-finished beams overshadowed with indirect lighting, add to its beauty. The American walnut-finished pews will seat three hundred. The educational building was dedicated January 15, 1950. Fifty ministers have served Montmorenci from the time it was on a nine-point charge to the present station church.

A long-range program was adopted by the church on December 4, 1955. On January 21, 1957, the official board voted for a planning committee and authorized it to secure plans from an architect. The church members voted and approved the proposed plan on March 2, 1958. After Quarterly Conference approval, March 11, 1958, Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, executive director of Finance and Field Service of the Conference Board of Missions, was selected to direct a Building Fund Crusade in September, 1959. A three-year pledge period was inaugurated and \$40,000 was raised in four days. To date \$31,961 has been paid.

There she stands—Montmorenci Methodist Church—beneath the lofty peaks of Mount Pisgah. The "Celtic" Cross on the spire reaches its arms out in universal prayer. The loyal members assemble each

Sunday morning to worship God. Many of these members spend countless hours in sacrificial service. Our prayer is that her people shall always march on with the song in their hearts—"Lead On, O King Eternal."

Louisburg College To Continue Supply Pastors Courses

Louisburg College will continue its special schedule of courses for Supply Pastors during the college year of 1961-1962. This schedule of courses, taught at the college on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, is open to pastors serving charges and to others wishing to complete two years of college work toward an A.B. degree. It is open both to commuting and to boarding students. Especially designed for Supply Pastors and those desiring to become Supply Pastors, it permits pastors to remain on their charges four days each week while requiring them to be away at college only three days.

Scholarships are available to pastors with unusual financial needs.

Anyone desiring details should write to Wade Goldston, Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.

Rev. Jameson Jones Joins Garrett Faculty

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Rev. Jameson Jones, Nashville, editor of *motive*, national magazine of the Methodist Student Movement, will resign May 31 to join the faculty of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

He will become assistant professor of religion in higher education and director of campus relations for Garrett.

The announcement was made jointly on April 27 by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist General Board of Education, and the Rev. Dr. Dwight E. Loder, Garrett president

Southeastern Woman's Society To Hold School At Junaluska

Lake Junaluska—The annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held here June 29 to July 6. The courses and teachers will be as follows:

Churches for New Times—The Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Leonard, Philadelphia, Pa., staff member of the Methodist General Board of Missions.

The Christian Mission in Latin America—Miss Florence Hooper, Baltimore, Md.; the Rev. Dr. Howard W. Yoder, New York, executive secretary, Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, National Council of Churches.

The Christian and Responsible Citizenship—James A. Hamilton, associate director, Legislative Liaison, Washington Office, National Council of Churches, and Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City, head of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Meaning of Suffering—The Rev. Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo, a professor at National Methodist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, chairman of the Department of Religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

The school will have clinics for officers among its other features.

Theme of the school will be "In Thee Our Life Is One."

Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Clarksville, Tenn., is chairman of the school. She is secretary of missionary education for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.

Mrs. Clarence Cranford, Asheboro, will be the dean.

Methodist women leaders from nine southeastern schools will attend the school.

Methodist Related Colleges Aided By Science Foundation

Eleven Methodist-related colleges have been given grants by the National Science Foundation and designated to provide supplemental training next year, in in-service institutes for secondary school teachers and science and mathematics. The schools are Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.; Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; The American University, Washington, D. C.; Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Centenary College, Shreveport, La.; Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; Drew University, Madison, N. J.; Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.; Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.; Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis.

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Repeat Performance

An original musical-drama based on the Biblical book of Amos was presented on Friday evening, May 12th, at High Point College. The drama is entitled *The Prophecy of Amos*, and was written and directed by Dr. Walter Hudgins, member of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at the college. This drama was so enthusiastically received that a repeat performance is planned for this Saturday evening at 8:30 in the college auditorium.

Cornerstone Laying Held Sunday At Highland Methodist Church



The following participated in the cornerstone-laying held recently at the Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, N. C. Reading from left to right, those pictured are: H. S. (Ted) Stone, Gaither Killian, Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., Mrs. W. A. Murray, Rev. Garland Winkler, Rev. Roy Barnwell, W. A. Murray and Marshall Beard.

Rev. Roy J. Barnwell, pastor of Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, N. C., reported today another great event in the history of Highland Methodist Church. Cornerstone Ceremonies were conducted Sunday afternoon, May 7, and a large and joyous crowd attended.

Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., who is at present pastor of Franklin Heights Methodist Church, of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and a former pastor of Highland Methodist Church, was invited to bring the message at the morning worship service. Rev. Tabor served this church for a period of four years - 1948 - 1952. His message was on the subject "Paul's Prayer for the Church." This was a timely and challenging message, as well as inspirational, for all the members who are now in the building program.

During the morning worship service, Mrs. W. A. Murray, Chairman of the Cornerstone Committee, received the articles which were to be placed in the cornerstone. They were as follows: Roll of officers and members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Names of the Building Committee members; List of contributors to the Building Fund; List of the names of members of the Official Board - and a copy of the current church Budget; Picture and bulletin of Ground Breaking Service; A Discipline of the Methodist Church; Roll of officers, teachers, and members of the Sunday School; Bulletin of the Laying of the Cornerstone Service; Names of Charter members and History of Highland Methodist Church; Copies of the Hickory Daily

Record in which appeared articles concerning the building of the new church; Copies of "North Carolina Christian Advocate" and "Together Magazine," a copy of "Methodist Women," "World Outlook," "Methodist Story," and a copy of the May 5, 1961, issue of the Hickory Daily Record in which appeared the report of the First United States Spaceman Flight accomplished by Alan B. Shepard, Jr.; Roll of the members of the Church; Official Directory of the church; A copy of the New Testament; List of officers and membership of the Junior M.Y.F.; List of officers and membership of the Junior High M.Y.F.; List of officers and membership of the Senior M.Y.F.; Picture of Rev. R. M. Stafford and his family (Rev. Stafford was the first pastor of Highland Methodist Church); Picture of present church building.

Due to illness, Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Presiding Bishop of the Charlotte area, was unable to be present. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, District Superintendent, of Statesville, North Carolina, officiated at the Cornerstone Ceremonies. Others attending especially to participate in the services, in addition to Rev. Tabor, were Rev. Garland Winkler, Pastor of First Methodist Church, Rev. R. C. Goforth, Associate Pastor of First Methodist Church, Rev. James Gilland, Pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, and Rev. O. L. Easter, Pastor of Westview Methodist Church. From the local church those participating in the services were: Rev. Barnwell, Mrs. W. A. Murray, Chair-

man of the Cornerstone Committee, and the following members of the Building Committee: Mr. Marshall Beard, Chairman, Mr. Harry S. Stone, Mr. Gaither Killian, Mr. Clyde Gower, Mr. W. M. Kelley, Mr. W. A. Murray, Mr. Steve Hollar and Mr. C. L. Kaylor.

During the services Mr. Marshall Beard, Chairman of the Building Committee, presented Mr. Otis Pitts, President of Burke Lumber Company, the contractor; Mr. Ernest Stevens, Superintendent on Job; Mr. Bemmer Harrel and Mr. Robert Clark, Architect; Mr. Carl Moser, Brick Constructor; Mr. Donald Killian and Mr. James Waters, representing the Masons.

The location for the new church and educational facilities is on 12th Street place, N. E., Hickory. When completed the sanctuary will seat 500 people, and Sunday School facilities consist of 25 classrooms, church offices, a fellowship hall, and kitchen.

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New Technique Developed

A technique developed by an instructor at Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., may be useful in the investigation of possible cancer-producing agents in coal-tar compounds. The work was the research effort by John C. Cochran, chemistry instructor, for his master's degree. It is described in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry* by Cochran and Dr. William F. Little, his advisor at University of North Carolina.

Sanford Re-elected Chairman of College Board of Trustees

Governor Terry Sanford was re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College, Fayetteville, during the annual meeting of the Board at the college Tuesday.

Joe Tally, Jr., Fayetteville attorney and current president of Kiwanis International, was elected vice-chairman of the Board.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, stated in his report to the Board that during the past year campus walks and driveways have been paved and the lighting system partially installed. Considerable landscaping has been done and two air-conditioned dormitories will be opened for resident students in September of this year.

The amount invested in buildings, grounds and equipment, as of May 1, 1961, is \$2,698,299.86.

Weaver referred to the high quality faculty now employed by the college, stating that five of the nine professors who teach academic subjects hold the doctor's degree and two new faculty members added to the staff for next year each holds the doctor's degree.

Bert Ishee, president of the Fayetteville College Foundation, reported that through April, 1961, \$869,300 has been collected from the Fayetteville area. He stated that the Foundation has stimulated hundreds of gifts for scholarships, library, and other student and campus needs. Ishee announced that an honorary alumni group is being formed in Fayetteville and Cumberland County for the purpose of providing the \$50,000 annual sustaining fund pledged to the college.

A capital outlay budget for 1961-62 was presented by John M. Wilson, chairman of the Finance Committee. The budget called for an expenditure of \$235,730 and was approved by the Board.

A policy concerning appointment, rank, and tenure of the college was adopted with primary consideration for the following qualitative criteria: Effectiveness in teaching; breadth of cultural background; command of one's field; continued scholarly growth; effectiveness in individual service to students (counseling, co-curricular supervision, etc.); effectiveness of cooperation with colleagues; public service through community participation, church work, outside speaking, etc.

Dr. Allen P. Brantley, executive director of the North Carolina Methodist Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education, reported that of the \$3,571,189 pledged by the North Carolina Conference, \$1,962,450 has been collected, representing a 54% collection to date. Of this amount, \$768,932 has been paid to Methodist College.

A recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to provide an athletic field for teaching physical education was approved, this new facility to be constructed in the vicinity of the Student Union and dormitories.

Trustees whose terms expire in 1961 nominated for re-election to the Board are Mrs. Blanche Brian, Raleigh; the Rev. Allen P. Brantley, Raleigh; W. Ed Fleishman, Fayetteville; the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Raleigh; and Dr. William Spence, Elizabeth City, and John M. Wilson, Fayetteville.

In Memoriam

MRS. ANNIE MAE KAYLOR

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, N. C., wish to pay tribute to a greatly beloved and loyal member, Mrs. Annie Mae Kaylor, who passed away March 23, 1961.

Mrs. Kaylor was a charter member of Highland Methodist Church a charter member of Woman's Society of Christian Service, and held an adult life membership in the society. Because of her fine Christian character, and her ever faithful services to her church and the work of the society, one of the circles was named in honor of her and another member, Mrs. Maude Cagle. The circle became known as the "Maude-Ann Circle."

One of Mrs. Kaylor's sons died in infancy. During World War II she became a "Gold Star Mother," having lost one of her sons who was serving in the United States Air Force. Her husband passed away in 1947. These great losses to her, however, did not lessen her faith in God. She remained active in all phases of the church work while she was physically able. When she was no longer able to attend church services, she still maintained great interest in the church work, and contributed regularly of her means.

It can well be said that she had sincere love for her church, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, her family and community.

Our Church, Society, and her friends will miss her, but the memory of her loyalty and devotion will inspire us to greater service for the Master.

Mrs. W. A. Murray, President
Miss Myrtle Stepp

Homecoming And Revival Held At Ghio Church

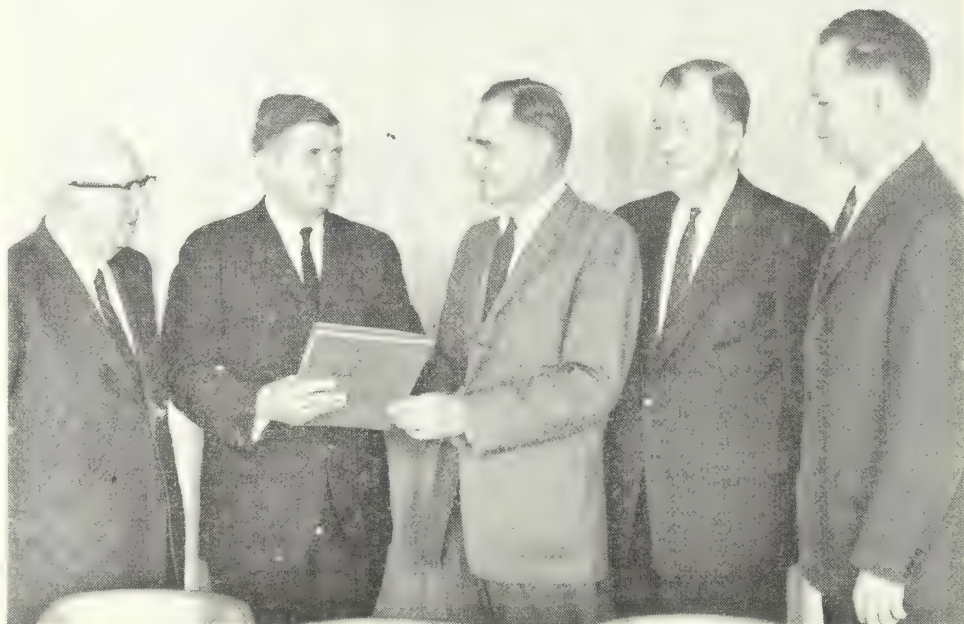
Rev. W. A. Quick, pastor of the Zebulon Methodist Church preached the homecoming sermon at his old home church, Tabernacle, at Ghio, N. C. on the Laurel Hill circuit Sunday, April 30. Mr. Quick also preached during the revival services the following week, in which a number of persons joined the church on profession of faith and by transfer, the total number received making an increase of around 11 or 12 percent of the membership. Large congregations attended the services each evening. In the Thursday evening service Mr. Quick had the rare privilege of baptizing his baby brother, Michael, four months old, and of seeing his father, Douglas Quick, aged 50, received into the church by re-instatement. Rev. C. D. Brown is pastor of the church.

Social Concerns Lifted

Opposition to any government's "Unilateral military intervention in the internal affairs" of Cuba or Laos or other nations was voiced by the executive committee of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, meeting in Washington, D. C., April 28.

Its resolutions also commended the current administration for the President's proposal for economic and technical assistance to strengthen freedom in other lands, and for the Attorney General's proposals for legislation to restrict the gambling racket.

The committee acted after delegates to the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns (April 24-28) had voted not to adopt proposed group message to the churches, but to authorize the board to make a statement. Eight hundred delegates attended the convocation, which was sponsored by the general board.



Governor Terry Sanford, second from left, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College, Fayetteville, discusses the College's development program with Lenox G. Cooper of Wilmington, third from left, chairman of the Development Committee. From

left, John M. Wilson, Fayetteville, chairman of the Finance Committee, Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the College, and the Reverend Vergil E. Queen, Elizabeth City, chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, listen to the discussion.

The Methodist Church Will Reach 10,000,000 This Year

Total membership of the Methodist Church in the United States will reach 10,000,000 this year, Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, said at the annual meeting of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism in Miami Beach, Fla.

Dr. Denman, general secretary of the board, reported at the meeting April 25-27 at the Roney Plaza Hotel.

Official membership of the Methodist Church in the United States reached 9,910,741 in 1960. Dr. Denman said that when most of the denomination's annual (regional) conferences report in May and June the total will reach at least 10,000,000.

The Methodist Church is now the largest Protestant denomination in the United States.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, Nashville, a staff member of the board, reported that U. S. membership in the Methodist Church has increased almost 1,000,000 in the last ten years. He said that between 1950 and 1960 the membership increased by 975,094.

Dr. Jones also said, however, that Methodist church membership growth for the ten years did not keep pace with the U. S. population growth. He said Methodist membership grew not quite 11 percent from 1950 to 1960 while the U. S. population grew 19 percent.

Dr. Denman, in his annual report, predicted that there will be a "spiritual explosion" in the world during the next 40 years.

"There is a growing movement to live as Christ lived," said Dr. Denman. "I have been with the Christians in the villages of India and Malaya. I have been in the barrios of the Philippines. I have seen the youth of Korea and Cuba give themselves to Christ."

He mentioned several other countries, including Russia and some other Iron Curtain countries, and then declared, "God is not dead. Christ is alive. The Holy Spirit is working."

The board approved a recommendation that a history be written of the board's first 25 years, which period will be completed in 1964.

The board, with headquarters in Nashville, promotes the Methodist Church's evangelistic work internationally (in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Missions), nationally, regionally, and in the denomination's more than 39,000 churches.

Dr. Cooke Reports 11 Months

With only one month remaining in the current fiscal year at the end of April, Methodists had sent \$10,893,192.43 in World Service funds to the church's central treasury in Chicago. This was 17.41 percent ahead of last year at the same time but still far short of the \$15,000,000 needed by May 31 if the church is to reach the annual apportionment voted by the last General Conference. The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, emphasized the importance of all local church treasurers remitting all general funds to their annual conference treasurers before May 31.

LETTERS

Raiwind Christian Institute
Raiwind, Lahore District
West Pakistan
April 25, 1961

Dr. S. J. Starnes
Editor, N. C. Christian Advocate

HOW MUCH DO YOU CARE?

Christians do care. Because we care, we in Raiwind are trying in some small way to bring knowledge, hope, and an abundant Christian life to our students. Most of our students come from incredibly poor homes. Yet these same students, given the tools of education and Christian ideals, will transform the life of their country and their church.

Bob Sigmon, our short-term missionary, will complete his service here in June. How does Bob feel about his three years as hostel superintendent, responsible for the feeding, clothing, counseling, and general well-being of the high school boarders? He says:

"What if you had 120 boys (25 of them orphans) to look after seven days a week? We have three good buildings for the boys to live in, but our dining hall, kitchen, showers, and bathrooms are just drawings on the architect's board. Yet we manage with our toilets (outdoor variety) and water supply (one small hand-pump). Malaria is a menace, but thanks to church groups in the U.S.A., we are able to give anti-malarial pills regularly. Church World Service helps by providing multi-vitamins and powdered milk. Our diet is meager, but sufficient to keep the boys from getting too hungry. Each winter the need for more clothes appears."

"I've had the unhappy job of sending boys home for not paying their fees."

"Samuel Kartar, 13, was sent home but returned without any fees. In September his father had borrowed 30 rupees, but now was unable to get even a loan; for the canal near their home had overflowed its banks again, and all the crops were destroyed. Would you send him home again?"

"Anwar Emmanuel's father just died. Anwar is the oldest son, only 14, and writes that he can no longer study because no one can pay his fees. Would you call him back?"

"Life is only as meaningful as the next meal (or handout) for many people here. Yet in our school we do create some awareness of the possibilities of a meaningful, cleaner, more productive life. For this we are thankful, yet humbled in that we don't do more."

Bob cares. Is there another young man who cares so much that he will give three years of his life to the students of Raiwind?

We care. But we have not cared enough. If we had cared more, we would have written more often to tell you about our 400 students and 100 teachers-in-training. We would have shared our joy in seeing sturdy Khurshid Alam, son of illiterate parents, grow into a thoughtful young man determined to become a doctor and bring healing to the sufferings of others. We would have told you about Emmanuel Naina Mall, who is so grateful for what he has received here that he is preparing to share his faith and knowledge as a village school teacher. We would have taken you with us to the Youth Fellowship meeting to watch thin, intense Iqbal lead a discussion on the Christian meaning of life, to see each member eager to prepare for a life work that will benefit not only himself but the whole community as well.

This year our gifts for scholarships are only sixty per cent of last year's. This means that next year we can give only three-fifths as many scholarships as at present. Unless, somehow, before May 31, when our financial year ends, we receive a flood of gifts through the Treasurer, Division of World Missions of the Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

DO YOU CARE? If you can send a gift, it

Dr. D. D. Holt Inaugurated As President Of Scarritt

The Inauguration of the Rev. Dr. D. D. Holt as fifth president of Scarritt took place at 11:00 A. M. Thursday, May 4. More than 120 colleges and universities across the nation had representatives in the colorful academic procession which marched into Wightman Chapel immediately before the formal services began.

The inauguration address was delivered by Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, Executive Director of the Danforth Foundation. A native



DR. D. D. HOLT

of Nashville and son of the late Dr. Jesse Lee Cuninggim, former president of Scarritt, he spoke on "The Honor of a Certain Aim."

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Nashville area of The Methodist Church presided at the inauguration ceremonies.

Formal opening of the new Scarritt apartment building for married students was held at 2:30 P. M. on May 4. The building is named for Dr. Jesse Lee Cuninggim. Participating in the ceremony were his widow, Mrs. Jesse Lee Cuninggim Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, their son, and Dr. Margaret Cuninggim, their daughter. Miss Cuninggim is Dean of Women at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The program for the opening of the new building was led by Miss Virginia Henry, Director of Christian Education, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. Miss Henry is an alumna of Scarritt and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Scarritt is in its 69th year of training men and women for church vocations. The college was established in Kansas City, Mo. in 1892 and was moved to Nashville in 1924. It has 3,100 alumni serving the church around the world. More than half of the foreign missionaries of The Methodist Church have received some or all of their training at Scarritt and approximately 44 per cent of all Methodist deaconesses have been trained at Scarritt.

will be invested in the world's most important work, the building of fine Christian lives. But whether or not you can send any money, please pray for our students, and for our staff.

May God bless each of us as together we seek to serve Him.

Yours in His love,
Marvin and Mary Keislar

Mr. John Borchert to Head Methodist Information Office

Mr. John Borchert, religious editor for the *Charlotte News*, has been appointed by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon to head the newly created office of Methodist information for the Charlotte area. Mr. Borchert has had considerable experience in the newspaper field, and was formerly connected with *Together* magazine. He began his journalistic career while a student in high school in West Virginia. He also worked as sports announcer for Radio Station WTBO, Cumberland, Maryland. He has worked with the Huntington, W. Va., *Herald-Dispatch*, and the Cumberland *Evening Times*, before



JOHN L. BORCHERT

becoming connected with the *Charlotte News*. Mr. Borchert is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Borchert, of Charlotte, and is married to the former Joyce Porter of Loris, S. C. He is a member of the Central Avenue Methodist Church, Charlotte, where he has been active in church work, and is presently a member of the official board. He graduated from the Alleghany High School, Cumberland, Md., and holds a graduation certificate from Potomac State Junior College, Keyser, W. Va., and an A.B. degree with a certificate in journalism from the Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Borchert assumed his new position May 15.

Bishop Harmon said the area information office will serve the Western North Carolina Conference, and at times also the North Alabama Conference, both of which are under his jurisdiction.

The information office will have three major functions, the bishop said.

Methodist news concerning the area will be centralized and released from here, public relations instruction will be available to Methodist congregations, and the office will serve as a Methodist research center for churches and leaders of the area.

Methodist Fund Grows

Investments by individuals, institutions and organizations in the Methodist Investment Fund, the newest tool for loaning much-needed money to Methodist churches for building purposes, have increased 5½ times in one year, the Fund's directors learned

Wellons Village Methodist Church Lays Cornerstone

The Wellons Village Methodist Church laid the cornerstone for the first unit of its new church on Gary Street Sunday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m. The structure is a modern educational unit with six large classrooms, a study, a kitchen, and a fellowship hall which will also serve as a chapel until a sanctuary is built.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident bishop of the Richmond Area of the Methodist Church, led in the laying of the cornerstone.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District, who presided over the organizational meeting of the Wellons Village Methodist Church on September 29, 1957, assisted Bishop Garber, the pastor, and other church officials in the laying of the cornerstone.

The Rev. Sheldon H. Wolf led the first services at the Wellons Village Methodist Church on September 8, 1957, and the church was officially organized on September 29th with 59 charter members.

The Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., was appointed by Bishop Garber to succeed Mr. Wolf as pastor of the church, and he preached his first sermon at the new appointment on June 28, 1959 on "Called to be Saints." Mr. McMillan is completing his second year at the Wellons Village Church. Prior to his coming to this appointment he served three years as assistant minister at Trinity Methodist Church while a student in the Duke Divinity School.

The young church has shown remarkable progress in every area of endeavor during the past two years. In the area of evangelism a fishermen's club has been organized which visits prospective members each month. Morning and evening services are held. Many churches have given up the evening service, but an informal service with hymn sings has proven to be a popular and meaningful service here. One of the most significant events in the life of the church has been the decision of Mr. Dwight L. Moody, Jr., to enter the Methodist ministry. Mr. Moody made his decision on August 14, 1960, and after a year's study at Louisburg will take a church at the next conference. Thus only four years old the young church has already produced a candidate for the Christian ministry.

An increased amount of attention has been given to Christian Education and especially to work with children and youth. The Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized the first month Mr. McMillan was at the church, and the church now sponsors Cub Scout Pack No. 474 and Boy Scout Troop No. 474. An annual vacation church school was begun for the first time in 1960 and plans have been made for the 1961 vacation church school.

Since 1959 the Wellons Village Methodist Church has increased its giving to Mission Specials from nothing to \$80.00. It has also increased the number of Ten Dollar Club members from four to sixteen.

The people of the church have also shown an increasing sense of stewardship. Across the conference the average per capita giving was reported as \$46.76 (1958 *Journal*). This year this young church will raise enough money to surpass an average of \$100.00 per member.

The Building Committee, composed of

Charles A. Bridgers, chairman, Clyde E. Glenn, Jr., J. Edwin O'Briant, Harvey C. Renn, and W. R. Rogers, was elected on November 9, 1959. A building fund campaign was begun on February 7, 1960, and land was purchased in the fall of 1960, and ground was broken on February 5, 1961. The Building Committee has done an excellent job in leading the congregation to the laying of the cornerstone.

Our faces are set to the future—not the past—for we are making history; and this short history is but the beginning of what shall with God's help be an endless line of splendor.

Temple Hill Methodist Church To Be Dedicated June 4th



Dedicatory services have been set for Temple Hill Methodist Church for Sunday, June 4, 1961. Temple Hill is one of the churches on the St. Paul's Charge and is located in eastern Wilkes County near Clingman. Rev. D. T. Huss is the pastor.

Rev. Garland R. Stafford, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, will preach at the morning service and will lead in the rite of dedication. Following the morning service a picnic dinner will be spread. The afternoon program will be made up of special music and talks by former pastors.

The present building is the fourth the congregation has had. The first building was made of logs, located on the south side of the road and was erected about 1860. The second was built on the present location some years later. The third was erected in 1921, during the pastorate of Rev. Walter N. Isenhour.

The groundbreaking ceremonies took place for the new building in August 1956, during the pastorate of Rev. L. E. Paschal. Work was started on the new building that fall. The building was completed in 1958. Mr. Huss preached the first sermon in the new structure on Thanksgiving night that year.

In addition to contributions by the congregation funds for the new building have come from the Duke Endowment, the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference and friends. The Lord's Acre plan helped materially in raising funds.

All former pastors and friends are invited to attend these exercises on June 4th.



William R. Guffick of Palisades Park, N. J., is the new assistant treasurer of the Division of World Missions, New York.

Waynesville District Ministers Wives Meet At Bryson City

The Waynesville District Ministers' Wives had an informal hour of fellowship for their last meeting of the year on April 26 at the lovely new Methodist Church in Bryson City.

With all eyes towards the Annual Conference in June, the ladies enjoyed a lively exchange of moving tips. Variety was the flavor of the day. The stories ranged from near tragedy to hilarious tales of former moves. Tips were good, bad — and helpful.

After the fun, those present surprised Mrs. Frank Smathers, wife of the District Superintendent, with a personal shower of lovely and useful articles, in token of their love and appreciation for the warm, friendly atmosphere that has been prevalent at all meetings of the organization during her stay in the district. Everyone expressed sincere regret that her term as "First Lady" of the Waynesville District was so soon coming to a close.

The District Ministers, also at Bryson City for their final check-up meeting, joined the ladies in the dining room for a delightful pot luck dinner. After a pleasant, leisurely hour, Reverend Tom Houts, Murphy, North Carolina, climaxed the meeting by presenting to Reverend and Mrs. Frank Smathers, on behalf of the District Ministers and their Wives, a sterling silver bread tray, properly engraved in appreciation for their splendid leadership in the Waynesville District during the past six years.

Commend Peace Corps Plan

The Board of Missions executive committee has termed President Kennedy's Peace Corps a creative proposal and said that the Corps might become "a new pattern through which numbers of Methodist young men and women can make their Christian witness in this day."

In a statement adopted April 20 in New York, the group reminded Methodists that their church has for years been performing services of the type proposed for the Peace Corps in areas of need in the U. S. and 35 other countries. Such services are being rendered by 1,550 career missionaries and have been given by 750 young (three-year) missionaries since 1948. The committee warned that among the pitfalls to be avoided in the Corps program is "the temptation to make the welfare of the people being served secondary to our own national interests." They said, however, that the call for the Corps had been issued on a high level of motivation.

Medical Studies To Be Made

Two Methodist institutions will participate in a \$85,000 three-year grant for studies on the immunology of pregnancy and related problems. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare made the grant to the American University, which will use the funds to equip and maintain a research laboratory in the nearby few facilities of Sibley Memorial Hospital. Principal investigator will be Dr. Edward J. Breyere, associate professor in research, biology department.

Dr. James R. Heffern On Methodist College Faculty

Dr. James R. Heffern of Decatur, Illinois, has been appointed to the faculty of Methodist College, Fayetteville, as associate professor of biology.

The announcement of this appointment by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, is the second in a series of new



DR. JAMES R. HEFFERN

faculty appointments for the second year of classroom instruction beginning in September.

Dr. Heffern is a graduate of Missouri State College with a B.S. degree in biology, chemistry, and health. He holds the degree of D.D.S. from the University of Kansas with concentrated studies in the basic biological sciences. He did further graduate study in education at the University of Michigan.

After a period of private practice in dentistry, Dr. Heffern has devoted his efforts and talents to the teaching field. He has held professorships at the State University of Iowa and Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. In these positions he has taught courses in histology, embryology, and anatomy to liberal art students, student nurses, dental students, and dental hygien-

ists. He is currently professor of biology at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

Dr. Heffern was awarded a Kellogg Fellowship for graduate study in education at the University of Michigan in 1956. He is a member of American Men of Science, the American Dental Association, the Blue Key honorary fraternity, and the Masonic Lodge.

Commenting on this appointment, Dr. Clarence E. Ficken, dean of the college, said, "In this appointment Methodist College is getting the benefit not only of Dr. Heffern's achievements as an instructor but also of his extensive experience as a counselor of pre-medical, pre-dental, and pre-nursing students. We also look forward to sharing his consultative services with the community in the solution of problems of health and health education."

Dr. and Mrs. Heffern are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

500 Acre Camp Site Given High Point Methodist District

By H. GLEN LANIER, *Secretary*

At a special session of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, Sunday, May 7, at First Methodist Church in Randleman, the district voted to accept 536.42 acres of land located in Randolph County, from Mr. D. S. Hedgecock of High Point.

Rev. Worth Sweet presented information to the conference about the land, stating that it had been inspected and approved as an ideal site for a district church camp. The conference heard full discussion of the offer by Mr. Hedgecock, and Rev. Kenneth Grouse, pastor of Lebanon Methodist Church of High Point, the church to which Mr. Hedgecock belongs, made the motion that the offered land be accepted with expressions of appreciation to the donor. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by the conference.

Plans for developing a camp on the donated site will be carried forward in the immediate future. All Methodist churches of the High Point District, composed of the High Point area and Randolph County, will have access to the camp when it is developed.



Shown above is the new parsonage for the Harlowe-Oak Grove Charge, New Bern District, Jack M. Hunter, pastor. Open house was held Sunday, April 23rd from 2 to 5 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Hbobs, District Superintendent of the New Bern District, charge members and friends, ministers and their families from the surrounding area visited during the afternoon. The new parsonage consists of three bedrooms, two baths, a living room, a kitchen, a family room and a carport. The floor plan has 1780 sq. ft. of heated area and is arranged for privacy, comfort, and convenience—with plenty of storage room.



Woman's Activities



Speaker Describes Missions Today

By MARY GARDNER

Speaking before the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Raleigh on the topic, "New Frontiers of the Church," Mrs. Creighton Lacy, of Durham, painted word pictures of the strife, population explosion, etc., which is prevalent in the world today.

Mrs. Lacy and her husband, a member of the faculty of Duke Divinity School, are former missionaries to China. Last year they returned to the States from a one-year sabbatical leave in India. On their return trip home Dr. and Mrs. Lacy visited a number of Methodist mission fields, including Pakistan, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan.

"Our Christian missions are taking hold in the world," Mrs. Lacy said. "The missionary is going forth in the service of his Lord and Master as a co-worker, and as a brother. Today people from all over the world are working together. Today those churches in the mission lands are sending their own missionaries—some to the United States.

"The task of the missionary is varied. The missionaries seek to administer to the total life of the people whom they serve."

Mrs. Lacy cited a number of mission projects: agriculture, medical, social centers, institutions, and others, as well as stories of several individuals who have come into the more abundant life through missionary efforts.

"The painting of the picture of mission work is the responsibility of every Christian," she asserted. "What is needed is activity, concern, and love. Wherever there is a need, let us punch new holes in the darkness."

Fayetteville, New Bern Districts Meet

The Annual Meeting of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service convened at the First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, last month, with Mrs. H. R. Odum, district president, presiding.

Mrs. Joseph Bryant, of Ahoskie, president of the Elizabeth City District WSCS, and principal speaker for the meeting, used as her topic, "A Challenge of the Faith that Compels Us." Other speakers were the Rev. M. C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District; and Mrs. F. J. Duplissey, district secretary of Spiritual Life. Mrs. J. K. Melvin gave highlights of the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS, and the district officers and sub-district leaders gave their annual reports.

The new officers installed by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, along with the hold-over officers, included Mrs. J. M. Short, recording secretary; Mrs. I. E. Weldon, secretary of supply work; Mrs. Earlene Gibson Waddell, mis-

sionary personnel; Mrs. J. A. Waugh, Christian social relations; Mrs. H. B. Miller, literature and publications; and Mrs. W. O. Simpson, youth work.

New Bern District

Mrs. T. S. Newbold, conference secretary of Christian social relations, speaking before the Annual Meeting of the New Bern District WSCS declared: "It seems our foreign missions need has now become a home mission problem." Mrs. Newbold emphasized that each person must recognize Jesus as Lord of his life before the great number of unsolved problems of this era can be solved."

Meeting in Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, the program also included, among other things, a devotional by Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern District; a talk by Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion; a history of the New Bern District WSCS, by Mrs. L. A. Green and Mrs. J. L. Smith; and a memorial service, led by Mrs. W. B. Rouse.

During the pledge service the subdistrict leaders pledged \$16,000 to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for 1961-62. Mrs. Jennie Aldridge, of Oriental, was presented a Life Membership.

New officers elected were recording secretary, Mrs. J. L. Peterson; secretary of children's work, Mrs. T. Marvin Vick; literature and publications, Mrs. Frank Griffin; missionary education and service, Mrs. L. C. Swink; secretary of promotion, Mrs. J. H. Ipock; supply work, Mrs. Mary C. Adams; youth work, Mrs. R. L. Cannon, Jr.

Mr. Cartwright's Records Available

One of the high spiritual notes of the recent Annual Meetings of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, and the Wesleyan Service Guild in session at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, was the inspirational interpretation of sacred music by Mr. Philip Cartwright. Because a number of persons have indicated an interest in obtaining one or more of the three LP recordings which Mr. Cartwright has made, we are listing them here. They are: "The Christmas Story, in Scripture and Song," including Cantique de Noel, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Christmas Eve, Voices of the Sky, Out of the East, Jesu Bambino, and Silent Night. Also, "The Life of Christ in Song," How Beautiful Upon the Mountains, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Cantique Noel, The Beatitudes, The Lord's Prayer, Peter, the Publican, a ballad of Trees of the Master,

The Palms, The Crucifixion, Let Us Break Bread, and Open the Gates of the Temple. Mr. Cartwright's third recording is a collection of hymns of his grandmother, Mrs. E. H. Morris, and includes Sweeter as the Years Go By, Let Jesus Come Into My Heart, Nearer Still Nearer, Follow Me, The Fight Is On, and The Stranger of Galilee. The first two recordings are \$5.00 each; the third is \$4.00. The recordings can be ordered, postpaid, from Mr. Philip Cartwright, 97 Cypress Street, Milburn, N. J.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Calendar of Coming Events

June 13-15: Annual Meeting Woman's Society of Christian Service of Western North Carolina Conference, at Lake Junaluska.

June 16-18: Wesleyan Service Guild of W.N.C. Conference at Lake Junaluska.

August 12-13: Spiritual Life Retreat, WSCS, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

August 14-18: School of Missions, WSCS, WSCS, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer.

August 19-20: Mission Study Weekend, Wesleyan Service Guild, Pfeiffer College.

Clothes for Cherokee Center

There is a need for all kinds of good used clothing at the Methodist Center at Cherokee—men, women, children, and especially baby clothes.

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The district presidents have asked each society sending a delegate to Lake Junaluska to also send a box of used clothing. This will be collected and taken to Cherokee. They point out that this is a wonderful project to help the Cherokees, and this means of transportation saves parcel post and express charges.

Delegates to Meeting of Deaconess Association

Six deaconesses from the far western section of our Conference were among those who attended the Third Quadrennial Methodist Deaconess Convocation at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., May 9-12.

These included Miss Mable Metzger, Miss Anna Mecum, and Miss Frances Howard of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville; Miss Julia Titus and Miss Winifred Wrisley of the faculty of Allen High School; and Miss Vera Falls of the Cherokee Methodist Mission, Cherokee.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheville, secretary of missionary personnel of the Woman's Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, also attended.

Delegates came from all parts of the United States, including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Reid Rich Honored

Mrs. Reid Rich of Randleman, secretary of promotion of the High Point District, was recently honored by the American Institute of Banking. She was appointed to a national

office in the association, as a district representative on the National Woman's Committee of the American Institute of Banking. She will serve as chairman of District IV, which includes North and South Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Rich is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Asheboro.

Only one other North Carolina woman has served on the national committee and she is no longer associated with the group.

The American Institute of Banking has as its purpose the educational advancement of those engaged in the banking business.

District Meetings

Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, was guest speaker at two district meetings this week, bringing her total up to nine district meetings and a number of Wesleyan Service Guild. It is estimated that more than 5,000 Methodist women have had the privilege of hearing her message on Japan.

The Marion District met at the First Methodist Church in Morganton on Saturday, April 22nd, with 204 women in attendance. Mrs. J. C. Rabb, district president, presented the theme, "The Word in Our Midst."

The pledge service was beautiful as a representative from each church made her pledge to missions and carried a lighted candle to stand in a semi-circle at the altar. Mrs. Wayne Suttle, district treasurer, and Miss Una Edwards, former Conference treasurer, led this part of the program.

Mrs. George Clark, secretary of promotion, gave a report of the entire year's work. Mrs. George Blevins of Bakersville was elected district secretary of missionary personnel. An officers' training period was held in the afternoon.

Statesville District—Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the WNC of the W.N.C. Conference, was guest speaker at the afternoon session of the Statesville District held at First Methodist Church, Hickory, on April 27th. Mrs. King spoke on "The Mission of Our Church Today."

Mrs. W. E. Marlow, district president, was in charge of the day's session. Mrs. W. A. Murray, secretary of promotion, presented a challenge on the value of time in her resumé of work that had been done during the year.

Plans were made to hold officers' training days in two sections: sub-districts I and II, on June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church, Lenoir; sub-districts III and IV, June 27, at 7:30 p.m., at First Church, Troutman.

The 1962 meeting of the district will be held at Broad Street Church, Statesville.

A lovely pledge service led by four district officers was conducted at the end of the program. Those taking part included Mrs. Marlow, Mrs. W. A. Murray, Mrs. Paul Morrow and Mrs. E. E. Kipka.

Methodist Youth From WNC Conference Visit Nation's Capital And United Nations



For some years the Western North Carolina Conference has been sending a group of young people on a trip to Washington and the United Nations in New York. The idea is to acquaint the youth with the workings of the government and let them see the United Nations in action.

The annual National Peace Seminar under the direction of the Committee on World Peace of the Western North Carolina Conference was held April 11-15 in Washington and New York. Two hundred delegates from Methodist churches in Western North Carolina attended. The counselors were the Rev. O. Dewey Smith, Newton; the Rev. Robert Hardeen, Troutman; and Mrs. Frances Lindsay.

In the above picture are the delegates who attended from the Albemarle, Statesville, and Salisbury Districts. From left to right are: Ralph Hicks, Winston-Salem (bus driver); Bruce Ann Parcell and Ann Kornigay, Statesville; Nancy Cornelius, Terrell; Elaine Sigmon, Sherrills Ford; Patty Lowman, Maiden; Paula Stimson, Kannapolis; Gail Hopkins, Concord; Becky Huntley, Frances Rabon, and Linda Brooks, Monroe; Lunda Arndt, Catawba; Jan Hipps, Ellen Plummer, Judy Dowless, Kannapolis; Linda Craven, Concord.

Second row: Margaret Harry, Salisbury; Alice Lindsay, Statesville; Karen Cash, Wingate; Sybil Abernathy, Conover; Mary Ellen Spencer and Sandra Beard, Hickory; the Rev. O. Dewey Smith, Newton; the Rev. Robert Hardee, Troutman; Susan Lee, Monroe; Madelyn Emmerson, Salisbury; Arthurine Spry, Kannapolis; Charleen Sharpe, Statesville; Louise Avett, Norwood; Martha Francis, Harmony; Becky Heigler, Marshville. Third row: Gene Barrier, Statesville; Michael Reid, Sherrills Ford; Johnny Ruder, Page Winchester, and John Thomas, Monroe; Tommy Pope, Sherrills Ford; Tommy McClelland, Concord; Bob Lysterly,

Salisbury; Jim Plyler, Monroe; Jeff Goodman and Ron Storey, Salisbury; and E. L. Thomas, Hickory.

The purpose of this trip was to acquaint the youth of America with the way Christianity can help bring about world peace. The youth are the backbone of the country and unless they are informed their nations can not prosper, leaders point out.

Along with the services the delegates were shown sights and historical places in Washington and New York.

When the delegates returned home they made reports to their churches concerning what they saw and heard.

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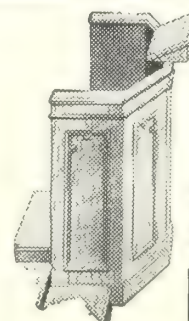
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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Kids Will Be Kids

Mrs. Louise Goosman, who wrote the "Mr. Cischief" stories for our page several years ago, included the following in a letter to the Children's Page editor back in January. We got such a chuckle out of it that we want to share it with our boys and girls and adult readers.

Mrs. Goosman wrote, "One day I heard a noise out front, like things and stuff being dragged up our driveway. A moment later two little boys, each dragging an enormous wooden rifle, knocked at the door. They are David, age 3½, and Dwight, age 4½, and they have been coming for a brief visit each morning. It's not the charm of my personality that draws them, like bees to honey. They know, you see, that I still have one more big box of candy left from Christmas. They are not allowed to ask for any, so they usually bring me something, and I feel obliged to give them something—a piece of chocolate candy.

"Their offerings are sometimes quite odd—a swiped blossom from someone's yard, a few dirty raisins offered in a grubby little hand; and today, a piece of Angel Food Cake, somewhat the worse for wear. They had eaten some of it, but had about two bites left when they decided to bring it to me. One day the offering was a dead grasshopper in a bottle. Another day David brought a few pieces of hard sticky candy wrapped in a piece of — oh, yes, Johnny paper. This, he promptly told me, was a gift for me — but not ALL of it!

"Both the kids wear heavy cowboy boots, big jackets, and caps with ear muffs. David always has his cap on sideways, so the ear muffs are over his eyes and the back of his head. He likes it that way, and does a good job of peeping out from under, though it keeps him with his chin pointed skyward.

"Oh, yes, I must tell you one of Dwight's latest remarks. He suddenly said to his mother, 'Do they got any alligators in it, Mommie, huh? Do they got any alligators in it?' Now this would not be a particularly strange remark under some circumstances (as Dwight lives in a section of the country where alligators are not uncommon). But this time it was in the midst of an immersion service of baptism at a Baptist church. He said it in a loud stage whisper, and in the solemnity of the moment, everyone,

even the minister, heard it. It was really terrific!"

You can never even guess what kids are going to do or say, can you? They do make life interesting!

As Long As Children Pray

The world has grown so dark with sin
that God seems far away,
But never comes an evening dusk
when children do not pray.

All day men's greed and hate and fear
bring heartaches and despair,
But ever when the day is through
small heads are bowed in prayer.

Though tyrant lusts and vain desires
have torn our faith in parts,
As surely as the twilight falls
prayers rise from little hearts.

So much strange terror haunts the night,
and bitterness the day,
But all of life cannot be wrong
as long as children pray.

—Selected.

Something To Wonder About

Several weeks ago we told you a story about "Muh" Brown, the little lady at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, who broke her hip, and is continuing to make an excellent recovery.

One day, after that story was published, a little fellow stopped in to visit "Muh," and saw the stacks and stacks of cards and letters she had received during her shut-in days. Presently he said, "Gee, Muh, you sure did get a lot of pretty cards. How many do you s'pose you'd get if you wuz to die?"

Dirty Tim

Once there was a little boy who would not take a bath. He was the dirtiest boy in town. All of his friends called him Dirty Tim.

Then one day he moved to a new town. Everybody thought he needed a bath. The people complained about him. One day a man told the mayor. The mayor called the people to a meeting. Then they decided to catch him and give him a bath. They chased him all over the town. They finally caught him. A man got a big pan and put a lot of water in it. Then they put him in the pan of water. They scrubbed and scrubbed. Soon he was clean.

Then Tim said, "It isn't so bad to be

clean." From that day on he took a bath once a day.

—By Bobby Walters, age 9
(Son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Walters, Shelby, N. C.)

Chuckles

On one of his rare trips to the city, an old hillbilly was so fascinated by the elevators in a large building that he stood a long time in front of one of them.

An old lady, bent and shriveled, entered, a light flashed, and in an instant she was gone. Moments later, the same door opened and out stepped a beautiful young woman.

Walking away sadly, the hillbilly muttered, "I shoul'da brung Maggie."

A four-year-old boy and his six-year-old sister wouldn't miss for anything a late afternoon television program. Not long ago, shortly before the program was to start, the boy swallowed a nickel, and his disturbed mother hurriedly made plans to take him to the doctor's office.

His sister, noting her little brother's objections, begged, "Mother, please don't make him miss the program. I'll give you one of my nickels."

Question: What tragedies among nations are represented when a Negro waiter falls with a platter of turkey?

Answer: The downfall of Turkey
The overthrow of Greece
The destruction of China
The humiliation of Africa.

Bible Quiz

1. What were goat-skins used for in Palestine? _____
2. Whose hair caused him a lot of trouble? _____
3. What animals once ran down the slopes of a hillside into the sea? _____
4. What great sin did Cain commit? _____
5. In what river did John the Baptist baptize Jesus? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The stone that sealed Christ's tomb—
Luke 24:2
2. Samuel—I Samuel 3:1-9
3. Tree of Life—Genesis 2:9
4. Paul was a Tentmaker—Acts 18:3
5. To a wedding—Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 28

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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Background Scripture: Proverbs 2; 7:1-5;
14:29-13; 16:32; 17:27; 20:1;
23:19-21; 29:35

Lesson Scripture: (See passages cited below).

Since our lesson for today contains six separate scripture quotations dealing with a variety of subjects, it has seemed best to let our discussion take the form of a brief comment upon each of them.

Proverbs 7:1-5. Here the wisdom teacher is appealing to the disciple to have the proper attitude toward the old and tried truths. The teacher knows that if the student thinks them out of date and old-fashioned he will fail to profit by them. "Keep my teachings as the apple of your eye" means they are to be regarded as precious (the apple of the eye refers to the pupil of the eye). St. Paul said the Greeks spent their time in telling or listening to something new. Is this not a description of our time also? If one cannot discuss the latest events, or ideas, or books he is thought to be "behind the times." We may all grant that knowledge of outer space is important, but let us not forget that the Bible is concerned with what goes on inside of us. This is, in the last analysis, more important. We must, therefore, discipline ourselves to hold fast to the proven good instead of being (in the words of St. Paul) "blown about and swung around by every wind of doctrine."

Proverbs 14:30. The values of the tranquil mind are here declared to be a condition of health. It was Paschal who once remarked that many of our problems would be solved if men could learn "to remain at home in tranquility." We like to think ours is a religion of "going about doing good." And this is the sort of religion we enjoy—especially the part that involves "going about." We do not need to remind our readers of the mounting evidence which points to the distraught mind as the source of many of our physical ills. Christian composure is a virtue the world stands in bitter need of today.

Proverbs 16:32. Here is a section which deals with the control of our tempers. It follows logically from our discussion of the tranquil mind. Rhoda Edmeston, in the International Lesson Annual, quotes an old proverb of the effect that "Patience is the strength of the weak, while impatience is the weakness of the strong." How often we have seen the truth of this exemplified! The disciple of the controlled temper may be one of the lesser virtues, but how much better our world would be if it were universally practiced! We need the capacity to have our "righteous anger" aroused, no doubt about that; but we need also to pray for wisdom to know when it is *righteous* anger and when it is *unrighteous*.

Proverbs 17:27. This passage is really an elaboration on the one above. It, too, warns against the easy and quick remark, or what we might call "popping off" at the slightest provocation on any or all subjects. Reading on, in verse 28, we are reminded that "even a fool is counted wise, if he close his lips;" or, as we would say "if he keeps his mouth

shut." So the discipline of carefully considered speech is one we need to cultivate. It may save us from what someone has called "the foot-in-mouth disease!"

Proverbs 23:19-21. The last verses of our Scripture deal with the problem of strong drink and intemperate eating. They are words of warning. Note that "the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty." In the light of published statistics revealing the increasing number of alcoholics and the death rate attributable to over-eating, we must wonder what it will take to awaken the American people to these dangers. A recent newspaper comment revealed that a common topic of conversation among leading business executives is how they can avoid too much cholesterol in their diets.

Perhaps the warnings of physicians are beginning to have some effect! If we might have equally strong and frequent warnings from our doctors on the dangers of alcoholic beverages, perhaps more progress against this evil could be made.

Pfeiffer Dean Attending Deaconess Convocation

Misenheimer, N. C., May 10 — Dean Mary E. Bethea of Pfeiffer College is among some 400 persons attending the Third Quadrennial Methodist Deaconess Convocation currently being held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Dean Bethea will join with those attending the convocation in considering the heritage, present status and future of the deaconess movement in The Methodist Church. Deaconess teach in colleges, work as nurses in hospitals, serve as administrators in community centers, work as technicians to strengthen rural churches and serve the church in a variety of ways.

Also attending the meeting will be key officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of The Methodist Church from area and national levels.

SE Jurisdiction Sets Date

The next quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference will be held April 1-5, 1964, in Birmingham, Ala. The city was chosen by the jurisdiction's committee on entertainment. The dates were selected by its college of bishops. The last Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference voted to hold its 1964 session within the bounds of the jurisdiction at a time and place other than that of the General Conference. The next General Conference will convene in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26, 1964.

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Race Relations Sunday	396,000	1,000,000
Division of Higher Education for Negro Colleges		
Methodist Student Day	234,000	300,000
National Methodist Scholarships and Student Loan Fund		
Church School Rally Day	539,000	550,000
Annual Conference Board of Education		
Interdenominational Co-operation . . .	415,000	512,917*
World and National Councils of Churches		
TOTALS	\$11,408,000	\$20,462,917

*A General Conference apportionment, not an estimated need.

NOTE—To the above **computed needs** should be added conference benevolences as follows: 1—Higher Education, \$2.00 per member, \$19,000,000. 2—Conference Advance Specials, for which receipts amounted to \$5,996,584 in 1959-60.

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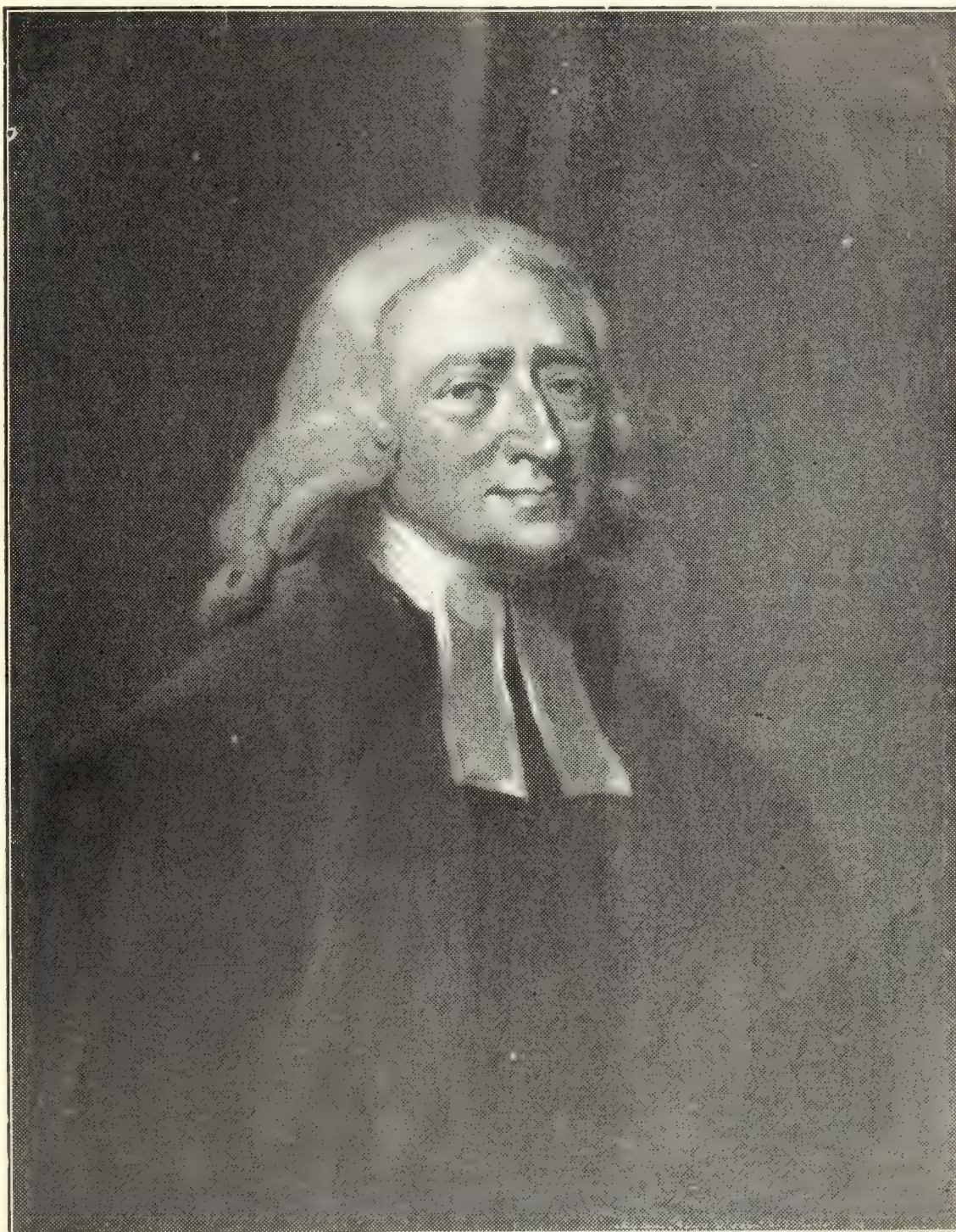
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"I FELT MY HEART STRANGELY WARMED"

A Flame begun 223 Years Ago (May 24, 1738) Still Burns in the Hearts of Millions of Methodists



★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ Mr. Charles McAdams, director of Public Relations and Development at Methodist College, Fayetteville, spoke at the morning service at Hope Mills Methodist Church last Sunday.

¶ THE COMMENCEMENT sermon at the Newport High School on May 28 at 8:00 p.m., will be given by the Rev. Ralph L. Fleming, Jr., pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Newport.

¶ FAIR GROVE CHURCH, Thomasville District, will observe Homecoming Day June 4. Dr. Allen Best, vice-president of Greensboro College, will be guest speaker. Rev. Dwight Pyatt is pastor.

¶ Dr. J. E. Garlington, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was guest speaker at Chapel Service at North Carolina Wesleyan College Tuesday, May 16, 1961. Dr. Garlington's topic was "Works Betray Thee."

¶ Mr. Marse Grant, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and 1941 graduate of High Point College, spoke to the senior class of the college during the investiture program in assembly May 3. Mr. Grant is a native of High Point.

¶ We regret to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Lettie Alice Couch, of Coeburn, Va., mother of the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro. Brother Couch will have the sympathetic interest of his friends throughout the conference.

¶ We call attention of our ministers and laymen to the Special 20-Week subscription trial offer for only \$1.00. Subscriptions received before June 1 will be accepted on this proposition. We have had a large number come in, and will be glad to receive others. But NOW is the time to act!

¶ The Reverend S. G. Dodson, Jr., has resigned as Minister of Education at Trinity Church, Birmingham, Ala., and accepted a similar job at the Chevy Chase Methodist Church in suburban, Washington, D. C. He will transfer on July 1. Mr. Dodson is a former member of the N. C. Annual Conference.

¶ A note from Rev. Paul R. Maness, retired member of the North Carolina Conference now living at 617 Jefferson Street, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., indicates he would be glad to hear from the brethren over the conference. Brother Maness has a good philosophy of life, and is trusting in the continued care of God. He says he is very happy.

¶ Bethel Church of the Franklin circuit was host to the sub-district Officers Training Day for Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties on May 10. Mrs. Harold Cabe made plans for the program, and Rev. M. C. Perkins gave the meditation. Mrs. W. B. Harrell, president of the Waynesville district WSCS, gave the summary message. Luncheon was served at the close of the meeting.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Friendship Church of the Friendship-Shady Grove Charge, Route 2, Connelly Springs, on Sunday, May 28. All former members and friends are invited to attend. Rev. Neil E. Smith is pastor.

¶ REV. ROLLIN P. GIBBS, director of Field Service and Finance of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, will be the speaker at Trinity Church, Kannapolis, Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock at the Stewards' supper.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. David M. Cowart of Albemarle announce the birth of their third child, Marsha Joyce, born May 11, 1961, at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. The other children are David, Jr., 5, and Leslie Deane, 3.

¶ REV. C. JACK CAUDILL, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Kernersville, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the Kernersville High School next Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The service will be held in the school auditorium.

¶ DR. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY, executive director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference, will deliver the commencement sermon at the Farmville High School on Sunday night, May 28, at 8:00 o'clock.

¶ REV. AND MRS. J. DWIGHT CARTNER announce the birth of a daughter, Jamye Michelle, on Saturday, May 6, at City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem. Rev. Cartner is pastor of the Germanton-Oak Grove Charge in the Winston-Salem District.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Warlick's Chapel Church of the Friendship-Shady Grove Charge, Route 1, Connelly Springs, on Sunday, June 4. All former members and ministers are invited to attend. Rev. Neil E. Smith is pastor.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON is spending this week in Birmingham, Ala., working with the cabinet in making appointments. Next week, the week of May 29-June 1, he will preside over the North Alabama Conference. Bishop Harmon was assigned to the North Alabama Conference after the death of Bishop Bachman G. Hodge last January.

¶ THE EDITOR preached in the Methodist Church at Wallace last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Wallace Kirby, was preaching the baccalaureate sermon at the Penderlea High School. He also preached the sermon to the graduates at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School on Sunday night. Our sincere thanks for a splendid and appreciative congregation at Wallace, to Wallace and Sallie Kirby for a delightful dinner and visit at the parsonage, and to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant for a crate (24 cartons) of beautiful strawberries. We were also delighted to see some of our friends from a former pastorate present for the service. It was a long drive, but a very pleasant day.

Mrs. Edwin Ray Clarke

A presence has left us for a while but even now those left feel her influence and remember her counsel. Sarah Elizabeth Hankins, better known as Bessie Hankins, and now remembered as Bessie H. Clarke, was a member of the first graduating class of Tileston High School, now called New Hanover High School. She was a marshal in her class when graduated from the North Carolina State Normal and Industrial College, now North Carolina Woman's College. She taught for a number of years in Hemingway School and followed Mrs. Hettie Fennel as principal of Cornelius Harnett.

Bessie married Edwin Ray Clarke of Louisville, Ky., who died in 1943. Elizabeth Ray blessed this union.

Besides being interested in education, Mrs. Clarke was a devoted wife and mother and was a devout Christian. She was interested and active in all phases of church work. In 1916, when quite a number of people from Grace and Fifth Avenue Churches moved their membership to Trinity the Clarks were one of these families, moving from Grace. Their home, so near Trinity, was always open for meetings, either committees or Sunday school class socials, both for men and women. Many individuals came to her for advice and counsel and always received help. This story shows her attitude: one time when her sister, Miss Ida Hankins, then on furlough from her work in Korea, remarked on her not teaching at that time, she answered, "the church duties and the teaching duties combined were too much for me, so I had to give up teaching."

Mrs. Clarke taught the Beginners Class at Trinity for many years. She was president of the Woman's Missionary Society for eight years and was always available for counsel and advice to the presidents who followed her. From 1925 to 1932 she was district secretary for the Wilmington District. The records show much growth during those years. At that time the district secretary did *everything*, even collected the money from the local societies and sent it to the conference treasurer.

In the summer of 1960, when the Atlantic Coast Line moved its offices to Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Clarke, even though she had been paralyzed for two and a half years, went to Jacksonville with Elizabeth. Her outlook was one of anticipation in meeting new situations. She became a charter member of St. Paul's Methodist Church in her new home town.

Mrs. Clarke passed into the life eternal on March 20 and was buried in Oakdale Cemetery in Wilmington on March 22, 1961.

Her immediate survivors are one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ray Clarke, Jacksonville, Fla., and one sister, Miss Ida Hankins, of Wilmington.

MRS. M. H. SHEPHERD
MRS. W. C. DAVIS

April 25, 1961

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¶ REV. MITCHELL FAULKNER, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the seniors of the Shelby High School Sunday night, May 21, in the First Baptist Church, Shelby.

Greensboro College To Hold Commencement May 26-28

Dr. Judson Clements Ward, Jr., vice-president and dean of the faculty of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the annual commencement address at Greensboro College Sunday, May 28.

Eighty-five men and women students are expected to receive degrees at the graduation exercises at 3:30 p.m. in Odell Memorial Auditorium. Graduation weekend activities begin Friday.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Ward received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina and his A.B. and M.A. from Emory University.

Dr. Ward has been president of Georgia Teachers College, assistant chancellor of the University System of Georgia and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Emory University.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and vice-chairman of the Georgia Accrediting Commission.

Friday's activities include the annual senior class dinner at 5 p.m. and a meeting of the executive committee of the Alumnae Association at 7:30 p.m. in Main Building.

Saturday the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Alumni-Student Luncheon including luncheon of the "Forty-Niners" at 1 p.m. Class reunions will be held at 3 p.m.

Sunday the senior art exhibit will be on display from 2 until 3:30 p.m. in the college library, followed by the graduation service. Members of the graduating class and guests will be honored at a reception at 5 p.m. by President and Mrs. Harold H. Hutson in Main Building.

Dr. Harry Denman Will Preach In Tri-County Evangelistic Mission



Dr. Harry Denman, General Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, will begin a Tri-County Evangelistic Mission Saturday evening, June 3 at 7:30 in the new Plymouth High School gymnasium. There will be two services on Sunday at 10:45, be broadcast over local Radio Station WPNC, 1470, and at 7:30. Services will be at 7:30 on Monday evening and the Giant Rally on Tuesday evening, to close the Mission.

Twenty-six Churches are sponsoring the Mission and 95 Churches will participate in the Giant Rally.

Preparations have been made to seat 2,000 persons at each service. The original Choir of 100 has already grown to 120. The Choir will be under the direction of Mr. John Lowry, who this year was Music Director at Plymouth, N. C., and is the new Music Director of Grainger High School in Kinston, N. C. Dr. Morris Husted, well-known gospel hymn singer, whose latest recording, "Songs of Comfort" is now available, will sing each evening in addition to a special by the Choir.

Preparations are being made to house in the homes of local residents, those persons who from the Outer Banks are unable to return on Tuesday night. These persons are to send in their reservations by May 21.

This Christian Mission is sponsored by the combined Churches of the Plymouth Ministerial Association, and 21 Methodist Churches in the area. All 95 Churches of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church will participate the last night for the Rally.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the people of this section which will perhaps not again pass this way.

"The Twelve" Evangelistic Groups To Be Organized

Members of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism will concentrate on organizing groups of "The Twelve" in Methodist churches in their areas.

"The Twelve" is a name chosen by the Methodist General Board of Evangelism for groups of Methodists who organize primarily to strengthen their own spiritual life and to win new persons to Christ. The groups take their name from the number of Jesus' disciples.

The Discipline of the Methodist Church says that one of the duties of local church Commissions on Membership and Evangelism, in cooperation with the pastors, is to encourage such groups as "The Twelve" or kindred organizations.

More than 60 persons from various sections of the country attended the meeting of the national lay committee, which is affiliated with the General Board of Evangelism.

N. C. Conference Plans Evangelistic Program

North Carolina Conference Methodists have announced plans for a far-reaching program for a evangelism to cover 56 counties on a door-to-door basis next fall.

The program was disclosed in outlining the calendar for the coming conference year at the annual meeting of the Coordinating Council of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Emphasis for the entire year will be on evangelism centered around a program called "A United Witness for Christ and His Church," conference officials said.

Planning sessions for the nine districts are scheduled for Sept. 11-22, with a door-to-door religious census in October.

Mills River Educational Building To Be Dedicated May 28



On Sunday, May 28th, at 11:00 o'clock, the new educational building of the Mills River Methodist Church will be dedicated. This new addition was started, completed and paid for under the leadership of the Rev. Vero R. Masters, who is present pastor. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District, will preach and lead the dedication services, after which a picnic dinner will be served to all in attendance. All former pastors and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Mills River Methodist Church was organized

sometime before 1826. As records have not been accurately kept, no record of pastors before the late 1880's can be found. The only records kept show that the Rev. W. A. Wampler was pastor in late 1880. Since that time there have been 33 pastors. About ten years ago an addition of six classrooms was made. The new educational building contains a beautiful fellowship hall, well-equipped kitchen, five classrooms, pastor's study, and rest rooms. The cost of the new addition was approximately \$25,000.

EDITORIALS

Destiny May Be Determined In The Home

We have just come through the period when we celebrate National Family Week, and the festival of the Christian Home, reaching its climax on Mother's Day. For many people this is a time when special attention is given to the matter of proper emphasis upon religion in the home life. And most of us know that this is all too often neglected, not that we do not believe in or appreciate it, but because we become so emersed in other things that we simply neglect. Most parents want their children to develop Christian characters and build upon Christian ideals, but sometimes fail to realize the place that religious emphasis in the home can and should occupy in realizing that desire. Bishop Hazen G. Werner, resident bishop of the Ohio Area of the Methodist Church, speaking at a family life conference in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, last week, said, among other things, that we simply cannot expect to develop good, sound, stable Christians by giving only 30 or 40 minutes to this matter on Sunday morning in the church school. It is a matter that requires the enlistment of the entire family. He suggested that Christian teaching in the home should become as much a part of this training as that of the church school. Parents should themselves become teachers, supplementing the work of the church school teacher by developing a program which involves every member of the family in a study of Christian ideals. We cannot simply "teach" Christian principles, we must instill them into the very nature of every individual. Years ago someone said that "if America ever has a moral breakdown, it will have its prelude in the neglect of the Christian home." Parents have a responsibility that cannot be shifted to the shoulders of others, no matter how willing they may be to assume it. "As the home goes, so goes the world." Children never get away from the influence of godly parents and Christian teaching in the home. What a great responsibility, and what a marvelous opportunity belong to parents!

Tribute to a Good Man

In the passing of Richard J. Corbett last week Henderson lost one of its most distinguished and useful citizens. He not only was a good business man, contributing largely to the economic welfare of the city and its people, but he was also a very fine churchman

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"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."
—Prov. 27:1.

whose loyalty was never questioned. It was the privilege of this editor to know Mr. Corbett when he was in the heyday of his business career. The one thing we remember most about him, however, was the fact that he was always at his church on Sunday and through the week when occasion required. He was probably regarded as the outstanding member of his church in those days. He has made an indelible impression upon the community from a business and economic standpoint, but we venture to say that his greatest influence was from a moral and religious viewpoint. Having reached the age of eighty-eight years he could not be active of late, but his contribution in helping to build a better community in earlier years will live on to bless those who knew him then and those who come after him. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Religion Can Be Thrilling

If we are to get the thrill out religious living, we must live our religion like it is worth living. What we are really trying to say is that in many cases religion is entirely too anemic. It has no lift; it brings no joy; there is no compulsion to it. It has been embraced because we know it is the thing to do, but there is a lack of complete commitment. It is tolerated, but not thrilling. Even in the pulpit we sometimes seem to detect an absence of assurance that generates enthusiasm. A minister may preach because he has to say something, rather than to preach because he has something to say. Saint Paul felt a compelling urge. "Woe is me if I preach not this gospel." Fanny Crosby, the sainted poet, sang "O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee my God I commune as friend with Friend." That makes the difference. Many people go to church through force of habit or to prove their interest, or to be sociable. Others go because they want to go; they would rather be in church and worship at a throne of grace than to be anywhere else in the world. To them "this is the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Here they find strength for living; here they receive assurance; here they catch a glimpse of the eternal and are challenged to noble deeds.

Lay Committee on Evangelism Elects Herbert J. Taylor

Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., has been elected chairman of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism. He is a business executive and past president of Rotary International.

Mr. Taylor and other officers were elected for one-year terms at a meeting of the national committee April 28-30 at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. B. J. Edge, Whiting, Ind., was elected secretary.

All other officers were re-elected. They are: vice-chairmen, Hally P. Johns, Philadelphia; Richard W. Campbell, Altoona, Pa.; Kazuo Saito, Los Angeles; and Howard M. Jones, London, Ky.; and treasurer, Sam W. Brown, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mr. Taylor succeeds as chairman, Sollie E. McCreless, San Antonio, Texas, who has served in that office since the committee was organized in 1959 to serve as a "base of interest and counsel in the total work of evangelism." The committee is affiliated with the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

Notice To All Pastors Of Western N. C. Conference

Table I, Statistical Report, of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference should be mailed to your district statistician so that it will reach him not later than Monday, May 29th.

Table II, Financial Report, of the Pastor's Report to Annual Conference should be mailed to your district statistician so that it will reach him not later than Wednesday, May 31st.

It is very important that the reports listed above be in the hands of your district statistician on the dates indicated.

Signed:

E. PAUL HAMILTON, Statistician
Western N. C. Conference

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Services Begin At New
Oteen Methodist Church

The first service in the newly-organized Oteen Methodist Church near Asheville was held on Sunday evening, May 7th, with the Rev. Robert Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District, in charge.

The Rev. Mr. Tuttle spoke on the meaning of the great epistle on Christian love described in I Corinthians 13. His topic was "A Sense of Values."

The Rev. Glenn Lackey of Statesville, executive secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference, assisted with the organizational



ritual of the church. He will serve as temporary pastor of the church until the meeting of the Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska in June.

Services were held in a two-story home renovated to serve as a temporary church. It is located one block off the main highway in a subdivision of 100 new brick homes, across the road from the U. S. Veterans Hospital at Oteen.

The house was owned for many years by the Brown family. Recently partitions were removed and the interior redecorated to make a sanctuary. Other rooms were arranged where Sunday school classes might be held. The entire interior has been redecorated and the exterior painted.

A few months ago this property, including the house and a five-acre tract of land, was purchased by the Methodist Church through the cooperation of the Asheville District Missions Society, the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference and the Duke Foundation.

Plans for the organization were made at a meeting of district and conference leaders held at Groce Methodist Church, Asheville.

The district superintendent announced that a full schedule of regular services at the new church would begin on Sunday, May 14th. This includes church school at 9:45 a.m., the morning service at 11:00 o'clock, and evening service at 7:45. A full-time minister for the church will be appointed at Annual Conference.

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Mrs. Charles E. Wegner, St. Paul, Minn., a former vice president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, has been elected secretary of literature and publications for that Division. Succeeding Mrs. C. C. Long, who was granted extended sick leave,

In Memoriam

Mrs. Fannie Parham Kittrell

We, the members of the Lois Mitchell Circle, and Blanche Smith Circle of Plank Chapel Methodist Church, Kittrell, N. C., wish to pay tribute to our beloved charter member, Mrs. Fannie Parham Kittrell, who passed away Nov. 2, 1960, at the age of 90.

A devoted Christian, her church was very dear to her. She was unfailing in her attendance, a devoted wife and mother, and a friend to many. She will be missed by her community, our church, and most of all by her family. The memory of the loyalty and devotion of this Christian woman will last for many years, and be an inspiration to those left behind for greater service for the Master.

—MRS. P. C. FULLER, *President*
Woman Society of Christian
Service

Swansboro Church Holds
Recognition Service

A congregational supper was held at the Swansboro Methodist Church recognizing some 50 new members who have been received into the church this conference year.

Extensive remodeling and redecorating of the sanctuary has been completed, much of this improvement necessitated because of termite damage. Plans are also going forward for a new church structure in a different location. Walter C. Burgess has been engaged to draw the plans for the new church building.

Rev. D. W. Charlton, Sr., is pastor of the Swansboro Church.

Notice to WNC Ministers

The executive committee of the WNC Conference Brotherhood, in its meeting at Statesville on May 16, voted to recommend the following matters to the ministers of the WNC Conference:

1. We urge the persons now enrolled in our Hospital Care Group No. 398/05 who have not yet elected to add the extended benefits to their basic hospitalization policy to do so at their earliest convenience. If 43 more individuals add this endorsement, we shall have no waiting periods for pre-existing conditions as described in the extended benefits' rider. Payment of only \$8.00 to Hospital Care will add this coverage, effective June 15, 1961.

2. We shall ask the members of the Brotherhood to vote during the Brotherhood Hour at the 1961 Annual Conference regarding the payment of Hospital Care premiums, effective October 15, 1961. We recommend that the premiums after that date be paid quarterly. Due to increased costs for additional mailing of notices, etc., the handling fee would become \$1.40 a year (or 35¢ each quarter).

3. We have again set the death benefit of the Brotherhood for the Conference year 1961-62 at \$3,000.

(Signed):

H. G. ALLEN, *President*
JESSE G. WILKINSON, *Secretary*
G. G. ADAMS, JR., *Asst. Sec'y*

Milford Hills Methodist
Church Holds Ceremony

At the close of the regular morning worship service at Milford Hills Methodist Church Sunday, May 14, Rev. Everett Freeman announced a special ceremony, presenting a scroll of appreciation and two plaques of dedication.

Mr. and Mrs. Quillman H. Wood and daughter Ann were called to the front of the church. Rev. Mr. Freeman presented them with a framed scroll in appreciation of many fine works for the church, and in particular for their financial aid and work in bringing the church's fine parsonage into being.

Mrs. Wood was then asked to remain at the altar and Mr. Freeman read the ceremony presenting the WSCS Life Membership Pin and Mrs. A. I. Anderson, president of the WSCS, came forward and presented the pin to Mrs. Wood.

At this time the pastor also dedicated two metal plaques, one to be mounted on the church kitchen door and the other on the door of the pastor's study. The plaque on the pastor's study is in acknowledgment of the gift of office furniture presented in memory of Charles Ottis Floyd by Mrs. Charles Ottis Floyd and Mr. Charles Frederick Floyd. The plaque on the kitchen door is in acknowledgment of the gift of kitchen equipment in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wood by Mr. and Mrs. Q. H. Wood and Ann Wood.

The special service was concluded with the benediction by the pastor and the choir singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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The Rev. Sam S. Barefield, audio-visuals editor for the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, will join the staff of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission here May 1. He will be associate director of the Department of Audio-visual Resources.



The newly organized St. Luke's Methodist Church, Burlington, Rt. 2, has also organized a Methodist Men's Club with 14 charter members. James Rogers, district lay leader, met with the club in its organizational meeting, and Joe Holmes, associate district lay leader, is shown in the above picture delivering the charter to James Merritt, president of the new club. Other officers of the club are Lee Roy Morene, vice-president; William Hall, secretary-treasurer; and Gene Turner, reporter. The first project adopted by the club is to aid the church in the annual Every Member Visitation.

Program

Western North Carolina Annual Conference

June 7-11, 1961

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Presiding

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Wednesday, June 7, 1961

- 10:00 a.m. Registration opens
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting of Boards, Commissions, Committees as called
- 3:00 p.m. Opening of Conference
Devotions — Bishop Harmon
- 3:30 p.m. Report of Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications — Walter Lee Lanier, chairman; M. E. Harbin, registrar.
Report of Committee on Conference Relations—J. G. Wilkinson, chairman
- 7:30 p.m. Formal opening of the 1961 Annual Conference Organization
- 8:00 p.m. Conference Historical Society; Aubert M. Smith, president. Address: "Our Methodist Heritage," Dr. William R. Cannon, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.

Thursday, June 8, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions — Bishop Harmon
Reception of Class into Full Connection
- 10:00 a.m. Calendar of Reports
Commission on Promotion and Cultivation; C. G. Hefner, chairman. Television, Radio, Film Commission; E. A. Fitzgerald, chairman. Commission on Christian Vocation; J. J. Holmes, chairman
- 11:00 a.m. Board of Missions: W. Kenneth Goodson, president; Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary
- 12:00 noon Hour of Preaching
Sermon: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 2:30 p.m. Conference Brotherhood: H. G. Allen, president
- 3:15 p.m. Commission on Town and Country Work, E. H. Lowman, chairman; W. W. Blanton, executive secretary
- 7:15 p.m. Ordination of Deacons
Board of Christian Social Concerns, Ray F. Swink, chairman. Address, Bishop Ensley

Friday, June 9, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions: "The Call to the Ministry"
Bishop Ensley
- 10:00 a.m. Calendar of Reports
Board of Evangelism: E. H. Blackard, chairman
Commission on Minimum Salary: R. M. Smith, chairman; Treasurer's Report, F. D. Russell, treasurer
Commission on World Service and Finance: Herbert M. Wayne, chairman. Statistician's Report: E. Paul Hamilton, statistician
- 11:15 a.m. Board of Education: Frank Jordan, chairman; Carl H. King, executive secretary. Commission on Higher Education: Wilson O. Weldon, chairman; Fletcher Nelson, director. Report on Pfeiffer College. Address: "The Ministry of the Church on the Campus Today," Rev. Jameson Jones, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 2:30 p.m. Board of Pensions: A. Glenn Lackey, president
- 3:00 p.m. Board of Hospitals and Homes: E. H. Nease, Jr., chairman. "The Children's Home and the Methodist Home," M. T. Lambeth, Superintendent, the Children's Home, Winston-Salem; W. S. Farrow, Administrator, The Methodist Home, Charlotte
- 7:30 p.m. Board of Lay Activities: R. M. Smith, Conference Lay Leader. Address: R. H. Bond, Memphis Conference Lay Leader, Dyersburg, Tennessee

Saturday, June 10, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service
Memorial Address: "When We Remember"—Dr. G. Ray Jordan, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga.
- 10:00 a.m. Calendar of Reports
Conference Entertainment Committee: H. L. Creech, Jr., chairman. Deaconess Board, Miss Mary Floyd, chairman. Southeastern Jurisdiction Program: D. Trigg James, executive secretary. Bible Board: G. H. Winecoff, chairman. Committee on Worship: J. B. McLarty, chairman. Committee on Publication of Journal: J. L. Pittard, chairman
- 12:00 noon Committee on Publishing Interests: L. A. Scott, chairman. Address: Dr. Lovick Pierce, Publisher, The Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 2:30 p.m. Conference Business
- 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Evangelistic Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Rally sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. Sermon: Dr. Lawrence Lacour, General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee

Sunday, June 11, 1961

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion — Memorial Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Sermon: Bishop Harmon
Reading of Appointments for 1962-1963
Adjournment at will

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, June 7

- 5:30 p.m. Press Dinner, Edwin L. Jones Cafeteria

Thursday, June 8

- 1:00 p.m. Rural Fellowship Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria
- 4-6 p.m. Pfeiffer College Tea, Gibson Cottage
- 6:00 p.m. Emory University Dinner, Waynesville High School Cafeteria

Friday, June 9

- 8:00 a.m. High Point College Breakfast, Waynesville High School Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. Brevard College Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria
- 4:00 p.m. Asbury College Tea, "The Asburian,"
- 5:30 p.m. Duke University Banquet, Waynesville High School Cafeteria
- 5:30 p.m. WNC Layman's Banquet, Hazelwood Elementary School

Saturday, June 10

- 8:00 a.m. Chaplain's Breakfast, Bethel School Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. Minister's Wives Luncheon, Waynesville High School Cafeteria
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism Dinner for Choirs, Longs Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Wesley Seminary Dinner, Towne House

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Ministers' Wives' Luncheon At Annual Conference

The ministers' wives of the Western North Carolina Conference will have their annual luncheon June 10, in Waynesville High School Cafeteria at 1 o'clock, \$1.75 (per person or plate).

All ministers wives of Conference are most cordially invited to attend this luncheon along with other ministers wives who are visiting at the Lake at that time.

Please make your reservations early to Mrs. J. Clay Madison, 1130 Westridge Rd., Greensboro, N. C.

A very enjoyable and interesting skit, "Guardian Angels," written by Mrs. Brunson Wallace, vice president of the Ministers' Wives Association will be presented by Mrs. Wallace. Assisting will be other officers of Association and ministers' wives from various districts.

We think this will be a delightful occasion for all ministers wives to get together for closer friendship and fellowship.

Young Adult Assembly Camp Don Lee June 9-11

The Rev. Harold Fair of Nashville, Tenn., editor of *Adult Student* and *Adult Bible Course*, will be the guest resource leader for the North Carolina Methodist Conference Young Adult Assembly at Camp Don Lee, June 9-11. At the opening session of the Assembly he will give a major address on "Our Faith and Heritage in Study," and will serve in several other aspects of the program.

Additional presentations will include an address on "The Meaning of Christian Marriage," by Dr. Haywood Harrell, chairman of the Conference Committee on Family Life; two films, "Lost in the Crowd," and "The Cut of Truth," and a brief address by the Rev. James Un of Korea, a student at Duke Divinity School.

After each presentation, the Assembly will divide into four work groups to discuss the application of the message to the needs of persons in the local church. Each work group will bring its report back to the Assembly in a different way, demonstrating such teaching methods as panel discussions, informal drama, turnover chart, small groups, symposium, etc.

Leaders of the work groups will be:

Evangelism: Mrs. W. L. Walton, Raleigh; Rev. George Tyson, Goldsboro; Rev. R. H. Hodge, Raleigh; Mr. George Jones.

Study and Worship: Mrs. C. W. Andrews, Durham; Mrs. Tom Mathews, Durham; Mr. R. L. Cannon, Jr., Vanceboro; Rev. Harold L. Fair, Nashville, Tenn.

Social Action and Missions: Mr. James Rogers, Burlington; Dr. Charles Young, Durham; Rev. Robert Morgan, Durham; Mrs. Robert Wheat, Durham.

Family Life: Mrs. Adrian Brown, Greenville; Rev. Haywood Harrell, Pink Hill; Mrs. Felix Harvey, III, Kinston; Mrs. Wilton Hollowell, Goldsboro.

Additional important features will include planned and free recreational periods, including swimming, canoeing, folk games, and campfires; worship services, including morning watch, a love feast and Holy Communion; a Forum on Teaching Procedures, and election and installation of Conference officers. Registration will begin at 3:00 on Friday, June 9, and the Assembly will adjourn after lunch Sunday, June 11.

The Assembly is open to all Methodist young adults, married or single; officers, members and teachers of young adult classes; ministers and wives; and directors of Christian education. The cost is \$10.50 for single persons, \$18.00 for couples. Classes should send at least one delegate, preferably a team.

Information blanks may be secured from any North Carolina Conference minister, or Rev. Harold Minor, Director of Adult Work, Methodist Board of Education, Box 667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

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The Rev. Dr. Harold W. Ruopp, 62, died in Minneapolis, Minn., April 29. He had been minister of Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church there for several years before ill health necessitated his resignation. He had served several pastorates in his native Ohio and the nondenominational Central Church in Chicago and was for eight years a professor of preaching at Boston University School of Theology.



Methodist officials study an outline map of a 270-acre campsite in McDowell County which the Charlotte District will begin developing this summer for its youth. The leaders are (from left), the Rev. Kenneth Horn, vice chairman of the sub-committee on camp program and administration; Raymond Breitz, Jr., chairman of the camp committee; Dr. Walter Miller, district superintendent; and Jim Brandes, chairman of the sub-committee on campsite location and development.

Charlotte District Begins Fund Drive For Camp Site

The Charlotte District is engaged in a campaign to raise funds to purchase property for a district camp site. A 270-acre tract of land near Marion, N. C., has been selected by the District Committee on Camps and Conferences for the site.

Contributions are being solicited from individuals and groups within the churches of the district over a one-year period. The Ways and Means Subcommittee devised a plan to issue Certificates of Investment or "shares" in the camp fund, each representing the purchase of one acre of land at the site, payable over four years. Mr. Fred Hoover of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church is chairman of this subcommittee. Ministers and laymen of the district and young people of the four subdistricts are participating in the drive for funds.

Mr. Raymond Breitz, chairman of the District Camp Committee, states that the group hopes to raise \$20,000 in contributions and pledges by June 4, when the campaign ends.

Mr. Dick Jarrell of Calvary Methodist Church and chairman of the subcommittee on Program and Administration, announced recently that the district would sponsor a Senior High Camp at the site, July 24-29. Rev. George Rudisill, pastor of Christ Methodist Church, will lead this first youth group composed of young people selected from the subdistrict organizations. The district will also sponsor a Junior Day Camp laboratory session, June 26-July 1, under the leadership of George Blackburn, director of education at Myers Park Methodist Church. Rev. Don Bridger, pastor of Harrison Methodist Church, is the over-all camp director for the district this year.

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The Missouri Corporation office of the General Board of Pensions, now located in St. Louis, will be removed to the board's main office in Chicago shortly after June 1, it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN
ADVOCATE:

Another annual Methodist Conference near! What a fine institution! In many ways it is more important than any other of our conferences, as it directly affects thousands of ministers and millions of church people.

I have heard of an early American preacher, whose name was John Zimmerman. When he was sent to a church he would first tell them that he was a one-year preacher; as he could without fear or favor tell them in one year what he thought was best for them and for himself. Then he would go on and preach to another church in the same way. In that way, he preached to so many people in so many churches in North and South Carolina all without fear or favor. Just think, men of this type may have been the reason for this nation being firmly established on the Bible and winning the respect of many other nations. What would he say now about alcohol, especially as it is consumed by our government people in Washington? About the desecration of the Sabbath, even unheld by our ultra-smart Supreme Court? About our complacency, selfishness, loose luxurious living, delinquency, etc? It could be that if our people were constantly cautioned of their responsibility of not patronizing any of these things they would simply stop. Are we partly responsible for communism, on account of our freedom gone to seed in loose selfish government? Democracy is being put to a terrible test.

It seems that our ministers should tell our people more about the only eternal Holy Spirit of all that is really good for mankind. The Holy Spirit which no sane mind can deny any more than it can deny all positives against all negatives.

This little rhyme may help in thinking at Conference time:

Wherever I am sent, I will go
And whatever I try to do and be,
What is really best for our people
Will surely be best for me.

—JAMES H. BOST

21st Annual Meeting Woman's Society of Christian Service Western North Carolina Conference June 13-15, 1961 - Lake Junaluska

THEME: "For Such a Faith"

A thousand Methodist women from all parts of Western North Carolina will attend the 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska on June 13-15. Mrs. Carl King, president, will be in charge.

The complete program was announced this week by Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchev of Asheville, conference vice-president and program chairman.

The opening session will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday, June 13. The afternoon program includes a meditation by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte, presiding bishop of the W.N.C. Conference; the organization of the annual meeting; talk by the Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate; the president's message by Mrs. Carl King; a fellowship tea on the lawn near the auditorium, with the W.S.C.S of the Gastonia district as hostess.

At 6:30 p.m. there will be a dinner for all of the missionaries, deaconesses and workers of the conference at Lambuth Inn. At the evening session, this group will form a procession to enter the auditorium together. They will be introduced by Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr. of Elkin, conference secretary of missionary education. Mrs. H. G. Allen of Statesville will speak on, "Give Us Such a Faith As This." Special Music will be presented by Mrs. C. C. Herbert and Mrs. George H. Roach.

Early communion will be held at the Memorial Chapel from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. The first six districts in the conference on the first morning, and the last seven districts on the second morning. A love offering for Pfeiffer College will be placed on the altar.

The Wednesday program will begin at 9 with prayer by Dr. James W. Fowler,



MRS. C. A. MEEKER



MRS. CARL H. KING

Jr., superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds. Mrs. E. F. Dixon will speak on United Church Women. Five conference officers will report on the work in their departments. These are Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchev, vice-president, Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., children's work, Mrs. W. A. Bales, Christian social relations, Mrs. Arnold Kirk, literature and publications, and Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., missionary education.

The Rev. R. E. Nicholson of Waynesville will give the inspirational address and Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College will speak on The Deaconess Association.

Coaching conferences for all departments will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The afternoon session will include a talk on Pfeiffer College by Dr. Lem Stokes. II; the pledge service led by Mrs. E. D. Chandler, conference treasurer, and Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr.; the memorial service; and reports by three officers, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, promotion, Mrs. Garland Stafford, missionary personnel, and Mrs. H. F. Anderson, spiritual life.

On Wednesday at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn sing by the lakeside, with Glenn Draper leading. Mrs. C. A. Meeker will present the main address of the evening session. The five Church and Community Workers of the W.N.C. Conference will show pictures of their work. These include Miss Laura Wells of Hayesville, Miss Anita Benoy of Mt. Airy, Virginia Miller of Avery County, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks of Yancey County and Deaconess Vera Falls of Cherokee.

The Thursday session will begin with a morning meditation by Mrs. C. A. Meeker, Mrs. Julian Reeves will report on the meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction in Durham. Miss Margaret Hodgins of Charlotte and Mrs. Marion Wooten of Winston-Salem will tell of the work at the

Bethlehem Centers of these two cities.

Seven officers will speak, Miss Mary Bethesda, student work, Mrs. H. J. Wise, supply work, Mrs. W. H. White, Wesleyan Service Guild, Mrs. I. L. Sharpe, youth work, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., committee on nominations, and Mrs. John C. Wright, public relations.

The closing meditation will be presented by the Rev. Nicholson and special music for all sessions by Mrs. C. C. Herbert and Mrs. George Roach.

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17th ANNUAL MEETING WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 16 - 18, 1961

Lake Junaluska

Theme - "The Faith That Compels Us."

Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte, conference Guild secretary. Friday, June 16, 3-6 p.m. registration, Lambuth Inn; 7:15 p.m. Meditation Hour in Memorial Chapel, with Mrs. Arthelia Brooks as leader and Mrs. Florence Sherrill, presiding; 8:15 p.m., convening of conference in auditorium, Mrs. M. H. White, presiding; welcome by Dr. Trigg James and Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr., introductions, greetings from the Woman's Society by Mrs. Carl King, president; business session; hymn sing led by Glenn



MRS. M. H. WHITE

Draper; 9 p.m. informal coffee hour at Lambuth Inn, with the women of the Gastonia Guild as hostesses. Mrs. Gladys Hornbuckle, district secretary is in charge.

Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m., workshops at Lambuth Inn, leaders: Mrs. Carl King, Mrs. Ira Shelley, Miss Laura Wells, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Mrs. W. A. Bales and Mrs. Tillie Brooks; 10 a.m. coffee break; 10:45 a.m. general session at auditorium, including special music by Junaluska singers, memorial meditation, roll call of districts, election of committee chairmen, reports of the district secretaries made into a skit, "The Magic of 13;" presentation of students by Mrs. Carl King.

2:00 p.m. report of registrar, Mrs. Fred Thompson; a skit, "A Program Committee Meets," Mrs. Gladys Hornbuckle, Mrs. Florence Sherrill, Miss Joyce Shook, Mrs. Ira Shelley, Mrs. T. R. Hosick, Mrs. Elizabeth Wentz and Mrs. M. H. White; 3 p.m. free time to visit World Methodist build-

ing; tea at Lambuth Inn, Gastonia Guild as hostess.

Saturday, at 7:45 p.m. a hymn sing by the lakeside, with Glenn Draper leading. 8 p.m. hymn, prayer, special music, address by Mrs. C. A. Meeker of New York; "A Trip With a Mission," Mrs. Ira Shelley, leader; pledge service, Miss Mary Bright, Mrs. E. D. Chandler and 13 district Guild secretaries.

Sunday at 7 a.m. a communion service will be held in the Memorial Chapel, with Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II and the Rev. Mamie D. Newell as ministers in charge. Music will be presented by the Junaluska singers. The Guild love offering for Pfeiffer College will be placed on the altar at this time.

At 11 a.m. the Guilders will attend the morning worship service in the auditorium and Bishop James W. Henley of the Jacksonville, Fla., area will speak.



"Blue Cards"

The secretaries of student work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are charged with the important duty of sending "Blue Cards" when young people from their churches go to college.

These are the persons to whom Blue Cards should be sent:

Agricultural and Technical College: The Rev. W. T. Brown, 528 Julian St., Greensboro, N. C.

Appalachian State Teachers College: Mr. David Andrews, Director of the Wesley Foundation, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

Asheville-Biltmore College: Dr. G. L. Bushey, Asheville-Biltmore College, Asheville, N. C.
Atlantic Christian College: Miss Eva McClamroch, First Methodist Church, Wilson, N. C.
Barber-Scotia College: Director of Religious Activities, Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N. C.

Belmont Abbey College: Director of Religious Activities, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C.

Bennett College: The Rev. John Bryan, Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.

Brevard College: Mr. Louis Miles, Brevard College, Brevard, N. C.

Campbell College: The Rev. Richard Muse, D. R. A., Campbell College, Buie's Creek, N. C.

Catawba College: The Rev. Frank Kiker, First Methodist Church, Salisbury, N. C.

Charlotte College: Miss Bonnie Cone, Charlotte College, Charlotte, N. C.

Chowan College: The Rev. Harry Jordan, Murfreesboro, N. C.

Davidson College: The Rev. Russell Montfort, Methodist Parsonage, Davidson, N. C.

Duke University: The Rev. Arthur Brandenburg, Box 4574 Duke Station, Durham, N. C.

East Carolina College: Miss Mamie Chandler, Methodist Student Center, 501 E. Fifth St., Greenville, N. C.

Elizabeth City Teachers College: The Rev. James Bands, Elizabeth City Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Elon College: The Rev. John Graves, Elon College, Elon College, N. C.

Fayetteville State Teachers College: The Rev. R. B. McRae, 616 Cumberland St., Fayetteville, N. C.

Gardner-Webb College: The Rev. Robert W. Walters, Route 3, Shelby, N. C.

Gaston Technical Institute: Mrs. Jeff McArver, 1025 W. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, N. C.

George Washington Carver College: Director of Religious Activities, George Washington

Carver College, Charlotte, N. C.

Greensboro College: Dr. Raymond Smith, Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.

Guilford College: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Devlin, Guilford College, Greensboro, N. C.

High Point College: Dr. Walter Hudgins, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

Johnson C. Smith University: Dr. A. O. Steele, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

Lees-McRae College: The Rev. Harrison Taylor, Banner Elk, N. C.

Lenoir Rhyne College: Mr. Steve Shuford, Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.

Livingstone College: The Rev. Edgar N. French, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

Louisburg College: The Rev. C. Wade Goldston, Chaplain, Box 199, Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.

Mars Hill College: The Rev. James Thurman, Box 427, Mars Hill, N. C.

Meredith College: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

Mitchell College: Mrs. Howard Doyle, Broad St. Methodist Church, Statesville, N. C.

Montreat College: The Rev. John McWhorter, The Methodist Church, Black Mountain, N. C.

Mount Olive Junior College: The Rev. Burkette Raper, President, Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, N. C.

North Carolina College at Durham: Director of Wesley Foundation, c/o Asbury Temple Methodist Church, Braswell St., Durham, N. C.

North Carolina State College: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

Oak Ridge Military Institute: The Rev. Robert Love, Oak Ridge Military Institute, Oak Ridge, N. C.

Peace College: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

Pembroke State College: Miss Marjorie Kenable, Box 66, Pembroke, N. C.

Pfeiffer College: The Rev. James Clemmer, Misenheimer, N. C.

Pineland and Edwards Military Institute: President Eisner, Pineland and Edwards Military Institute, Salemburg, N. C.

Queens College: Minister to Students, 1401 Queens Road, Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte 7, N. C.

Rex Hospital: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College: The Rev. Henry G. Ruark, First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, N. C.

St. Augustine's College: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

St. Mary's College: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

Salem College: The Rev. Bob Younts, Wesley Foundation, 2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Shaw University: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

State Hospital: The Rev. Neal McGlamery, Wesley Foundation, 2511 Clark Ave., Raleigh, N. C.

University of North Carolina: The Rev. Robert Johnson, Wesley House, 214 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Wake Forest College: The Rev. Bob Younts, 2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Warren-Wilson College: Miss Elizabeth Lanfield, Warren-Wilson College, Swannanoa, N. C.

Western Carolina College: The Rev. and Mrs. Milford Thumm, Methodist Church, Cullowhee, N. C.

Wilmington College: Director of Religious Activities, Wilmington College, Wilmington, N. C.

Wingate College: The Rev. O. L. Hancock, Jr., Wingate Methodist Church, Wingate, N. C.

The 1961 Methodist European Caravan

The 1961 Methodist European Caravan will have its Consecration Service, June 4, 1961, Hay Street Methodist Church at 2:30 p.m., Fayetteville, N. C.

Jack and Frances Page are the counselors for this Caravan. They are well known for their fine leadership ability.



The following college students will be guided by them to work in our Methodist Churches in Europe:

From Pfeiffer College —

John Dorsey, Raleigh, N. C.

Allen Fisher, Fairmont, N. C.

Joan Hayes, Jamesville, N. C.

Jimmy Howie, Charlotte, N. C.

From Duke University —

J. W. Page, Jr., Fayetteville, N. C.

Jackie Ward, Rowland, N. C.

From Campbell College —

Becky Johnson, Clinton, N. C.

From Greensboro College —

Miriam House, Kenansville, N. C.

The Caravaners will live in the homes of our Methodist people. They will meet with their young people for witnessing periods. They will help in their construction work on their churches and kindergartens, or where ever there is planned construction work for them.

These young people will hear these words over and over again throughout Europe. We love our North Carolina Methodists because we feel that they belong to us and we belong to them." The Caravan will sail on the Groote Beer June 5 at approximately 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The first country that they visit will be England. They will work in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Holland. They return to us on the Groote Beer, sailing from Holland the 7th of August.

You may follow these young people in your *Christian Advocate*.

Winston-Salem Teachers College: The Rev. Bob Younts, Wesley Foundation, 2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Woman's College, University of North Carolina: Miss Carolyn Pentecost, Wesley Foundation, Tate and Spring Garden Streets, Greensboro, N. C.



The Rev. Sam S. Barefield, audio-visuals director for the Board of Education, Nashville, has joined the staff of the Television, Radio and Film Commission there. He will be associate director of the Department of Audio-visual Resources.

Charlotte District Holds Huge Youth Rally

One thousand young people of the Charlotte District attended the annual district youth rally at Charlotte's Park Center, Saturday night, May 6th.

Jack Wilson, 1961 captain of the Duke University football team, was the keynote speaker for the huge rally. The star half-back, who enters the Divinity School next



Charlotte District leaders go over the youth rally program (held May 6) on the steps at Charlotte's park center. From left to right: Frances Poindexter, Patin Howard, Doris Davis, and Rev. Don Bridger.

fall, appealed to the youth of the district to make Jesus Christ Lord in their lives hour by hour each day. He said, "One does not become a good ball player by playing the game only fifteen minutes a day. It takes constant practice and participation," he said, "to do well on the sports field."

"Likewise," he continued, "one cannot be a good Christian witness if he spends only a few minutes a day at it."

Mr. Wilson, who comes from Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh and who holds a local preacher's license, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He punctuated his message with illustrations from the lives of prominent figures in the sports world whose testimonies gave support to his admonition that "you can't fool yourself, and you can't fool God. The youth of today faces the pressures of conformity. But we have the responsibility as young Christians to have a good influence on our classmates."

The rally opened with a "singspiration" led by Rev. Phil Gibbs, associate minister of Dilworth Methodist Church. Reports indicating increases in membership and youth work were given by the following subdistrict presidents: Glenda Heavner of Purcell Methodist Church, Southwest Subdistrict; Frances Poindexter of Blair Road Methodist Church, Southwest Subdistrict; and Paytin Howard of Oak Grove Methodist Church, Northwest Subdistrict.

Future plans for the annual district planning retreat (held May 13) were outlined by Rev. Don Bridger of Harrison Methodist Church, district director of youth work,

and colored slides of the district camp site were shown at the direction of Mr. Raymond Brietz, Jr., chairman of the District Camp Committee.

Rev. Paul Duckwall, conference director of senior high work, led the MY Fund pledge service as local MYF presidents presented 1961-62 pledge cards.

Also participating in the rally were Dr. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent; Rev. Carlton Alspaugh, district director of junior high work; Neal Sigmon of Wesley Heights Methodist Church; Bob Hill, of Central Avenue Methodist Church; Marian McConnell, Mt. Zion Methodist Church; and the youth choir of First Methodist Church (Charlotte) under the direction of William B. Thomas and accompanied by Miss Jodie Rush.

Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., district director of youth work for the Gastonia District, and youth leaders of that district were special guests at the rally.

"One Great Hour of Prayer"

Dr. Thomas Carruth and a group of men who head the great Spiritual Life Research Movement under Dr. Stanley Jones are launching "One Great Hour of Prayer For Our Nation's Welfare." This hour is from six to seven a.m. on May 30, Memorial Day.

Beause of the great peril in which America and our world is at present everyone is urged to spend this special hour in prayer. God will keep His promise of (II Chron. VII:14) if we will obey His conditions. "If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

Pastors are asked to give publicity to this notice and urge observance.

Names of Caravans From Western N. C. Conference

We regret that the names of the young people who are to be members of the caravan to Scandinavia from the Western North Carolina Conference were omitted from the picture published in last week's *ADVOCATE*. We had a new linotype operator helping out who was not familiar with the procedure and the names were laid aside while the rest of the article was being set, and were overlooked. We know the picture was incomplete without the names, but it was one of those things that happens unintentionally. We feel sure Brother Bumgarner, the counselor, will understand that this was not intended. We offer our apologies to him and to the young people. We are giving here the names of the young caravanners:

The picture included in front row: Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, counsellors, pastor and wife of Midway Church, Kannapolis; Janet Jordan, Memorial Church, Thomasville; Harriet Austin, Duke freshman from High Point; Martha Rose Lambeth, St. Mary's sophomore from Thomasville; Edward Purifoy of Concord, sophomore at Greensboro College. Back row: Oscar Smith of Duke and Pilot Mountain; Harris Badgett of N. C. State and Thomasville; and Lee Pollock of Guilford College and Thomasville.

"Mother of The Year"

¶ MRS. W. FOSTER STARNES, of Cherryville was crowned "Mother of the Year" at the Cherryville Woman's Club on Tuesday evening, May 2. Mrs. Starnes is the widow of the late W. F. Starnes, prominent in educational circles, having served as president of Rutherford College, and superintendent of schools of Morganton, and also of Cherryville. Mrs. Starnes has been a teacher in the public schools for 37 years.



DURHAM SUBDISTRICT MYF OFFICERS—Officers for 1961-62 in the Durham Subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship were elected at the monthly meeting May 15 at Carr Memorial Church. Officers shown above, left to right, on the back row are: George Roycroft, president, Gayle Murdock, first vice president, Randy Marshall, second vice president, Myra Morris, secretary, Glenda Newton, treasurer, and Charles Massey, publicity chairman. Program area chairman shown above, left to right, on the front row are: Betty Jean O'Neal, Christian Faith, Anna Pope, Christian Witness, Dennis Brandon, Christian Citizenship, Bill Phillips, Christian Outreach, and Judy Siegfried, Christian Fellowship.—"Durham Sun" photo by Larry Martin.

Pfeiffer College To Affiliate With WNC Conference

It is understood that the conditions recommended by the Pfeiffer College Commission and adopted by the Western North Carolina Conference in annual session in 1960 are being met and that the institution will become a member of the family of Methodist educational institutions at the Annual Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska in June, 1961.

The conditions follow:

1. That the charter and by-laws of Pfeiffer College be amended to provide for a board of trustees to be elected by the Western North Carolina Conference.

2. That the budget of Pfeiffer College be balanced, and that the operating deficit be eliminated.

3. That all financial affairs of the college be brought under the supervision of a finance or investment committee of the trustees of Pfeiffer College.

4. That independent auditors prepare an unqualified audit report of the fiscal affairs of Pfeiffer College.

5. That the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference agree to continue its support of the college.

6. That the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference agree to continue its support of the College.

7. That the Conference percentage for the apportionment and sustaining funds be increased sufficiently to give Pfeiffer College an amount of support, which together with the contributions from the Woman's Division and the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference will be equal to the annual support to each of the other three institutions (Brevard, Greensboro and High Point).

The recommendation provides further that "under the foregoing conditions, and provided that the affiliation of Pfeiffer College will not reduce the Conference support of Brevard, Greensboro and High Point Colleges, this commission recommends affiliation on July 1, 1961."

Through the years the Methodists have placed a high estimate upon education. John Wesley once said, "We educate or we perish." The Kingsbury School was the first building ever erected by the Methodists.



Over two hundred and fifty Methodists from the Albemarle District were entertained at an Open House at the beautiful new District Parsonage by Dr. and Mrs. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

Dr. and Mrs. Huneycutt and several of the district officials, ministers and their wives

greeted the guests from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. and showed them through the newly decorated Parsonage. The Parsonage, located at 276 N. Fourth Street, Albemarle, contains eight rooms and the district offices. It was purchased by the district for \$33,000, and furnished by the Methodist churches of Stanly County.

At the first Methoist Conference in America in 1784 plans were made to build Cokesbury College. All down the years the Methodist people have built schools and colleges.

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The action should result in more generous support of all the colleges and in a finer quality of education for all those who attend them.

—B. L. Smith.

Brevard College Trustees Hear Progress Reports

The Brevard College Board of Trustees met at the college Friday, May 19. President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., said that members of the Board heard reports on the progress made on all projects.

With most of the outside work done on the new science hall, and construction on the new athletic fields nearing completion, the Board reviewed and took action on plans that comprise the over-all college expansion program.

Construction on the new physical education building will begin this summer.

Proposals for renovation of the campus center building into a music and fine arts building, and the construction of a new \$125,000 administration building were also considered.

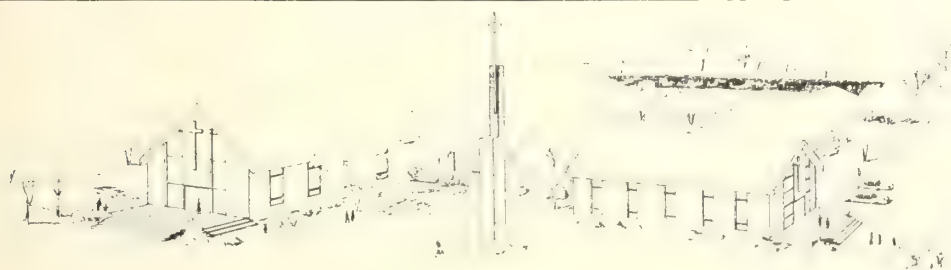
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Three North Carolinians To Graduate At Florida Southern

Three North Carolinians are among the 215 seniors who are due to receive academic degrees May 29 at the 76th annual commencement exercises of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.

They are Bryant McGlohon, Greenville, and Gerald Norman Jones and Gary Mack Satterfield, both of Winston-Salem.

Florida Southern is a Methodist institution. Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., a former North Carolinian and a graduate of Duke University, is president.



PROPOSED NEW MACEDONIA CHURCH NEAR RALEIGH

In 1900 the membership really pulled together. With their mules and wagons they moved the church-house to its present location. In 1954 Macedonia became a station and today they have 206 members. Invitations to the contractors to bid have been sent out. The proposed structure will cost approximately \$90,000-100,000. The minister is Rev. Paul Scott.



Woman's Activities



Mrs. Arnold Kirk Attends National Meeting

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Mrs. Arnold Kirk of Cooleemee, conference secretary of literature and publications, attended a meeting held at Literature Headquarters in Cincinnati on May 3-5 for the conference and jurisdiction secretaries of literature from all parts of the United States.

The meeting was sponsored by *The Methodist Woman*, *The World Outlook*, and Literature Headquarters.

Mrs. Kirk says, "The outstanding highlight of the meeting was a conducted tour through the literature headquarters building, with each step explained, from the receiving of an order through the details of filling, wrapping and mailing. This was truly an education in literature! It was most fascinating to see the assembly line set up all the way, where more than 300,000 orders are filled yearly.

"The chapel is lovely in every detail. The staff at literature headquarters meets each Tuesday morning for a worship service."

She tells of an all-day session where discussion groups were held on the production and distribution of literature, promotional plans for the coming year, a talk by Mrs. E. LeRoy Stiffler, production manager, and fellowship dinner, when Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of *World Outlook*, spoke on "The Impact of Literature."

Mrs. Kirk says, "One of the great by-products of the meeting was the wonderful fellowship. It was a real privilege to meet personally the various members of the editorial and publications staff."

She told of a report of the secretary of literature from Alaska, who spoke on her problems there. As a special challenge to those who say, "I don't have time to read!" the secretary of the New England Conference was recommended for her outstanding work. She is the mother of nine, and her two youngest are one-year-old twins!

Two New Guilds Organized

A new Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at the First Methodist Church in Asheboro, and one was formed at the Kerr Street Church in Concord in May.

The Asheboro Guild is to be known as the Ethel Bost Guild. Its officers were elected and installed by Mrs. J. C. Spencer, district Guild secretary. These include Mrs. R. G. Holt, Jr., president; Mrs. A. R. Hix, III, vice-president; Mrs. Allen F. Holt, recording secretary; Mrs. Earlie Hill, promotion; Mrs. Cecil Yow, treasurer; Mrs. Lester H. Moffitt, Mrs. Richard Kemp, and Mrs. Don Sykes, committee chairmen, and Mrs. Maxine Burkhead, coordinator.

The Kerr Street Guild at Concord in the Salisbury District elected five officers: Mrs. Hubert Foster, president; Mrs. Heath Polk, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Karr, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Clois Blackwelder, promotion; and Miss Roberta Hullender, coordinator.

This is the second new Guild reported by Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, district Guild secretary.

Greensboro District Holds Meeting

Five hundred Methodist women attended the annual district meeting of the Woman's Society and the district dinner meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Greensboro area on May 14th. Miss Ethel Bost, a teacher at Kwassui College in Japan, was guest speaker at both meetings.

The Woman's Society met at Muir's Chapel Church with 303 women in attendance. Miss Do Sook Kim of Korea, a student at Pfeiffer College, thanked the district for making it possible for her to attend school through its scholarship given to her.

Mrs. Max Tucker, president, welcomed the group and paid tribute to the work that had been done in the local societies of the district. Rev. D. A. Hamilton of the hostess church gave the morning meditation. Mrs. C. W. Overstreet, district treasurer, conducted the pledge service.

Mrs. Arthur Williams was elected district secretary of spiritual life. Three members, Mrs. N. D. McNairy, Mrs. Al Ducker, and Mrs. Harry Hendrick, were awarded life memberships. The district accepted an invitation to meet at Main Street Church in Reidsville in 1962.

The district officers' training session was held at Proximity Church in Greensboro on Sunday, May 7th, with 220 women in attendance. Mrs. Orell Lineberger, district secretary of promotion, was in charge of the school.

Winston-Salem District Day Apart Service

A Day Apart service for the women of the Winston-Salem District was held at the Children's Methodist Home in Winston-Salem on May 4th. Mrs. A. L. Smith, district secretary of spiritual life, led the program.

Rev. Arthur L. Chamblee, Jr. led the morning devotions. The theme, "To Be Perfectly Whole," was presented in three meditations by Mrs. James Ingram, Mrs. Clyde Pfaff, and Mrs. Charles Clay, missionary to Brazil.

The communion service was led by three ministers, the Rev. T. H. Swafford, Rev. James T. Ingram, and the Rev. Arthur Chamblee.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Dr. Lacy Tells of Methodist Work With Chinese Refugees

Speaking on the topic, "The Chinese in Dispersion," at the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Raleigh last month, Dr. Creighton Lacy declared: "One of the most conscientious changes which Mrs. Lacy and I noted on our recent visit to Southeast Asia is the recognition by these Chinese in dispersion that there is no hope for them on the mainland. They are trying to make a permanent home for themselves in the countries of Southeast Asia."

Dr. Lacy, a member of the faculty of the Duke University Divinity School, and Mrs. Lacy spent a one-year sabbatical leave in India and visiting a number of other Methodist mission fields.

Dr. Lacy cited Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Philippines, Sarawak, Indonesia, and Burma as some of the areas in which the Methodist church is at work with the Chinese in dispersion. "Twelve years ago the population of Hong Kong was 1,000; today it is 3,000," Dr. Lacy said. "Thousands of refugees in Hong Kong are sleeping in the streets. The greatest need of the refugees in Hong Kong is that they be helped to establish their homes. There are two or three million refugees in Formosa. A tragedy of our opportunity in Formosa is the spirit of rivalry between some of the denominations and organizations. The Methodists have a better opportunity because they were invited."

"The Methodist Church came to Sarawak with a handful of Chinese Christians and in this one-half century there sixty self-supporting churches have been established, one out of every four of which is for the Chinese in dispersion. There are 7,000 Chinese in the Methodist schools in Southeast Asia."

"The largest Chinese in dispersion in population, and the largest Methodist work with the Chinese refugees is in Malaya, where 85 per cent of the population is Chinese. One and one-half million of these Chinese have been resettled by the British government in something like concentration camps behind barbed wire. The Methodist missionaries do some of their most productive work with these people in Malaya. There are between sixty and seventy Methodist schools in Malaya."

"The Methodist Church is trying to find new roots for these Chinese in dispersion where old roots have been torn up. The Chinese in dispersion are often unwanted, unrespected, and resented, even though they are making their contribution to the life of the countries to which they have come. They have lost hope of returning to their former homes on the mainland. The question is whether the Chinese will be assimilated in the life of these people or whether the church can move in and help them with their problems."

W. F. Plans New Year at Student Center

Plans for the Wesley Foundation's 1961-62 program at the Methodist Student Center, East Carolina College, Greenville, are well underway. They call for emphasis on worship, outreach, service, fellowship,

study, fine arts, public relations, and special events.

The Wesley Foundation Council, composed of the program committee plus the co-ordinator for each of the emphasis, will hold monthly meetings to consider plans presented by the program committee. The Wesley Foundation membership will meet once each quarter for fellowship, evaluation of the program, and planning. Special events will include speakers who will stimulate thinking and discussion.

The study groups, under the leadership of the Student Center's director, Miss Mamie Chandler, have met once each week for the purpose of discussion of "The Meaning of the Christian Community." The group used as a basis for its study "Life Together," by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Because the study groups have proved so helpful, plans have been made for expansion of this area of emphasis during the coming year.

Members of the study groups, along with Miss Chandler, held a Retreat at Camp Leach on April 8-9, with the Rev. Robert S. Johnson, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina, as the leader. The theme, "The Church-The Christian Community," was used for the study.

Elizabeth City District Meets

The 266 women attending the recent Annual Meeting of the Elizabeth City District Woman's Society of Christian Service heard talks by Mrs. S. A. Dunn, conference vice-president, and Miss Lisa Leski-Luopa, of Finland; reports of district officers, held a memorial service, and installation of new and hold-over officers for 1961-63. The meeting was held at the First Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., Mrs. Joseph Bryant, district president, presiding.

Mrs. Joseph Bryant and Mrs. Richard Poole, the latter district secretary of promotion, were elected delegate and alternate to the Quadrennial Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be held in Atlantic City next May.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Dunn. The newly-elected officers include Mrs. Hunter Sapp, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Dallas Tillett, recording secretary; Mrs. Harold Leatherman, missionary education and service; Mrs. R. E. Fowlkes, student work; Mrs. Kermit Jordan, children's work; Mrs. Irving Cook, literature and publications; Mrs. J. A. Auman and Mrs. W. B. Warrington, Jr., co-chairmen committee on nominations.

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Raleigh District Has Spring Rally

On April 16, the Raleigh District MYF held its spring rally at the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh. The rally opened with fellowship singing led by Betsy Overman and during the business session Lee Overton, Conference treasurer, presented a report on the status of the M.Y. Fund. Later the theme "Summer Opportunities



The 1961-62 Raleigh district officers and District Director of Youth Work are from left to right: Rev. Harvey Johnson; Leigh Johnson, Publicity Superintendent; Larry Jordan, Treasurer; Nelda Holder, Secretary; Harry Thomas Rogers, Vice-President; Bob Fleming, President.

and Assemblies for Youth" was highlighted with a talk given by the Rev. Conrad Glass, Conference director of youth work. Rev. Glass kept the group entertained and well informed with movie slides and subject matter. Following the lecture, Rev. Graham Eubanks, superintendent of the Raleigh District, delivered an inspirational message and installed the 1961 Raleigh District officers.

The newly-elected officers are as follows: President, Bob Fleming; vice-president, Harry Thomas Rogers; secretary, Nelda Holder; treasurer, Larry Jordan; publicity chairman, Leigh Johnson.

The rally was dismissed with the M.Y.F. benediction led by Ronald Shearin, retiring Raleigh district president.

The new council has met and is now making plans for the district planning retreat and other events which point toward a successful year for the Raleigh District.

Miss Sandra Simpson To Work At Milford Hills

The Rev. Everett Freeman of Milford Hills Methodist Church has announced the appointment of Miss Sandra Simpson as director of youth activities for the coming summer.

Miss Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simpson of Concord, is a rising junior at Pfeiffer College. A Christian education major, Miss Simpson has worked with numerous youth groups and last year served as a counselor at Camp Rainbow for girls at Boone.

Rev. Mr. Freeman also said that Miss Simpson will participate in the regular Sunday school and vacation Bible school. She will be with the church for ten weeks beginning June 10th.

Bishop Harmon's Cabinet Met In Charlotte Last Week

A five-day meeting of superintendents of the 13 districts in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference was held in Charlotte last week.

With the annual conference meeting at Lake Junaluska, now less than four weeks away, the superintendents are wrestling with appointments of the 600 clergymen under their charges, and with their district budgets.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, was in charge of the sessions. He will also preside over the annual conference June 6-11.

Appointments of clergymen to Methodist churches are made on a year-to-year basis, under the traveling ministry system of the Methodist Church. Most clergymen, however, spend an average of four years at churches to which they are appointed before being reassigned.

Superintendents who attended the meeting in Charlotte through Friday with the bishop include Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Albemarle District; Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville District; Dr. Walter J. Miller, Charlotte District; Dr. Eugene C. Few, Gastonia District; Dr. J. Clay Madison, Greensboro District; Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, High Point District; Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Marion District; the Rev. Garland R. Stafford, North Wilkesboro District; Dr. James C. Stokes, Salisbury District; Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville District; the Rev. John H. Carper, Thomasville District; the Rev. Frank G. Smathers, Wayneville District; and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Winston-Salem District.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



DICK AND THE RUSTY KNIVES

Dick stopped and looked at the sign, "Boy Wanted." It hung outside a large cutlery establishment, next to a store where there had been a big fire. He had made up his mind that he was old enough to look for work and try to help his mother. Should he go in?

He hesitated. Then with all the courage he could command, he went inside. He was sent back to a room where men on high stools were writing in big books, too busy to notice him. But a tall gentleman looked straight at him, and then questioned him so fast, he could hardly answer.

"What kind of work do you expect to do? Don't know? Most boys do. Never worked out before? Well," pointing to some steps, "go down there, and the man at the foot will tell you what to do."

Dick went down and found half a dozen boys at work, with their sleeves rolled up, cleaning and polishing knives. The man at the foot of the steps looked up and said, "Come to try your hand? Three boys have just left in disgust. Doesn't seem to be boys' work, somehow, but it's got to be done. You see," he said, picking up some knives and scissors and showing spots of rust on them, "the water that saved our building the other night damaged some of our finest goods. If you want to try your hand at cleaning, I'll show you how. We pay by the dozen."

"Tisn't fair," said one of the boys, "cause some have more rust than others."

"If you don't like our teams, you needn't work for us," said the foreman. The boy, muttering that he wanted to be an errand boy and see something of life, left, while Dick went to work with a will. As he finished each piece he held it up, examined it critically, and wondered if Mother would think it well done.

When the hour for closing came, the gentleman who had sent him downstairs appeared and, looking around, said, "Well, only one boy left?"

"Yes, this is the boy we want," said the foreman, pointing to Dick. "He will take pride in doing anything you give him to do. He has been well trained."

Again the tall man spoke quickly.

"That's what we want. 'Boy Wanted' doesn't mean just any kind of boy." Then turning to Dick, "Does your mother know you came here? No? Well, take her your first wages and tell her there's

a place open to you here. Then put your arms around her neck and thank her for teaching you to be thorough. If more boys were thorough, more boys would succeed in life."

"Yes, Mother," said Dick after he had told her all about it, "it really was because you taught me how to do things well. And I didn't know then that some day I would be a 'Boy Wanted.'"

—From South Carolina Methodist Advocate

Don't You Agree?

I was wearing my dress
Trimmed in ribbons and lace,
When Grandmother said,
"Let me look at your face
And see if it's wearing
A smile or a frown—
If the lips are turned up,
Or the corners pulled down.
For a lovely pink frock
Makes a better impression
If nicely matched up
With a pleasant expression."

—CLARICE FOSTER BOOTH

Wool on the Bramble Bushes

Once there was a little brook where the sheep went to drink clear, cool water. On the banks of the brook there were many bramble bushes, and when the sheep went down to the water the brambles caught hold of their wool, and often pulled out little white shreds of it, making the bushes look as though they had white flowers.

Now the sheep didn't like this at all. "We are quite willing," they said, "to let the farmer shear the wool from our backs, for it is then made into warm clothing for the children. But these bramble bushes—why should they take some of it?"

One sweet spring morning, the sheep heard a beautiful song overhead, and there was a bird that had just arrived from the sunny south, singing his thanks for the day, and for the nest that he had left in the tree when he went away in the autumn.

After the song, the bird and his mate talked in bird language about the nest, which needed a new lining. As they flew to the brook for their morning bath, what do you suppose they saw? The bits of wool on the bramble bushes!

As they worked on the new lining for

their nest, the sheep heard them talking of the kindness of the brambles in gathering the wool for them.

And the sheep, as they listened, felt quite differently about the bramble bushes, and sometimes even pushed their woolly heads into the bushes so that the brambles could gather fresh bits of wool for other birds to use in making their nests more cozy.

—Selected

God Loves You

God loves you just as He loves me,
That I know you can see.
So open your heart and sing with glee,
So open your mouth and sing with glee.

—By KENNETH FAIRCLOTH
Methodist Home for Children
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Chuckles

Two small girls were having a big argument. "My daddy's a mounted policeman," said Betty. "He rides a horse all day."

"That's no better than being an ordinary policeman like my daddy," said Peggy proudly.

"Oh, but it is!" replied Betty. "If there's any trouble, my daddy can get away quicker."

"Why," exclaimed an impatient husband, "were women made so beautiful and so dumb?"

"We are beautiful," replied his wife, "so that men can love us, and dumb so that we can love them."

Bible Quiz

1. On what were the Ten Commandments written? _____
2. Which Gospel writer wrote two books in the New Testament? _____
3. Who made three famous missionary journeys? _____
4. Who used the jawbone of an ass to kill many of his enemies? _____
5. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Water bags
2. Samson — Judges 16
3. Swine (hogs) — Mark 5:13
4. Slew his brother Abel — Genesis 4:1-8
5. The Jordan River — Matthew 3:13-16

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 4

By **RAYMOND A. SMITH**
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

A SEARCH FOR LIFE'S MEANING

Background Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18;
3:1-14; 5

Lesson Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-14;
3:1-9

Our topic for June is "The Fruits of Wisdom." The first two lessons are from Ecclesiastes and the last two from the book of James. We shall try to get an appreciation of the wisdom of the Old Testament, but show how it falls short of the insights and revelations of the New.

Beginning with a consideration of the book of Ecclesiastes, we wonder how it happened to be included in the Bible. As a matter of fact, it had its troubles getting into the list approved by the Council of Jamnia in 90 A.D. (a town near Joppa where the Sanhedrin made its headquarters after Jerusalem fell to the Romans in 70 A.D.). Its content is generally considered skeptical and pessimistic. Indeed, one Christian commentator declared that its chief reason for existence was to show the need of Christianity! Dr. Lynn Harold Hough once said this book must have been a shrewd diplomat to get into the Bible at all!

One of the chief themes that recurs in Ecclesiastes is "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." In modern speech we might translate this "Futility of futilities, all is futility." This is a not too inspiring estimate of the meaning of life. It has in it something of the world-weariness felt by many in the ancient world, and by not a few in our time. Much of the literature of our day leaves the impression that nothing, after all, matters very much. It reminds us of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam where one may dip in almost anywhere and come up with a rather hopeless view of life. For example, this:

'Tis all a Chequer-board of Nights and Days
Where Destiny with men for Pieces plays:
Hither and thither moves, and mates,
and slays,
And one by one back in the Closet lays.

Looking at our scripture a bit more closely we note that the "Preacher" of Ecclesiastes is impressed by the monotony of the daily round of life. His view seems to be that a thing is going to happen when the time comes for it to happen. This writer was not a preacher in our sense of the term. We are told that the Hebrew word means "the assembling together." This could mean an assembly of people, or it may mean an assembling of wisdom, or wise sayings. Probably the latter meaning is more nearly correct. At any rate, the interpretation of life presented here is akin to that held by many ancient thinkers that the world moves around in circles, and sooner or later history repeats itself.

In spite of what has been said above, there are those who have found in this literature not a bleak cynicism and pessimism, but rather the views of a man who is silent-

ly amused at all the straining and striving for fame and fortune that he sees going on about him. In the words of a well-known modern prayer "he is willing to accept what cannot be changed." Certainly he is not going to wear himself out trying to change it! This is a far cry from the Christian apostles of the New Testament who were accused of "turning the world upside down."

Perhaps the following comparison of Jesus with the author of Ecclesiastes may be found interesting. The author of this is unknown to the writer.

"What a contrast between the ways of life set forth by Ecclesiastes and by our Lord! Each tells us 'how it works.'"

"The former kept his finger on his pulse, to see whether he was getting any thrill out of life. The latter gave Himself with utter abandon, and did get a thrill out of life.

"The one had access to all the learning of his day: 'And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven.' The other gained His wisdom by living close to the loving heart of God and the hungry heart of man.

"The one said: 'I builded me houses; I planted my vineyards.' The other said: 'The Son of man hath not where to lay his head.'

"The one said: 'I got me servants and maidens.' The other said: 'The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.'

The one in old age looked on all that his hands had wrought, and concluded that 'all is vanity and vexation of spirit.' To him, life 'is vanity and a chasing after wind.'

"The other was crucified in His early thirties. On the night before His death, He said to His closest friends: 'These things I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you.'"

Bishop Gerald Kennedy has announced the appointment of Dr. Frank E. Butterworth to succeed Dr. K. Morgan Edwards as pastor of First Methodist Church, Pasadena. Dr. Butterworth's appointment is effective July 1. For the last six years he has been pastor of First Methodist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. K. Morgan Edwards will leave the Pasadena pulpit July 1, to become professor of homiletics (preaching) at the Southern California School of Theology.

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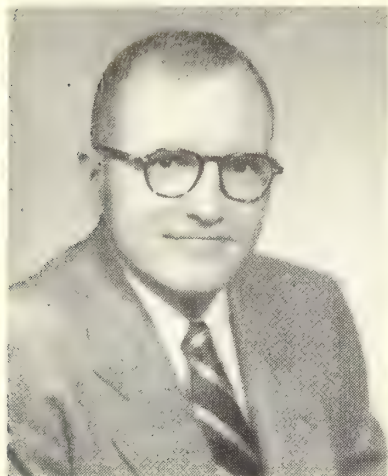
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Pfeiffer College Will Hold Commencement May 28-29



DR. MACK B. STOKES

One hundred nineteen seniors are scheduled to receive bachelor degrees from Pfeiffer College in exercises on the campus May 28 and 29. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the vice-dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Dr. Mack Stokes. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, noted Methodist minister of St. Petersburg, Fla., will deliver the commencement address.

The baccalaureate service will be held in the Henry Pfeiffer Chapel at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 28. Dr. Stokes, brother of Pfeiffer's president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, will preach on the theme, "Christ's Answer to the World's Need."

At 4 p.m. Sunday, the college's concert choir will unite with the chancel choir of Charlotte's First Methodist Church in a presentation of Haydn's "The Creation." This will be presented on the lawn behind Jane Freeman Hall and will be directed by William B. Thomas of the college faculty.

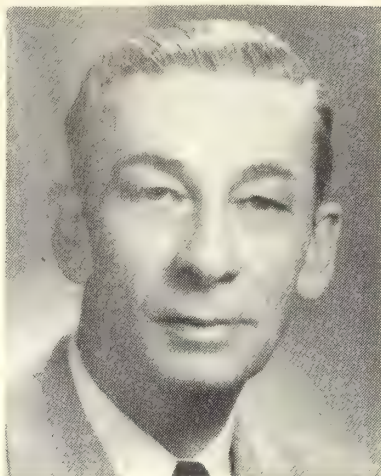
Following the choral program a reception will be given in the garden of the president's home by President and Mrs. Stokes.

The graduation exercises will be held in Mitchell Gymnasium at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29. Dr. Hamilton's address will be on, "What the World is Waiting For."

On Saturday, preceding the 76th commencement program, the annual meeting of the College Board of Trustees will be held.

Dr. Hamilton, born in Ontario, Canada, is minister of the Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he has served for over 30 years. He has been guest preacher at a number of seminaries, colleges and universities, has given the Quillian Lectures at Emory University, the English Lectures at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, has been the platform speaker for ministers' conferences over the entire eastern United States, has lectured before the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, and was preacher for the Protestant Radio Hour broadcast in 1958-59.

Dr. Hamilton is holder of a D.D. degree from Florida Southern College. He is the



DR. J. WALLACE HAMILTON

author of several books, including *Ride The Wild Horses*, a religious best-seller.

Dean Stokes, the baccalaureate speaker, was educated at Asbury, Duke, Harvard, and Boston University, receiving his Ph.D. from Boston University. Dr. Stokes is a religious writer of note and is a frequent keynote speaker for church meetings ranging from theological seminaries to youth convocations to nation-wide conferences.

In 1956 and in 1960 he was elected a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church. At the 1960 conference he served as chairman of the Committee on the Ministry.

Rev. Richard Braunstein Died Sunday, May 14th

Rev. Richard Braunstein, pastor of the Middleburg Charge of the Methodist Church, died Sunday morning, May 14, after an illness of several months. Mr. Braunstein was born in New York City, and was a member of the New York Conference of the Methodist Church. He served as a Chaplain Major during World War II and was stationed at Fort Bragg and elsewhere. After retirement from the chaplaincy he had served churches in the North Carolina Conference for several years. He was a frequent contributor to the press, including the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning, May 16, at 10:30 in the Middleburg Methodist Church by Rev. Charles E. Vale, pastor of the Norlina Methodist Church. The body was sent on an afternoon train to Cairo, New York for burial. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Aurelia Braunstein, and several nephews and nieces.

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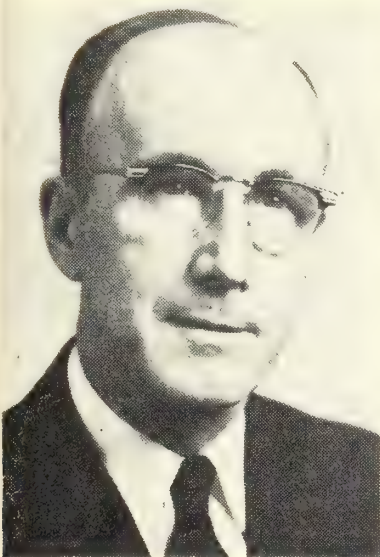
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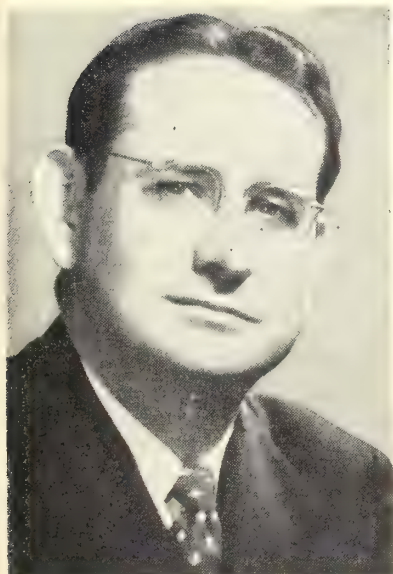
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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

† Bishop Nolan B. Harmon delivered the baccalaureate sermon for the Asbury Theological Seminary at Wilmore, Kentucky, on Sunday, May 28.

¶ THE BACCALAUREATE sermon for the Norwood High School was preached by the Rev. Max Brandon, Jr., pastor of Shiloh Methodist Church, Lexington, on Sunday, May 28. Mr. Brandon is a former student of the school.

† The Parsonage for the Carrboro Methodist Church, Durham district, was dedicated Sunday, May 28 at 3:00 p. m. by Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent. Open house was held following dedication services. Rev. A. S. Parker is pastor.

† RECENTLY WE had the Rev. and Mrs. Roy T. Houts with us for revival services. As always, they did a good job and helped our church. This is the second year that we have had the Houts with us at Cherokee, says Rev. T. G. Highfill, pastor.

† DR. GEORGE M. SCHREYER, chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and head of the Department of Christian Education at Pfeiffer College, was the speaker at graduation exercises at the Ridgecrest High School in Stanly County, Monday, May 29, at 8:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

¶ DR. J. LEM STOKES, president of Pfeiffer College, will be the speaker at the graduation exercises of the Albemarle High School on Tuesday evening, June 6. There are 157 young people in the graduating class. The Rev. Cecil Heckard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, will deliver the commencement sermon Sunday evening, June 4, in the school auditorium.

† HARRY LILLY, sophomore at High Point College and native of Kinston, was recently elected to serve as president of the Student Christian Association at the college for the ensuing academic year. Other officers include Louise Stokes of Washington, D. C., vice-president, and Brenda Dellinger of Stanley, as secretary-treasurer. Lilly is an active participant in the activities of the college. He is a rising junior.

¶ Revival services will be held in Mount Bethel Church, Bahama, each evening at 7:30 o'clock, June 4 to 9. The Rev. L. C. Vereen, pastor of Asbury Church, Durham, will serve in dual capacity by leading the congregational singing and by preaching. Vacation Church School will be conducted during the morning hours, June 5-9, with Mrs. C. M. Allen directing and Rev. Curtis Sides, Duke Divinity Student, assisting.

¶ WRIGHTSBORO METHODIST CHURCH, Wilmington, will celebrate its third anniversary June 11. The church was organized June 8, 1958. The service on June 11 will be a kind of homecoming, rally day, and loyalty day all in one. It is hoped that every member will attend Sunday school and morning worship. After service dinner will be served. All are asked to come and bring baskets. Iced tea and soft drinks will be provided. The church has grown under the guidance of Rev. Allen Wentz as pastor.

† The Reverend Paul W. Boone, pastor of Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church, was the baccalaureate speaker at Leland High School on Sunday, May 21.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern district, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Sunbury High School Sunday, May 21.

¶ Rev. Johnnie Lewis, pastor of Harris Chapel Methodist Church of Vance County, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Dabney High School Sunday night May 28.

¶ Maylo Methodist Church, Gastonia, held open house last Sunday, May 28 for their new Church plant on Spencer Mountain Road. Members and friends were invited to attend from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. Rev. G. H. Allred is pastor.

¶ Dr. W. K. Goodson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, was the Conference preacher at the Alabama-West Florida Conference this week, Tuesday through Thursday. He delivered four messages during the conference sessions. Mr. Thomas, minister of music at First Church directed the music during the conference program.

† Revival Services will be held at Bethesda Methodist Church, Durham District, June 16-18 at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Richard H. Peterson, pastor of Cedar Grove Methodist Church, will provide special music each evening. Rev. Roderick Randolph is pastor.

¶ Revival services will begin at Saint Paul's Methodist Church in Saint Paul, Sunday night, June 4. The Rev. Earl Tyson, assistant to Dr. Purnell Bailey at Centenary Methodist Church in Richmond, Virginia, will be the visiting evangelist. Rev. A. L. Reynolds is pastor of Saint Paul's Church.

¶ The members of the Youth Caravan from the North Carolina Conference to Europe, headed by Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Page of Fayetteville, will meet at the Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville on Sunday afternoon at 2:45 for a consecration service and will leave on the Atlantic Coast Line train at 4:40 for New York to sail for their European trip.

¶ The Methodist Church of Southern Pines dedicated the Harriet B. Pottle Memorial on May 14. This memorial is an Audio Sound System in the sanctuary of the church, and made possible by the members of the Pottle family and friends of Mrs. Pottle. George Pottle made the presentation and Earl Hubbard, chairman of the Board of Trustees, accepted the gift on behalf of the church.

† PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College will speak to seniors from nine high schools during this commencement season. He will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Swansboro High, Bethel High, and Zeb Vance High of Kittrell. He will deliver the commencement address for Sunbury High, Lucama High, Ayden High, and Littleton High. He will speak at the Senior banquets in Princeton and Franklinton.

¶ The Honorable L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of North Carolina, will be the speaker at the Rural Fellowship Luncheon during the session of the Western North Carolina Conference. The luncheon will be held at the Waynesville High School Thursday, June 8, at 1:00 p. m.

¶ Dr. Kenneth Goodson delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the South Mecklenburg High School last Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The service was held at the Covenant Presbyterian Church. At eight o'clock Sunday night Dr. Goodson preached the Baccalaureate sermon in the East Rowan High School near Salisbury.

† Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Hoyt H. Wood, a native of Gibsonville, N. C., and former pastor of the First Methodist Church there, is being transferred to Sewart AFB, Tenn. Chaplain Wood is a member of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, and served as an Army paratroop chaplain for four years during World War II.

Camp Leaders to Receive Training At Camp Tekoa

Methodist camping leaders from throughout the Western North Carolina Conference will receive specialized church camping training this year at Camp Tekoa June 13-17.

The Conference Board of Education has invited district camp counselors and leaders of other camping groups, particularly those for the junior highs and for day camping, to attend, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the board. The camp is located five miles southwest of Hendersonville.

Rev. William Carter of Tazwell, Va., who has done much work in outdoor church camping, will serve as a resource person. Directing the training will be these members of the Conference Board of Education, which has headquarters in Statesville: Tom Lee, director of junior high work and camping; Paul H. Duckwall, director of senior and older youth work; and Louise Hobinson, director of children's work.

St. John's Church To Dedicate Educational Building June 4

The St. John's Methodist Church on the St. John's-Gibson Charge, in Scotland County, will have the dedication of the new educational addition to the building on June 4th at 11:00 o'clock. The district superintendent, the Rev. Millard C. Dunn, will preach and lead in the service of dedication. Dinner will be served at the church, following the service, with a quarterly conference in the afternoon. All former pastors, former members of the church, and interested friends are invited to return to the church for the activities of the day.

At the time of the building, the interior of the church was also renovated. This year, in addition to having completed payment for the educational building, new carpet has been laid and paid for, under the leadership of the good ladies of the church. The Rev. Grady L. Kinley is pastor of the charge.

Pastoral Relations In The Local Church

It takes consecrated thought and planning for pastor and people to get the most out of their relationships. To that fruitful end this statement is made available.

BISHOP MARSHALL R. REED

Every charge should have a strong Pastoral Relations Committee, composed of persons of real leadership and ability. Its members should be persons with sympathetic understanding of the pastoral office who can fairly and objectively evaluate the minister's work and relationship to his people. It should welcome constructive suggestions and criticism from all sources, but be strong enough to resist unjustified complaints or pressure groups. It should make occasions to counsel with the pastor, and be composed of persons who are able to do so effectively.

The explicit duties of the committee are clearly outlined in the 1960 **Discipline**, Paragraph 145 (2), as for the past several quadrenniums. These responsibilities are:

First—"The primary function of this committee is to aid the pastor in making his ministry most effective by being available for counsel, keeping him advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between pastor and people and keeping the people informed concerning the nature and function of the pastoral office."

This implies frequent meetings, perhaps quarterly, and free, friendly communication about the work between committee and pastor, and pastor and committee. It must always be a two-way communication and interpretation to keep a pastor's relationship spiritually useful. Too often neglected is the final matter here: of "keeping the people informed" about the ways a minister can best help them. The committee should communicate to the people as well as to the pastor. The "primary function" has high priority for an effective committee.

Second—"When the pastor is to be absent, the committee shall cooperate with him to secure suitable supply ministers and other pastoral services during his absence."

Third—"Since a responsibility of the committee is to be at all times sensitive to the relationship between pastor and people, should it become evident to the committee that the best interests of the charge and pastor will be served by a change of pastors, the committee shall confer with the pastor and furnish him with this information."

Such a conference should be on a frank and friendly basis for the best interests of the church and the minister. Then the committee and/or pastor will also communicate this situation to the district superintendent, as the next item implies.

Fourth—"The committee shall cooperate with the pastor, the district superintendent and the bishop in arranging for a change of pastors."

It should be noted that this committee does not have power to act with final authority. "The committee shall be amenable to the Quarterly Conference and its relationship to the district superintendent and the bishop shall be advisory only." Its business is to consult and cooperate with those who have final authority for pastoral appointments.

After the committee's conference with the pastor it should then consult with the district superintendent who, because of his knowledge of our connectional system, and the availability of suitable pastors for the church, is in a position to give guidance. An effort should be made to have all members of the committee present at such a conference.

Preliminary interviews of a Pastoral Relations Committee with the superintendent are not necessarily excluded by this provision, but this

procedure is to be followed when a change is definitely considered. If the change is agreed upon, the committee will continue to work with the superintendent until the change has been effected.

We need to remember that The Methodist Church uses the "appointive" system, in contrast to many of our Protestant friends' "call" system. Our theory is that every Methodist church receives a ministerial appointment each year and every Methodist minister is appointed to a church each year. This can be done successfully only through the bishop and his cabinet studying carefully all the needs of the conference and then seeking to match the abilities of the available men to available churches. We have in the superintendents men whose task it is to know their churches' needs, as well as the particular capacities of their ministers and, over the years, the appointive system will work well for any given church.

Any minister who may be approached by someone from another church about becoming their minister will courteously remind them that his appointment has to be made at conference. He will suggest that they speak to their superintendent and he, in turn, to his own.

Ministerial Support

The **Discipline** (Paragraph No. 148) provides that the salary or remuneration of the pastor shall be set at the Quarterly Conference on recommendation of the Official Board and after consultation with the pastor. This means that the Commissions on Stewardship and Finance would first consult the Pastoral Relations Committee, following that the minister, and then, before the recommendation is finalized, the chairman ought to consult with the district superintendent. The final voice in setting the minister's support is always the Quarterly Conference.

In setting the salary a committee will want to keep in mind the standard of living expected of a minister and his family. They will want to evaluate the living costs in their particular locality and consider the continual rise in the cost of living of the past few years.

Any minister, to do his best work, should receive sufficient support to allow him to be free of anxiety over the meeting of necessary expenses, the maintaining of the health of his family, the education of his children, and provision for old age. It is suggested that all the minister's income be placed in either salary, travel or car expense, and utilities. Other side income for attending meetings and conferences is discouraged—let it all be placed in the salary.

Therefore, the minister's support is more than a personal arrangement between a minister and a committee or even a church; it is a concern also to the superintendent and the bishop.

Each church is urged to consider, beyond a minister's salary, an amount for car expense as well as the payment of the utilities of the parsonage. The salary item in the Detroit Conference is set at the Fourth Quarterly Conference to begin on June 16 of each year; in the Michigan Conference to begin on the week after the Sunday of Annual Conference.

It should be remembered that our ministers do not belong to local churches but have their membership in the annual conference from which they receive their appointments to local churches. It means that if a minister is asked to render some service to the conference such as, for example, giving a week to youth camp supervision, he should not be censured by his congregation, nor should such time be considered a part of his vacation.

When a Minister Moves

Certain considerations and suggestions are made to guide both the congregation and the minister for those days when a minister moves.

Most congregations have a farewell for their minister and it ought to be within a reasonable

period of his new appointment—never more than three weeks. It ought not to be, in any way, related to the welcome extended to the new minister. It would seem that as a matter of courtesy they ought to be two separate events.

In consideration to all churches involved all moves ought to be completed within two weeks of annual conference adjournment. Great hardships have been caused by a church wanting its parsonage empty for a week to redecorate or remodel. If a church does desire it, then they are responsible for the storage of their minister's furniture and his motel expenses.

Also let every church assist in the observance of proper ethics among the ministry. Every minister has developed friendships in the church which he leaves; but under appointment, he is now responsible for the people of the church to which he is appointed. No minister should return to his previous church for ministerial services—baptisms, funerals, weddings, or pastoral visitation—without the specific invitation of the new minister. Always consult your present minister if there is ever need for such services and let him offer the invitation. Ministerial ethics require this consideration.

Your committee offers these suggestions to each Pastoral Relations Committee for its careful consideration and guidance.

That there are many other areas for thought is true, but our hope is that every committee and minister will ever remember that their district superintendent and bishop are always available for fuller consultation and guidance.

Award Winners Announced At Wesleyan College

Rocky Mount—Three Wesleyan College Award winners have been announced by Thomas A. Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College. The awards are valued at up to \$1800 or \$450 annually for four years.

Winning the awards were Bradford Mason Dixon, Jr., Route No. 3, Rocky Mount; Miss Mona Lee Cozart, of Knightdale; and Jimmy Darwin Burnette, of Rocky Mount.

Previous Wesleyan Awards went to Donald Ray Sessoms, of Weldon; Miss Etta Brown Spivey, of Hobbsville; Miss Barbara Leigh Hall, of Rocky Mount; Robert Otis Stevens, of Roxboro; Gaines Edward Hopkins, of Altamahaw; and Miss Bonita Louise Pitzer, of Nashville and Rocky Mount. The awards are based on leadership, scholarship, and need.

Miss Cozart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Bruce Cozart. She graduated in the upper fourth of her class at Knightdale High School in 1959. She is a member of the Knightdale Methodist Church of which she is church secretary. She was also president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Mr. Dixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Mason Dixon, Sr. He is in the top 10 per cent of the graduating class at Benvenue High School. He is a member of the Englewood Methodist Church and president of a Sunday School class. He is a Life Scout, patrol leader, and staff member.

Mr. Burnette is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Darwin Burnette and is in the top quarter of his graduating class. He is president of the Sunday School class at North Rocky Mount Baptist Church. He has taken an active part in the Baptist Training Union having served as secretary, treasurer, and president. He is Ambassador-in-Chief of the Royal Ambassadors.

EDITORIALS

An Important Decision On Athletics

There will, no doubt, be differences of opinion about the matter of de-emphasizing basketball in the state institutions to the extent of doing away with the very popular Dixie Classic. However, those who are interested in keeping our colleges free from scandal, such as was recently uncovered by investigation of the State Bureau of Investigation, will gladly go along with the university president and chancellors in their decision. It is a known fact that this type of athletic program was overshadowing the colleges' main purpose of intellectual training. Many parents were raising questions about the over-emphasis given athletics, not only basketball, but football, and the rest. It was becoming the major concern of some of the students. It was the determining factor in deciding where some young high school graduates would go to college. Friendly competition between educational institutions can be wholesome if kept strictly on the competitive basis. But we were coming to the point where an institution was judged, not by its educational standards, but by the ability of its athletic teams to win games. We feel sure it took courage for President William Friday and those associated with him to reach and state their position, but they are to be commended for it. Gangsters should not be permitted to take over the athletic program of our schools and entice our young athletes to become crooks. We trust this decision will work to the good of all concerned.

And We Would All Be Happier

Some years ago the late Will Rogers, noted American humorist, said, "What this world needs most is a place to park your car." In those days there were not so many cars as today. Those of us living in this era when the number of cars has increased so many times over can sympathize with the sentiment whether we go all the way with him or not. And our situation could be greatly improved if all of us would be considerate of the other person. Many times one drives into a parking lot or along the street and finds that a car is parked so it takes two or three spaces when one would be sufficient. There are those who seem to think just so they get parked, it doesn't matter about anyone else. But if the shoe is on the other foot and they are trying to find a parking place, then they want people to be discreet. John Wesley said

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."—II Chronicles 7:14.

to his preachers, "Never spend more time at any given place than is strictly necessary." It would be a good policy for everybody to adopt if we would determine not to use any more space for parking than is strictly necessary. Just think of the other fellow who is looking for a parking place. Due consideration would lead to proper cooperation.

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N. C. Conference Board Of Evangelism Holds Meeting

The Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference held its spring meeting May 16 at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, with Rev. Leon Couch, president of the board, presiding. Mr. Walter Anderson led the opening prayer. Rev. Alison Simon-ton, secretary, called the roll and thirty-three of the 41 members were present. District Directors made their reports. Mr. Skinner Chalk made a motion that Rev. C. Freeman Heath be re-elected as Conference Director of Evangelism and the motion carried. The conference director submitted a detailed statement of his efforts in mimeographed form. It was an excellent statement of a year of many miles of travel in the interest of the board. The proposed budget for the coming year was submitted by the director and was adopted.

The United Witness for Christ and His Church program of evangelism was presented by Rev. Couch, explained in detail by Rev. Heath and unanimously adopted by the board for the conference year 1961-62.

Rev. John Maides made the motion that Rev. Tommy Tyson be continued as Conference Evangelist. The motion was seconded by Irving E. Cook and passed unanimously.

Mr. Walter Anderson reported on the Miami Beach meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism.

Rev. E. B. Fisher moved, seconded by Rev. W. S. Potter, that the report of the board to annual conference be prepared by Revs. C. F. Heath, Paul Browning and Alison Simon-ton.

At the luncheon Rev. D. A. Petty expressed words of appreciation for the privilege of serving on the board to his retirement from the board. Letters of sympathy were directed to be written to Mrs. Henry Gibbons on the death of her husband and to Mrs. R. L. Jerome on the death of her father. The meeting was adjourned by Board President Rev. Leon Couch.

Respectfully Submitted
Alison Simon-ton, Secretary

Successful Leet Crusade At Longview Church, Raleigh

Longview Gardens Methodist Church in Raleigh experienced a great Stewardship-Evangelism Crusade during May 10 through May 21. The Reverend L. O. Leet and the Reverend Idalee D. McCuller, National Stewardship Evangelists for the Christian Churches of America, and from Dallas, Texas, launched the Crusade. On Victory Sunday, May 21, there was a new attendance record set for the Church with 487 present for the Victory Sunday service. Those who pledged to tithe were 65 Junior age children; 31 youth; and, 60 individual adults, for a total of 156 pledged to tithe their money to the Lord's work for this year. Only one class from the first year Junior Class through the Adult Classes failed to get 100 per cent plus of their active members in attendance.

There is a new enthusiasm for the Lord's work and the Church, and there is a revival in its truest sense going on in the Church.

Clothing Needed At Cherokee

At present there is a special need for good used clothing for the Service Center at our Cherokee Methodist Center. If delegates and pastors to the Annual Conference will bring a load of clothing, this will help your mission very much. Also, those coming to the WSCS Conference and to the WSG Weekend can help us so much by bringing clothing. At the Annual Conference we will have a designated spot near the assembly office to place goods, and a pick-up truck to carry the clothing daily to Cherokee. The deaconess will be in attendance at the WSCS and WSG meetings, and can arrange for the transportation of clothing from Lake Junaluska. Those wishing to visit the Cherokee Mission can bring their supplies direct and thus doubly help us.

T. G. HIGHFILL, Pastor

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Officers of the Board of Managers, Methodist Retirement Home, Charlotte. Left to right, front row: W. W. Hagood, Jr., president; Tom Little, vice-president; Willard Farrow, administrator; back row: Calder W. Womble, second vice-president; H. I. McDougale, third vice-president; W. R. Cuthbertson, general fund treasurer. Not present when the picture was taken was Mr. W. R. Cuthbertson, Jr.

W. W. Hagood, Jr., Re-elected President

W. W. Hagood, Jr., a member of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, was elected to his fourth year's term of office as chairman of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Home Wednesday, May 17, held at the Home on Shamrock Drive in Charlotte.

Forty-six members of the Board and the Home's committees joined 217 resident members and staff for dinner in the main dining room, after which the business session was held in the Ivey Memorial Chapel.

The other officers of the Home were elected as follows: Tom M. Little, Wadesboro, first vice-president; Calder W. Womble, Wiston-Salem, second vice-president; H. I. McDougale, Charlotte, third vice-president; W. R. Cuthbertson, Charlotte, general fund treasurer; W. R. Cuthbertson, Jr., Charlotte, assistant general fund treasurer; and Willard S. Farrow, Charlotte, administrator and secretary.

Others elected to the Board of Managers to begin a term of office that will expire in 1964 were: Sam T. Atkinson, Jr., Charlotte; E. M. Beaver, Charlotte; Stan R. Brookshire, Charlotte; J. C. Cowan, Jr., Greensboro; W. R. Cuthbertson, Jr., Charlotte; Dwight M. Davidson, Gibsonville; Dr. John M. Douglas, Charlotte; Carlton Fleming, Charlotte; W. W. Hagood, Jr., Charlotte; J. G. Huggin, Jr., Gastonia; Edwin L.

Jones, Jr., Charlotte; W. E. Jordan, Charlotte; F. Thomas Miller, Charlotte; Edwin Niven, Monroe; Rev. Phil L. Shore, Jr., Lexington; Richard E. Thigpen, Jr., Charlotte; and Dr. Joe M. Van Hoy, Charlotte.

Those in the classes of 1962 and 1963 who also were re-elected were: Sam T. Atkinson, Norman Bisanar, Dr. E. H. Blackard, Dr. Charles P. Bowles, E. R. Bucher, Judge J. B. Craven, W. R. Cuthbertson, G. Scott Francis, J. R. Harris, Joseph A. Johnson, Edwin L. Jones, H. I. McDougale, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, Dennis E. Myers, E. B. Stone, Richard E. Thigpen, Calder W. Womble, Orton A. Boren, George D. Finch, Dr. Kenneth Goodson, Arthur P. Harris, Robert L. Hines, George M. Ivey, Tom M. Little, R. A. Mayer, Charles W. McCrary, Col. W. Bryan Moore, Robert H. Pinnix, Mrs. Ross Puette, John R. Rankin, J. Carlyle Rutledge, Norman V. Stockton, George F. Stratton and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon.

Life Members are: Rev. E. O. Cole, W. J. Edwards, R. E. Evans, B. S. Womble, Dr. Joe S. Hiatt, Dr. W. C. Houston and Mrs. W. G. Ragsdale.

The resident bishop of the Charlotte Area and all district superintendents are ex-officio members.

Reports of the Home's various committees were heard by the group, including the Finance and Investment; Admissions; Buildings and Grounds; Medical and Health; and Special Gifts, all reflecting exceptional progress for the year in service

to the aging, to expansion plans and to over-all progress.

In adopting an operating budget for the new fiscal year in the amount of \$404,100, it was noted that such figure included an annual payroll for the Home's 84 employees of \$176,950.

The Board heard the report prepared by R. H. Pinnix, Gastonia, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and read by Sam T. Atkinson, Jr., in his absence, in which he re-emphasized the fact that the Home's architect, Louis Asbury, would have the plans for the new infirmary and nursing home unit ready for approval by July 1st. The Home will then invite bids on construction. The six-story 250-bed facility completed will cost in excess of \$3,200,000.

When completed, this 250-bed nursing home facility will not only meet the Methodist Home's needs, but will serve this area of the Carolinas. The need for adequate well-equipped facilities to serve our aging population, which has the misfortune of having physical disabilities, has grown by leaps and bounds. One of the recommendations of the White House Conference was that the church and other philanthropic agencies proceed with the construction of such as fast as possible. The new nursing home unit will be the largest of its kind in the south.

The Methodist Home in Charlotte is one of the largest of 112 Homes for the Aging in Methodism. Although having been in operation only 13 years, its growth has been phenomenal. Of its 225 acres, approximately 25 acres are taken up by the buildings and are landscaped. The Home's lake is now being cleaned, beautified and re-stocked.

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Megill To Be Commissioned June 4th

The Rev. and Mrs. George C. Megill will be commissioned as missionaries on Sunday, June 4, at St. Luke Methodist Church in Goldsboro. Mr. Megill was pastor of St. Luke before leaving in January 1961 for missionary training at Stony Point, New York. The Megills plan to go to Brazil in late summer. The commissioning will take place at the morning worship hour.

Bishop Cyrus P. Dawsey will be present to commission the Megills and to preach on "The Unfinished Task in Brazil." It is extremely appropriate that Bishop Dawsey, who gave so many years of his life in Brazil, should be present to commission these two new missionaries to this country.

The Dawsey family has made a tremendous contribution to the work of the Methodist Church in Brazil. The years of service of this one family totals 150. Bishop Dawsey and his family set out for Brazil in 1914. For twenty-one years, in dust and rain and heat Cyrus B. Dawsey penetrated the northwest of Sao Paulo, establishing and nurturing churches among the lowly, serving as pastor and counselor to numerous flocks and as district superintendent to the new districts that came into existence largely as a result of his labors.

The Commission on Missions and the Official Board of St. Luke are sponsoring a picnic dinner immediately after the commissioning service. Others taking part in this service will be the minister, Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., and the Goldsboro District Superintendent, Rev. M. W. Lawrence.

High Point College Students Present "The Prophecy of Amos"

The Student Christian Association of High Point College presented the religious drama, *The Prophecy of Amos*, on Friday evening, May 12. This play was written and directed by Dr. Walt Hudgins, member of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at High Point College, with original music by Dr. Lew Lewis, head of the Fine Arts Department at the college.

The drama was well received by a very enthusiastic audience which attended the first production of the play given in Memorial Auditorium on the college campus. Local critics believed that the music compared well with the music of *Exodus*, and the play itself "with a more difficult theme challenged for the gripping attention-holding of the play *J. B.*" *The High Point Enterprise* made the following comment: "It was stark, delectable drama, a tribute to all who had part in its preparation and presentation. Rarely have we seen a large audience so swept into silent awe of what they were seeing, then break forth in prolonged and hearty applause at the end of a mighty and moving sermon."

The hundred members of the cast of *The Prophecy of Amos* interpreted the prophecy through acting, a speaking and singing choir and a medium of modern dance. The action of the play was supported by a twenty-piece orchestra. Ed Stafford, son of Rev. Garland Stafford, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, played the title role of Amos.

The play itself was really two plays in one—a play in time and a play without time. The portion of the play set "in time" takes place around 750 B.C. during the lifetime of the main character, Amos, the prophet. The portion "without time" can be and is any time.

To distinguish between the two plays within one, the characters "in time" appeared in the costumes of the period, 8th century, B.C., whereas the characters "without time" appeared in leotards. For instance, the visions of strife, subjection and death were in leotards to say that "they are ever with us."

The central character, Amos, overburdened by the social wrongs of his day and overpowered by the course of history, is driven by the Spirit of God to prophesy. Amos, a shepherd from Tekoa, travels to Bethel, religious capitol of the northern kingdom, and preaches his sermon on New Year's Day in 750 B.C. Amos, seeing the wrongs of the world, attempts to prevent the destruction and downfall of the nation through his prophecy, one which states that these wrongs can be corrected by the recovery of justice and honesty among the peoples of Israel.

Dr. Hudgins states that in his writing and direction of the play he sought to recover the excitement and significance of the Biblical message of Amos, the significance of which too often appears as rather dull reading when read directly from the Bible. He states further that the play attempts to make a religious, artistic, relevant application of Amos, trying above all else to make the Old Testament relevant today with freshness of approach.

22 Truckloads of Food and Clothing for Cuba



Dr. N. M. Harrison (center), who inspired the Kiwanis Caravan of food and clothing for Cuban refugees, gets a double handshake from two Miami Kiwanians—Jack Eakle (left) and Ed Moylan.

By O. B. FANNING

(Florida-Cuba Methodist Information)

Miami, Fla.—Twenty-two truckloads of food and clothing are being distributed to Cuban refugees here—thanks to the initial efforts of a retired Methodist minister which snowballed into a caravan of mercy.

It all started last January when the Rev. Dr. N. M. Harrison, 70-year-old minister and retired vice-president of High Point (N. C.) College, heard a first-hand account of the plight of thousands of Cuban refugees in Miami.

The visiting speaker was Dr. Carl D. Stewart, a Methodist missionary to Cuba for 30 years and now director of the special Florida office of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MORC) and Miami's Protestant Center for Cuban Refugees.

Dr. Harrison went to work in High Point collecting clothing from textile mills and homes. Soon a truckload was en route to Miami.

In February, Dr. Harrison visited Miami. With Dr. Stewart as his guide, he inspected the Protestant Center and talked to refugees.

"I saw doctors from Cuba washing cars at filling stations; I saw lawyers washing dishes," he related. "I saw people of circumstance who were forced to leave their homeland doing any kind of manual labor just for food."

Dr. Harrison returned home, determined to do more to help the needy refugees. He spoke to the High Point Kiwanis Club, describing what he had seen in Miami. The result was the organization of a Kiwanis Freedom Caravan for relief of the Cuban refugees.

The idea caught on quickly. The president of Kiwanis International, Joe Talley of Fayetteville, N. C., and his Board of Trustees endorsed the plan, as did the Kiwanis governors of North and South

Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida.

Finally, the Freedom Caravan's vanguard was ready to roll from High Point. Led by Dr. Harrison, the motorcade headed south and stopped in several cities to pick up additional truckloads of food, clothing and shoes collected by Kiwanis Clubs.

By the time the caravan reached Miami the 22 trucks were loaded with an estimated \$100,000 worth of supplies. In addition, \$544.20 in cash had been collected en route. The food and clothing were unloaded by refugees and members of Miami Kiwanis Clubs, and stored in a warehouse furnished by Mrs. David Thurman, president of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

"This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous," Dr. Stewart told the Kiwanians. "Your gifts of love have lightened the load and brought smiles again to the faces of the refugees."

Meanwhile, the Cuban refugees continue to pour into Miami, as many as 900 a week. Dr. Stewart reported that during April the Protestant Center gave food and clothing to 5,839 persons of all faiths, including 483 Roman Catholic families.

In addition to MCOR, the center is supported by the Protestant Committee of Miami, Church World Service and the Methodist Board of Missions.

In addition to Dr. Stewart, Methodists on the staff include the Rev. John E. Stroud, Miss Frances Gaby and Miss Lorraine Buck, all former missionaries to Cuba; the Rev. Augustin Nodal, a displaced Cuban pastor, and Miss Norka Feijoo, former director of youth work in Cuba.

"This is an old story for MCOR, long accustomed to working in a stricken world," Dr. Stewart said. "But for the refugee, this is a bewildering, frightening experience. His one hope is the generosity of others."

Luther W. Hill Re-Elected Chairman Wesleyan College

Luther W. Hill of Tarboro was re-elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College during the Annual Meeting last week. Chairman of the Board of Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, he begins his fifth year as Chairman of Wesleyan Trustees.

Dr. J. E. Cralington of Wilmington, was re-elected vice-chairman; E. E. Adkins, of Rocky Mount, was re-elected secretary; and J. Curtis Ellis, of Nashville, re-elected treasurer.

President Thomas A. Collins reported a splendid first year for the young institution. Ninety-two day students enrolled and twenty-four evening students enrolled the first year. Twelve talented faculty members offered a wide choice of liberal arts courses.

He announced letters of commendation of the academic program from Dr. Gordon Sweet, Executive Secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges; from Dr. James Hillman, secretary of the North Carolina College Conference; and from Dr. Hubert Searcy, consultant from the University Senate of The Methodist Church.

President Collins introduced the faculty for the academic year 1961-62 and announced 10 of the 13 will bring the Ph.D degree to their teaching assignments, plus college teaching experience. More than 90 students have been accepted from 157 applicants for the second Freshman Class at Wesleyan with more to be processed.

Curtis Ellis, treasurer of the College, reported that approximately \$1,100,000 has been collected from the supporters of Nash and Edgecombe counties through the Rocky Mount Area Foundation for capital support. More than \$30,000 has been raised this year through an honorary alumni program of the Foundation for operational support.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church has paid to Wesleyan an amount approximating \$800,000 for capital support.

The budget for the academic year 1961-62 was approved. This provides an expen-

diture of \$390,135 for administration, instruction, plant operation, and auxiliary enterprises.

E. F. Duke presented the report for the Building Committee in the absence of Thomas J. Pearsall, chairman. He reported the three new buildings will be completed during the summer. This will make available for the second school year, 1961-62, a women's dormitory to house 125, a men's dormitory to house 135, and the cafeteria-students union capable of serving 1000 students in addition to offering lounge and recreational facilities, post office, book store, and student government offices.

When these are completed this summer, he announced the amount invested in buildings, grounds, and equipment in September, 1961, will exceed \$3,750,000.

Chairman Hill appointed an inaugural committee to plan for the inauguration of President Collins in the fall of 1961. Dean Jack Moore was named chairman, with Dr. Willard Gatewood to represent the faculty; Chairman Hill and Mr. Arthur Tyler, of Rocky Mount will represent the Board of Trustees; Russell R. Braswell will represent the Foundation; and W. Jasper Smith, the College Staff.

October 25 was officially designated as Founder's Day. This is the day the college was chartered in 1956; Appropriate recognition of the day will be planned.

Chairman Hill appointed a Long Range Planning Committee representing the Trustees to work with the administration and Faculty to project plans for the College. Members of this committee will be Thomas J. Pearsall, Reverend Leon Russell, and Ray Bandy, all of Rocky Mount, J. Curtis Ellis, of Nashville, Reverend William Howard and Dr. C. D. Barclift, of Durham, Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, of Kinston, Mr. O. F. Dumas, of Goldsboro, and Dr. A. K. King Sr., of Chapel Hill.

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A significant addition to one of Methodism's largest agricultural mission centers overseas was formally completed with the recent dedication of the Dillman S. Bullock Museum and Biological Laboratory at El Vergel, Angol, Chile.

Celo Methodist Church In Yancey County Is Dedicated

The Celo Methodist Church, of Celo, N. C., Yancey County, was dedicated May 21 by Dr. L. R. Akers of Asheville. Others taking part in the service were Rev. A. C. Gibbs, who gave the invocation and led in the canticle; Rev. J. R. Dawkins, pastor, who spoke words of welcome; Rev. J. S., Gibbs, who read the Scripture, preached the dedicatory sermon, and offered the prayer. The building was presented for dedication by Mr. Joe Young, after which Dr. L. R. Akers, Jr., led the dedication ritual and offered the dedicatory prayer. The anthem, "That Cause Can Neither Be Lost Nor Strayed" was sung by the junior and senior choirs. Solos were rendered by Miss Cynthia Chrisawn, who sang "I Believe," and by Miss Nancy Dawkins, who sang "Bless This House."

According to records and the best information available the church has been served by forty pastors since its organization. Rev. J. R. Dawkins is the present pastor. At the conclusion of the service he pronounced the benediction.

Hopewell Church Observed Memorial Day May 21st

The Hopewell Methodist Church on the Sunshine Charge of the Marion District observed the annual Memorial Day on May 21st on the lawn of the church site in the Hopewell community, having the regular 11:00 o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch followed the worship service. The service was well attended by members, relatives and friends.

The offering for the day, which amounted to around \$400, went to the building fund.

The Building Committee hopes to secure plans soon to begin the new building to replace the church building which was destroyed by fire in January this year. The members wish to thank the churches of the WNC Conference for the contributions already received for our building. David Hubbard is pastor, and Johnnie Glover is chairman of the Building Committee.

TRINITY MEMORIAL CHURCH DEDICATES PARSONAGE

On Sunday, May 14, at 2:00 p.m., the congregation at Trinity Memorial Methodist Church of Trinity reached another milestone. The beautiful parsonage which had been a dream for several years was dedicated. Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, led the dedication service. The pastor, Robert L. Oakley, along with the church lay leader, John Payne, took part in this occasion as well as the church choir. Following the service, open house was enjoyed by those attending, with members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Birtie White Wesleyan Service Guild assisting in the serving and directing guests. This adequate parsonage which has eight rooms and two baths, with a garage in the basement, was built during the pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Wier who now serves a church in Knoxville, Tennessee. The church is grateful for his leadership and the



cooperation of the Building Committee which helped bring these plans into reality. The following were members of this important committee: Charlie Morgan, chairman; Reid Younts, R. K. Tribble, Lee Meredith, Mrs. John Payne, W. C. Bouldin, Mrs. Della Younts.

1961 SESSION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT LAKE JUNALUSKA JUNE 7-11



BISHOP F. GERALD ENSLEY

With the Albemarle and Greensboro Districts serving as host districts the 1961 session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will convene in the George R. Stuart Auditorium at Lake Junaluska, June 7, at 3 p.m. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt and Dr. J. Clay Madison will serve as host superintendents, and the Reverend Harley Williams, Central Methodist Church, Monroe, and Dr. Charles P. Bowles, West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, will be host pastors. The choirs of these two churches will combine to furnish special music at the Sunday worship service. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will be the presiding bishop.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the Conference preacher. He will speak on Thursday morning following the report of the Board of Missions over which Dr. Kenneth Goodson of Charlotte will preside. His second sermon will come on Thursday night under the direction of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of which the Rev. Ray F. Swink of Asheville is chairman. Bishop Ensley will conclude his messages Friday morning as he speaks on "The Call to the Ministry."

The Conference will open at 3 p.m. on Wednesday to hear the report of the Board

of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, given by the Rev. Walter Lee Lanier of Morganton and the Rev. M. E. Harbin of Greensboro. The Rev. J. G. Wilkinson of Salisbury will present the report for the Committee on Conference Relations.

Bishop Harmon will formally open the Conference Wednesday night at 7:30 after which Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology, will deliver the annual historical address on the subject, "Our Methodist Heritage." The Rev. Aubert M. Smith of Winston-Salem will preside over this service.

The class of young ministers to be received into full connection will be officially received after the devotions on Thursday morning conducted by Bishop Harmon. The ordination service for deacons will be on Thursday night, and for elders on Friday night.

The Rev. Jamison Jones, editor of *Motive*, Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker Friday morning for the Board of Education.

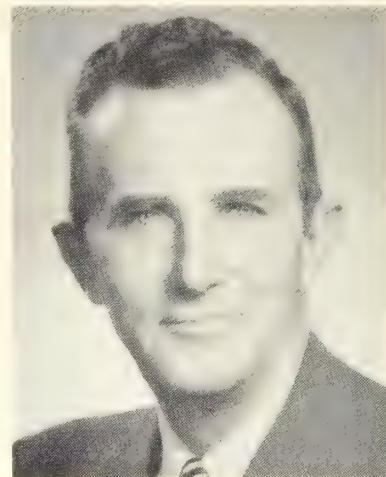


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Dr. Frank Jordan of Thomasville will preside.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy, Conference lay leader, will preside over the Friday night service at which time R. H. Bond of Dyersburg, Tenn., lay leader of the Memphis Conference, will bring the layman's address.

"When We Remember" will be the subject of the Memorial Address to be given Saturday morning by Dr. G. Ray Jordan of the Candler School of Theology. The following ministers have died during the Conference year: J. A. Baldwin of Charlotte and W. B. West of Asheville. J. Ernest Yountz of Marion who died at the opening of last year's Conference, will also be included in this year's memorial service. Miss Lois Tinsley is a deaconess who died during the year as did the following wives or widows: Mrs. D. W. Brown of Raeford, Mrs. J. J. Eads of Mount Airy, Mrs. J. S. Folger of Decatur, Ga., Mrs. R. F. Hilliard of Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. H. Robertson of



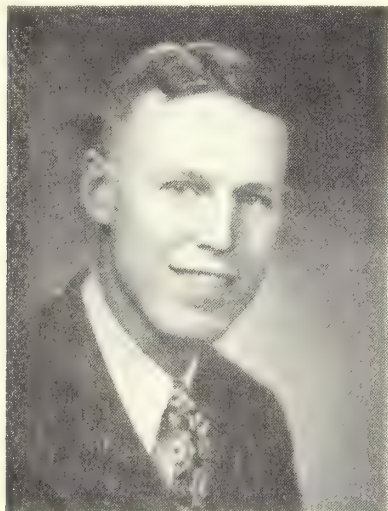
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Winston-Salem, Mrs. S. A. Stewart of Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. L. C. Stevens of Asheville, Mrs. P. L. Terrell of Rutherford College, Mrs. C. B. Way of Stokesdale, Mrs. C. D. White of Kannapolis, and Mrs. B. Wilson of Catawba.

Dr. Lovick Pierce, publishing agent of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will speak at noon Saturday under the direction of the Committee on Publishing Interests, the Rev. L. A. Scott of Asheville, chairman.

Saturday night will feature an evangelistic rally conducted by the Board of Evangelism, Dr. E. H. Blackard of Asheville, chairman. Dr. Lawrence Lacour of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., will be the preacher and a mass choir from Asheville and Waynesville District churches will lead the music.

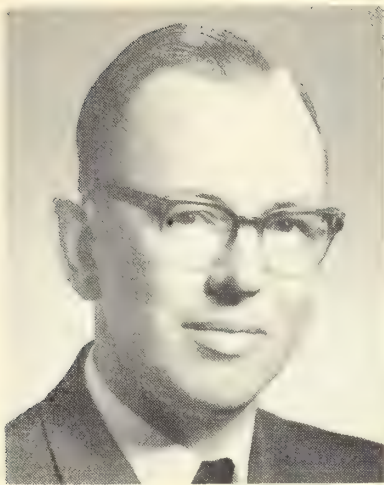
Thursday afternoon the Conference Brotherhood will hold its annual meeting with Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville presiding. This will be followed by the report of the Town and Country Commission with the Rev. E. H. Lowman of Belmont as chairman. The Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., of Valdese will preside over the report of the Board of Hospitals and Homes Friday afternoon at which time M. T. Lambeth,



DR. WM. R. CANNON



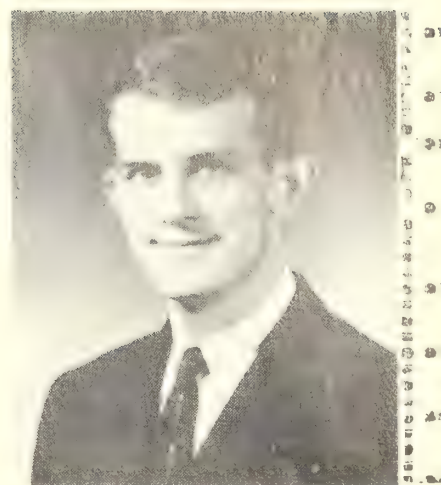
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DR. LAWRENCE LACOUR



REV. JAMISON JONES

superintendent of the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, and W. S. Farrow, administrator of the Methodist Home in Charlotte, will speak. Prior to this service the Rev. A. G. Lackey of Statesville will present the report of the Board of Pensions, and the men retiring at this Conference will be presented their retirement pins and parchments.

The calendar of reports will find reports being made on Thursday morning by the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, the Rev. C. G. Hefner of Asheboro, chairman; the Television, Radio and Film Commission, the Rev. E. A. Fitzgerald of Charlotte, chairman; and the Commission on Christian Vocations, the Rev. J. J. Holmes of Concord, chairman.

Friday morning's calendar will bring re-

ports from the Board of Evangelism, Dr. E. H. Blackard of Asheville, chairman; the Commission on Minimum Salary, R. M. Smith of Mount Airy, chairman; and the Commission on World Service and Finance, Herbert M. Wayne of Charlotte, chairman.

On Saturday morning the calendar will find reports being made by the Conference Entertainment Committee, the Rev. H. L. Creech, Jr., of Charlotte, chairman; the Deaconess Board whose chairman is Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College; the Bible Board with the Rev. G. H. Winecoff of Charlotte as chairman; the Commission on Worship with the Rev. J. B. McLarty of Concord as chairman; and the Committee on Publication of the Journal with the Rev. J. L. Pitard of Greensboro as chairman. Dr. D. Trigg James of Atlanta, Ga., will give

something of the work of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Saturday morning.

Holy Communion will be administered Sunday morning in the Memorial Chapel. Bishop Harmon will preach the Conference sermon in the George R. Stuart Auditorium after which he will read the 1961-1962 appointments.

Glenn Draper will again be in charge of the music, and all of the facilities of the Lake Junaluska Assembly will be at the disposal of the Conference. Dr. James W. Fowler is superintendent.

The Rev. E. Paul Hamilton of Cherryville is Conference statistician; F. D. Russell is Conference treasurer; George O. Smith of Salisbury is auditor, and Dr. Charles D. White of Kannapolis is Conference secretary.

Methodist Board of Publication Holds Its Annual Meeting

The Methodist Board of Publication held its annual meeting at the Advocate office in Greensboro Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 a. m. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president of the board, presided. Attending also were Mr. N. E. Edgerton, of Raleigh, Mr. W. B. Hall, of High Point, Dr. H. G. Allen, of Statesville, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, of New Bern, Mr. J. N. Hackney, of Wilson, Dr. Charles E. Jordan, of Durham, and Mr. Lawrence W. Routh, of Greensboro. Absent were Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, of Durham, and Mr. Thomas C. Hoyle, of Greensboro. The board discussed the auditor's report for the past year and was encouraged by the prevailing conditions. Subscriptions have increased, and the Piedmont Press is showing steady progress. Considerable savings have been realized by reduction of overhead operating expenses, increased circulation and the acquisition of a larger volume of business. The editor's report was heard and accepted with expressions of appreciation. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon; Vice-President, Mr. N. E. Edgerton; Secretary, Rev. O. Kelly Ingram. The executive committee consists of the officers with the addition of Dr. A. J. Hobbs and Mr. W. B. Hall. Rev. S. J. Starnes was re-elected Editor and Business Manager. The Board adjourned to the Mayfair Careteria where a delightful luncheon was enjoyed.

Hopewell To Observe 150th Anniversary



At the annual homecoming on June 4, Hopewell Methodist Church of Sherrill's Ford, in the Statesville District, will observe the 150th anniversary of its organization. Plans have been made for the anniversary program to begin at 2:00 p.m., following the morning worship and picnic lunch. At this service a brief history will be read and the aged members and former pastors will be recognized.

Hopewell Methodist Church on the Concord-Hopewell Charge was organized in

1811, and on September 12th of the same year a tract of land was purchased for the erection of a church for worship. Three structures have been on this site before the present church building. The erection dates are: 1811, 1858, 1902 (remodeled 1923). The present church building was dedicated on July 24, 1938, by Bishop Clare Purcell.

All former members and pastors, friends and any interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

The Board of Education of The North Carolina Conference at Work

C. P. MORRIS, *Executive Secretary*

The Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference with its employed staff of workers consisting of an executive secretary, a director of children's work, a director of youth work and a director of adult work is strictly a service agency. It came into existence to help local churches provide effective Christian education for children, young people and adults and to assist all institutions of higher education related to the conference. In no sense can it be considered a promotional agency.

A major portion of the work of the Conference Board of Education is focused in the direction of the local church. In a very real sense its staff members serve on the staff of each and every local church in the conference. Indeed their very existence came about through a sense of urgency within the church schools of the conference.

The Conference Board of Education is organically related to the local church school which is in reality the church's school. "The school of the church is not a separate organizational entity. It is the heart of the church itself. It is the conditioning agency of the preached Word and the recruiting agency for the ongoing church, in membership, witness and service. Its purpose and process is to awaken and nurture loyal commitments to Jesus Christ." — Dr. Leon M. Adkins.

The purpose of Christian education does not differ from the purpose of the church itself. This purpose has been stated as follows: "Through Christian education the fellowship of believers (the church) seeks to help persons become aware of God's seeking love as shown especially in Jesus Christ and to respond in faith and love to the end that they may develop self-understanding, self-acceptance, and self-fulfillment under God; increasingly identify themselves as sons of God and members of the Christian community; live as Christian disciples in all relations in human society; and abide in Christian hope."—*Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches*, page 31.

The Conference Board of Education is dedicated to the task of helping local churches understand and achieve this purpose. We believe the teaching ministry of the church is one of our most effective means of accomplishing this purpose. We believe the Holy Spirit can and does work in the church school class room and related activities bringing about lasting changes in the lives of persons. Herein lies our most fruitful means of evangelizing.

The work of the Conference Board of Education is carefully planned by nine standing committees composed of ministers and laymen, both men and women, who have been carefully chosen because of their interests and skills in the various areas of work, namely: children's work, youth work, adult work, family life, camps and conferences, ministers and directors of music and education, Christian higher education, general church school work, and executive committee. In addition tem-

porary committees are set up from time to time for special purposes.

The staff of our Conference Board of Education is charged with the responsibility of carrying out these plans. The leg-work to be effective must necessarily be done by specially trained persons who have dedicated their skills on a full-time basis to this ministry. Carefully selected directors assist the conference staff on a volunteer basis. Their services are invaluable and represent a major contribution.

The conference staff works directly with local churches through its field work services. These services take a variety of forms and are designed to help in every area of felt need. This service includes consultation in such areas as lesson planning, teaching procedures, the use of curriculum materials, grading, room assignment, designing and equipping church school buildings, leadership training, the work of the Commission on education, the workers' conference, the Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, materials and procedures for additional sessions, home-church co-operation, organization and planning for the work of each of the three divisions, youth activities weeks, witness missions, the week-day nursery or kindergarten, evaluation of the program of Christian education, etc. This field work is necessarily limited by the calendar and other programs and sometimes by lack of invitation. Nevertheless, the largest block of staff time is spent in this area of work. Additional help to local churches is provided through correspondence and through conferences with those who visit the board office.

We also seek to provide cooperative programs in areas where churches working together can do some things better than they could working separately. These programs are extensions of the local church's program of Christian education. In no sense are they programs of the Conference Board of Education which local churches are called upon to support.

Subdistrict Christian Workers' Schools are perhaps the most significant of these cooperative projects. During the past ten years we have seen these schools grow from no schools to approximately forty annual schools enrolling more than 4500 local church workers. During this period five Coaching Conferences have been conducted to train certified instructors for these schools. Today we have 494 instructors certified to teach 91 courses, many of whom are certified to teach a number of courses. Interest in these schools have been growing by leaps and bounds as local church leaders have become increasingly aware of the importance of trained leadership.

The Conference Board of Education staff assists local boards of managers and the dean in planning these schools, selecting the courses, securing the certified instructors (paying one-half of their honoraria), providing guidance materials, securing accreditation and reporting the school to the Department of Leadership Education of the

General Board of Education. Periodically Coaching Conferences for Deans are held to train administrators in conducting these schools.

In addition to these subdistrict schools, we have made available a Special Service to Small Churches in the form of one-teacher schools on a local church or charge level. These courses are designed to help meet the needs of our very small churches. Furthermore local churches are being encouraged and assisted in setting up leadership training classes of their own. A plan called GUIDE is now being developed to aid local churches in setting up a plan for training and certifying their church school teachers and workers.

Adult Bible Conferences have become increasingly popular with our people. During the conference year 1959-60, 23 such conferences enrolled 5348 persons for the three-nights of study. This program enables a group of churches on a subdistrict or city-wide level to provide systematic Bible study for large numbers of interested persons. This program is under the direction of our conference director of adult work.

Another very significant project is the Vacation Church School Institute. This program has grown from a few institutes in 1950 to fifteen one-day area institutes attended by approximately 1500 local church workers in 1960. These training opportunities are directed by our conference directors of children and youth work and a selected staff of trained leaders.

Our conference camps and assemblies constitute another important cooperative program. This is truly an extension of the local church's program of Christian education. It affords an effective means of providing more time for the Christian education of our people. Our program of camping is now carried on at three campsites and includes camping periods for junior, junior high and senior boys and girls, family groups, young adults, older youth, local church groups and individual families. Approximately 3000 persons from our local churches participate in this program each year.

The Conference Board of Education is charged with the responsibility of master planning and developing our four conference camps, maintaining these camp facilities, planning the camping program, securing and training camp staff, developing information brochures, handling all registrations, conducting the camping program, looking after the finances, providing for local church use of the facilities on a year-round basis, and supervising the entire camping program. Each member of the conference staff is involved in this operation.

The Senior Youth Assemblies and Workshop are held each spring at Louisburg College and the Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is held at Duke University each August. These week-long programs bring together approximately 1,000 youth from the local churches of our conference each summer. These enterprises require careful planning, the securing and training of approximately — adult leaders, the securing of materials and equipment, making the necessary local arrangements, developing and mailing information brochures, handling registrations, looking after the finances, super-

vising the sessions, evaluating reporting and planning for the next year. This program is under the direction of our conference director of youth work and the conference youth council.

These are only a few of the major co-operative programs conducted by our Conference Board of Education to aid local churches. A more complete listing would include commission workshops, music workshops, curriculum seminars, consultation seminars on Church School Building and Equipment, Subdistrict Institute for Church School Workers, Missionary Education Institute, District Conferences and Workshops for Children's Workers, District and Subdistrict Workshops for Children's Workers, Family Life Institutes, Mental Health Workshops, Social Action Seminars, Clinics for Teachers, Christian Education Conferences, District Youth Rallies, Youth Christian Witness Missions, Vocations Conferences, Recreation Workshops, Junior High Literature Institutes, Seminars on The Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, Workshops for Directors of Christian Education, District Christian Education Seminars for Pastors, etc.

Of special concern in this quadrennium is the program for starting Outpost Church Schools. This emphasis will be launched at our Annual Conference Session in June. In this program we hope to start many outpost church schools and classes in every district of our conference. It will be sponsored by our Conference Board of Education but it will require the cooperation and active support of all the agencies and churches of our conference.

The Episcopal Address to our 1960 General Conference contained this challenge: "Let us serve Him in evangelistic outreach through new church schools. There are millions of children and adults learning about their world's science and geography but not about their world's Savior. Many of them are our neighbors. Should it seem strange to Methodists that, if the program of the 'settled' church does not reach the people, we must take the Gospel to them whoever they are, wherever they are, as they are? There is no more alluring field of pioneering than the organization of outpost church schools. Many of these may result in new churches, but whether they do or not, they help to reach the people with the Christian message . . . We call upon each district in Methodism to search for places where through establishing new church schools many persons may become disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord."

I am confident we will accept this challenge to find new and unconventional ways and means of reaching more people with the Christian gospel.

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Duke Alumni Dinner

The Duke Divinity School Alumni Dinner of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will be held Friday, June 9, 1961, at 5:30 p. m. at the Waynesville High School Cafeteria. This meeting will feature the Gilbert Rowe Memorial Fund. Reservations may be made by writing The Reverend John Christy, Newland, N. C.

Thomas B. Stockton
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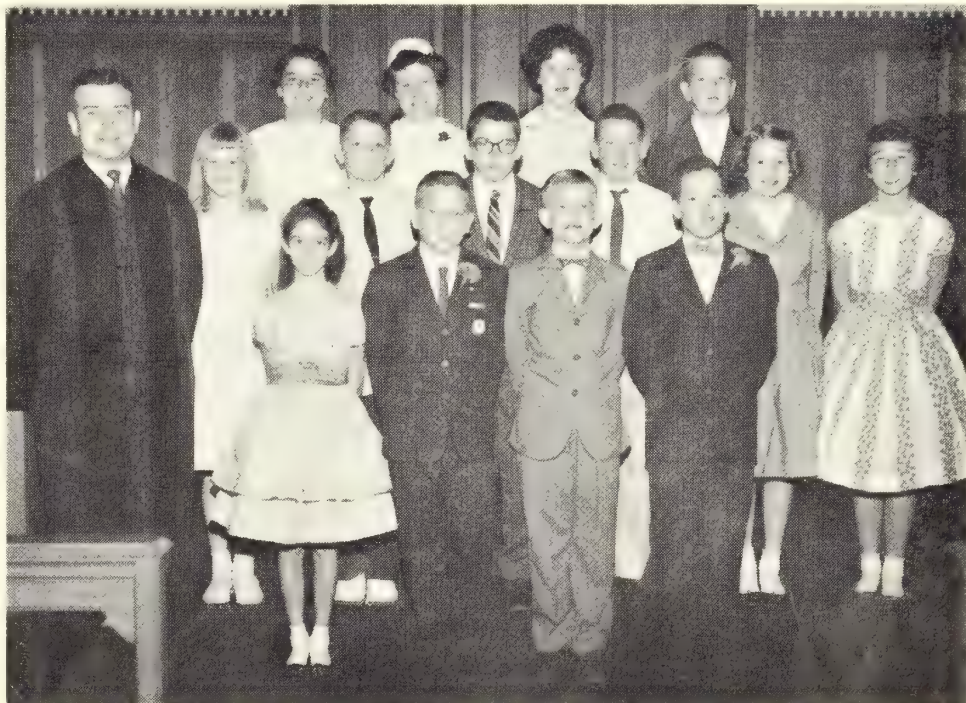
Atlantic Beach Church School

Beginning June 4 and continuing through the summer months there will be a church school for those visiting the beach at Morehead City. Each Sunday last summer a large number of people had the unique experience of worshipping by the sea. At the close of the season, the Dunes Club at Atlantic Beach where the Church School had been held, was destroyed by Hurricane Donna. This year, an even more com-

fortable and inviting place has been provided by the Oceanana Motel. A large air conditioned lounge room with ample parking facilities will be the new meeting place.

Those attending can feel free to come in casual dress. The time is 9:00 o'clock each Sunday morning.

The First Methodist Church, Morehead City is the sponsoring church, and Rev. Barney L. Davidson is the pastor.



The above picture shows a group of people received into the Groce Methodist Church, Asheville, on Sunday, May 14. The church conducted a membership training class. With this group the membership passed the 500 mark. Groce Church was organized in 1953 and has grown to its present membership in the past eight years. Pastors who have served the church are Rev. T. A. Groce, Sr., for whom the church

was named; Rev. Bernard Fitzgerald, and Rev. J. D. Murray, the present minister.

Persons appearing in the picture, front row, are: Rev. Jerry D. Murray, Brenda Williams, David Jacobs, Sammy Young, John Fox; second row: Katherine Young, Carlisle Davenport, Marc Lockemer, Steve Dixon, Sherry Greer, Gay Lynn Johnson; back row: Dona Remenar, Penny Brown, Judy Rogers, and Gerry Hillyer.



Woman's Activities



L&P Secretaries Visit Literature Headquarters

By MARY GARDNER

One can well imagine what new insights and increased interest in the literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service one would gain by a visit to the modern and beautifully appointed Literature Headquarters building.

Such was the experience last month of the secretaries of literature and publications of the 102 Annual Woman's Society of Christian Service Conferences when they were guests for three days of the Woman's Division's literature headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reporting on the event, Mrs. J. Frank Houser, N. C. Conference's secretary of literature and publications, said that the women were taken by bus from the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel to Literature Headquarters where they were conducted on a guided tour into every room of the building, observing the modern equipment and efficient workers who print, fold, package, and handle the multiplicity of literature. The editorial and publications staff of the Woman's Division from both the New York office and the Cincinnati office were exceedingly helpful in giving most interesting insights into the editing and publishing of all Woman's Division materials, Mrs. Houser says. Among those were Mrs. E. LeRoy Stiffler, publications manager; Miss Dorothy McConnell, editor of *World Outlook*; Mrs. C. A. Meeker, editor of *The Methodist Woman*; Miss Frances Eshelman, editor *Spiritual Life* materials; Miss Sarah Parrott, editor *Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service*; Mrs. Frederic Zerkointz, responsible for the program material, and many others. Mrs. Charles Wegner, of St. Paul, Minn., was introduced to the group. Mrs. Wegner will begin her service as circulation manager and secretary of literature on June 1, succeeding Mrs. C. C. Long.

Each conference secretary of literature and publications was presented a filmstrip, "The Reader is a Leader," featuring pictures of the staff and the headquarters building. The filmstrip is available for use in local WSCS meetings from Mrs. J. Frank Houser, Pittsboro. Mrs. Houser is also willing to visit any local society with the filmstrip if the society is within a reasonable proximity of Pittsboro.

In addition to Mrs. Houser, North Carolina was also represented at the event by Miss Estelle McCallum, secretary of literature and publications, N. C. Conference, Central Jurisdiction.

Goldsboro District WSCS Meets

Speaking before the Goldsboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service at its annual meeting, Mrs. Taylor Long, confer-

ence secretary of student work, declared, "Young people are looking for happiness and security." She challenged parents and leaders of youth that they create a more flexible faith in youth and guide them with love and understanding. The meeting was held in the First Methodist Church, Mount Olive, with Mrs. Cecil Pate, district president, presiding.

Mrs. T. H. House, district secretary of Missionary Personnel, led the opening devotional. The Master Report, presented as a skit, was given by Mrs. Shelton Boyd, district secretary of promotion, and the other district officers. During the Pledge Service, led by Mrs. C. G. Speight, district treasurer, the five subdistrict leaders pledged \$14,072.04 to the Woman's Division for 1961-62.

A Service of Remembrance was conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Sutton, district secretary of Spiritual Life. Mrs. Richard Craig sang "Hear My Prayer." Mrs. Craig was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Garrison, organist of the host church.

Four new officers, along with the hold-over officers, were installed by Mrs. Allen C. Lee, conference chairman of the committee on nominations. They were Mrs. James Snypes, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Mercer, secretary of youth work; Mrs. R. A. McLean, children's work, and Mrs. Haywood Harrell, supply work.

Officers Training to Follow Schools of Missions

The Committee on Organization and Promotion of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, in session prior to the annual meeting of the Woman's Division last January, adopted a number of recommendations for presentation to the Division's Section of Education and Cultivation.

Among these recommendations approved by vote of the Woman's Division was the following: "During the years 1961 and 1962, training for local officers and secretaries of lines of work follow the Conference Schools of Missions and Christian Service." Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion for the N. C. Conference WSCS, is emphasizing the importance of local societies' action upon this recommendation. It was published in the April, 1961, issue of *The Methodist Woman* and in the recommendations for promotion adopted at the 1961 annual meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS. Mrs. Boyd is also urging that each district in the conference have training for its officers and secretaries of lines of work.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

★ Invitation to the Annual Meeting

The women of the Gastonia District are serving as official hostesses for the annual meeting of the Woman's Society at Lake Junaluska June 13-15.

Mrs. B. E. Callis, district president, extends this invitation to all Methodist women of the Western North Carolina Conference: "It is with a great deal of pleasure and much anticipation that the women of the Gastonia District have been looking for-



MRS. B. E. CALLIS
President WSCS, Gastonia District

ward for this past year to being official hostesses to the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. We are endeavoring to do all we can for your comfort, and we trust that this meeting will be one of great enrichment to your souls as we worship and fellowship together."

The hostess district is planning an informal tea for all delegates and visitors on the first afternoon of the meeting.

The Program Committee

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville is chairman of the program committee to plan the details of the program of the annual meeting of the Woman's Society at Lake Junaluska.

This is a painstaking job—the committee



MRS. THOMAS E. FRUTCHEY
Vice-President WSCS, WNC Conference

meets six months prior to the annual meeting to map out a program. Persons suggested as speakers are contacted. All kinds of complications develop where the human element is involved.

But it eventually ends in a neat little booklet given each delegate as a guide for each day's sessions. The 1961 programs are masterpieces of careful and prayerful planning.

Other members of the committee include Mrs. Carl King, Mrs. Hugh Wilkin, Mrs. B. E. Callis, Mrs. M. H. White, Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., and Mrs. John C. Wright.

District News

Charlotte—Two hundred sixty-one representing 49 societies attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of the Charlotte District held on May 17th at Trinity Methodist Church, with Mrs. Lyle Beman, president, presiding. The theme for the day was "The Word—in Our Midst." Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, spoke on "Word from the New Japan."

Other speakers included the Rev. C. F. Womble, host pastor; Dr. Lem Stokes, II, president of Pfeiffer College; Miss Florence Dixon, and the district officers. The district made a pledge of \$32,000 to missions in a service conducted by Mrs. Gregory Smith, district treasurer.

Five new officers were installed by Mrs. Carl King, conference president. These are Mrs. Howard E. Campbell, supply work; Mrs. Ralph L. Reed, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. D. M. Willis, children's work; Mrs. J. A. Sorrells, missionary education; Mrs. John F. Ramsey, chairman of committee on nominations.

Thomasville—Two hundred twenty women representing 78 societies were present at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of the Thomasville District held on May 11th at Mock's Church in Mocksville, Mrs. Ned Gibbs, district president, was in charge of the day's session.

A highlight of the day was the presentation of the theme, "Our Mission Today." Mrs. W. C. Boyles spoke of the mission work in a local society, Mrs. James Hall told of the district's task, and Miss Martha Call discussed financial obligations. Miss Call also conducted the pledge service.

Miss Ethel Bost spoke on her work in Japan and the great advancement in culture, spiritual growth and Christian service.

Three retiring officers were honored with special memberships. These were Mrs. Fred Gray, Mrs. Ray McCrary, and Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Others on the program were Mrs. W. B. Thompson, the Rev. Fletcher Andrews, Dr. Moore of Pfeiffer College, Mrs. Arnold Kirk, Mrs. Steve Correll, Mrs. C. C. Phillips, and Mrs. Fletcher Andrews.



Mrs. Marion Webster, who has been in charge of office personnel employment for the Board of Missions business office, New York, has been named associate secretary of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.



Dr. Fletcher Nelson, superintendent of the Marion District, will lead the dedication service at Sunshine Methodist Church, Sunshine, Sunday, June 4, at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

The church was begun August 1958, completed March 1961, has 30 x 40 sanc-

uary, five Sunday school rooms, rest rooms, and is adequate for the membership.

All former pastors, members, and friends are asked to participate in the service. Picnic lunch will be served following the service. Rev. David Hubbard is pastor of the church.

A Tribute to

DR. WARREN AIKEN SMART
1883-1961

By CECIL G. HEFFNER

The passing of Dr. W. A. Smart, April 7, distinguished professor of the Candler School of Theology, removed from Methodism one of its great men. For several years he had been in failing health. During the last few years he had lived a quiet life just off the Emory University campus, Atlanta, Ga., where he had resided for some forty-seven years. He was born in Newberry, S. C., October 22, 1883.

It was in 1914 that Dr. Smart came to Emory. It was Bishop Warren G. Candler who was influential in bringing him to the Candler School of Theology from a great pastorate in Virginia. Through his untiring zeal and efforts he, along with other colleagues, helped in establishing the Candler School of Theology. He watched the school grow from a little seminary of about twenty-five students to a highly respected school of over four hundred students.

When Dr. Smart retired, Emory University lost a scholar and a teacher of uncommonly inspiring qualities. The students lost a warm, understanding, and challenging friend. His warmth of spirit, his forthrightness of life, his fearless search for truth touched the lives of many hundreds of young preachers. His zest for teaching and gift of communicating to his students his enthusiasm for the intellectual and scholarly exploration never flagged, even in the last years of his career when his health was failing.

A number of colleges bestowed honorary degrees upon him. He received many honors from societies and recognitions from his church. He travelled widely over the southeast and other parts of the country as a lecturer. He was one of the Lyman Beecher lecturers at Yale University and at the Union Theological Seminary, his alma

mater. I, the writer, was fortunate enough to hear him give these lectures and hear the warm praise of the ministers. He was in every way a great preacher, possessing unusual gifts in the pulpit.

W. A. Smart was the author of several books, including *The Contemporary Christ*, *The Spiritual Gospel*, and *Still the Bible Speaks*. He wrote widely for the education department of the Methodist Church. He was in constant demand as a speaker on college campuses, leadership schools, in other conferences, and especially in the Western North Carolina Conference. A number of our bishops sat under this fine teacher, including Bishops Nolan B. Harmon, Paul Hardin, Jr., and Sante U. Barbieri, now one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches. In 1938 he was almost elected a bishop, missing this high honor by only a few votes. Many people felt the Candler School of Theology needed him more than the episcopacy did.

W. A. Smart possessed in the highest degree the qualities of a scholar. For himself and his students he insisted upon rigorous intellectual discipline. He was careful to honor the Chair of the New Testament Theology which he held for so many years in the Candler School of Theology.

But it is as a person that Dr. W. A. Smart has left his noblest impression on those privileged to be his students. Always sunny, friendly, unpretentious, he radiated a warmth of soul which drew to him all sorts of people.

If one of the functions of a great teacher is to exemplify in himself the highest qualities of character as well as scholarship, Wyatt Aiken Smart fulfilled this function beautifully.

We who knew him believe more firmly than ever in the life immortal. There has to be a heaven for a man like W. A. Smart.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Chappell Smart; and a daughter, Mrs. Millard Rewis, whose husband is a member of the Virginia Conference.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



LIFIAPU LED OTHERS TO JESUS

In a village in the Solomon Islands, near a mission station, lived a little girl named Lifiapu.

Lifiapu was eleven years old, and she longed to go to the mission school. But her father, who did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and who worshiped heathen gods, would not allow her to attend.

However, Lifiapu was determined, and whenever possible, she stole across to the school. It had no windows or doors, and all she had to do was to stand outside and listen. In this way, she learned many Christian songs and words from the Bible.

At home Lifiapu could not help singing the glad songs she had learned. Solomon, her father, recognized these songs as those the Christians had been singing. "Stop it, Lifiapu," he shouted. "Stop it, or you shall be punished!"

Lifiapu stopped singing, but she did not stop wanting to learn more about Jesus. Risking a beating, she went back to the mission to listen whenever she could safely do so.

Then one day her father called her, and she approached him trembling. Had he found out that she had gone to the mission again? Would he punish her? But a great surprise was in store for brave little Lifiapu.

"I want you to take me over to the Jesus school," her father said.

The little girl was overjoyed, and the next day took her father to the lady in charge of the mission. Solomon said he wanted to give his heart to the Jesus about whom his daughter sang.

What a wonderful day it was for Lifiapu! It meant that in the future she and all her brothers and sisters could attend the mission school.

Not long after this, Lifiapu was stricken with a severe sickness. For days she lay near death. Her father went to the lady at the mission, and in his broken English tried to tell her about his sorrow.

"Lifiapu sick for much long night," he said. "Me too pray. Might the good Lord save good feller long us yet." (He means, "We are such young Christians that the Lord does not know us yet.")

The missionary explained that when he called upon Jesus He would hear at once. That night she prayed with them, and they believed that the Lord Jesus would heal Lifiapu. The nurses had

doubts in their minds, but Solomon said, "You have prayed."

Lifiapu called the missionary lady to her bedside. "I want to give my heart to Jesus," she said.

"Why do you want to do this, Lifiapu? Is it because you think Jesus will heal you?"

"No! I want Jesus to come into my heart. If I die I want to go to heaven to be with Him." And Lifiapu did accept Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

That night she suffered terribly. It was the worst night she had had during her illness. Everyone at the mission feared for her.

"I'm not afraid," whispered the little girl, "for if I die I'll go to be with Jesus."

Solomon, her father, continued to mutter, "She will be all right, for you have prayed for her."

In her own room, the missionary spent a long time in earnest prayer for the child, and for the sake of the faith of her parents who trusted absolutely in Jesus, their new-found Friend. They were sure their little girl would be healed.

Jesus heard their prayers. During that night the fever left Lifiapu, and she started to get well.

Many other girls and boys in the village knew about her illness, and about her faith, and the faith of her parents in Jesus. And because of this many of them came to love and serve Him. And when Lifiapu got well, she told many others about the wonderful Friend she and her family had found.

—Young Soldier

A Recipe for Children

1 part lovingness
1 part gentleness
 $\frac{1}{2}$ part crying
 $\frac{1}{2}$ part stubbornness

Blend thoroughly with singing, laughter, companionship, devotion

Add a pinch of devilment

Mix together by stomping loudly, jumping often, somersaulting occasionally

Wham! Bango! now and then

Let stand quietly for a few minutes

An endearing bundle of sweetness will be your gratifying result.

—Selected

"I will not pick you, for you are an ugly flower," said a little boy who had in his hands a number of buttercups and daisies that he had picked in the mead-

ow. The "ugly flower" was a fine large dandelion.

The dandelion had done its best to look bright and gay all day, and it was sad to hear the boy make such a remark about its happy broad golden face.

"I wonder why nobody likes me," sadly thought the dandelion. "Seems like every other flower is liked better than me. I wonder if anybody will ever care about me, or shall I just shut up my leaves and die?"

"No, no," said the gentle wind as it passed over, "keep on hoping."

Just then a bee came buzzing through the long meadow grass. It rested on the yellow dandelion, and finding some honey in its heart, said, "Thank you, beautiful flower! I'm glad I found you."

The dandelion smiled brighter than ever, and lifting up its golden face to the sun, said, "Thank you, Mr. Bee, for speaking kindly to me, and showing me that I am good for something."

—Selected



Chuckles

The Sunday school teacher was telling how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt.

Seven-year-old Johnny added, "That's nothin'. My mother looked back while she was driving, and she turned into a telephone pole!"



A man and his small son were standing in front of a lion's cage at the zoo. Suddenly the little tyke asked:

"Daddy, if that lion gets out of his cage and eats you up, what bus do I take home?"



Bible Quiz

1. How old was Jesus when he began his public ministry? _____
2. Who superintended the building of the wall of Jerusalem? _____
3. Who was chosen to fill Judas' place after he betrayed Jesus? _____
4. What tree gave the name to a famous hill overlooking Jerusalem? _____
5. Which prophet tried to flee from God's commands? _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. On two tables of stone
2. Luke—Gospel of Luke and Book of Acts
3. Paul
4. Samson—Judges 15:15
5. At a wedding in Cana of Galilee—John 2:1-11

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 11

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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Greensboro College

TWO VIEWS OF LIFE

Background Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:
2 Timothy 4:6-8.

Lesson Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1-8;
2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Today we continue our study of the wisdom writings of the Old Testament compared with the insights of the New. The specific aim of today's lesson is to consider the attitudes regarding old age revealed in Ecclesiastes, compared with a passage from 2 Timothy.

Turning first to the famous 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, we need first to try to see what the writer of these lines actually had in mind. "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, *before the evil days come* and the years draw nigh when you will say 'I have no pleasure in them.'" This is really a counsel of despair. In our last lesson we mentioned the resemblance between the point of view of Ecclesiastes and that of the Rubaiyat, called by some critics "the most beautiful expression of pessimism in the English language." The similarity of views between the two can be seen by comparing the above quotation from Ecclesiastes with this from the Rubaiyat:

Come, fill the Cup and in the fire of
spring

Your winter garment of repentance
fling;

The Bird of Time has but a little way
To flutter — and the Bird is on the
Wing.

In both of these the approaching end of life is represented as something to dread, and the reader is urged to make the most of the present moment.

The whole twelfth chapter (see Scripture reference) is a picture of the gradual collapse of the body. No mention is made of the compensations of the aging, nor of the joys that accompany what we have come to call "the sunset years." Now we must confess that such sentiments are to be found in much pre-Christian writing. When medical science was in its infancy there was not much medication to make the failing body more comfortable. When we read of "the days when the keepers of the house (arms and legs) shall tremble," and "the grinders cease because they are few" (the teeth), and "those that look out of the windows shall be darkened (the eyes), and "the doors into the street shall be shut" (the failing hearing), and "they shall be afraid of that which is high" (referring to the fear of high places by the aged)—all of these emphasize a dreary picture of old age. But that is not, we must protest, the whole story! The person who has lived a reasonably good life has his memories to cherish at least. The writer recalls once having had a long delightful conversation with a Hindu student on a bus trip. As we parted he said: "These hours I shall keep in my memory, and when I am an old man I shall have this experience as a delightful one to recall." And so it is; no matter what hap-

pens to us we shall all have at least some of the bright spots to call to mind in what one writer called our "memory-laden" old age.

Turning now to the New Testament, we notice that the writer of the fourth chapter of 2nd Timothy takes consolation in the fact that he has "fought a good fight" and has "finished the race," and has "kept the faith." These words are not mere rhetoric. They are a true report of battles fought and of victories won. The missionaries of the young Christian faith had no bed of roses. Like the athletes in the contest, they had to train themselves to endure self-denial and strain. Paul reports that he "fought with the beasts at Ephesus" (see I Cor. 15:32). Whether he was actually thrown into the arena with wild animals, or whether he is referring to the opposition of evil men, we cannot be sure. At any rate, we know his life was filled with bitter struggles against sickness, heat and cold, various dangers, lax and indifferent churches, etc. All these, in addition to his constant concern for the faithful.

In Roman times the victor in the athletic contests was awarded a laurel wreath, the symbol of triumph. Our Scripture mentions the "crown of righteousness" which awaits the victor in the Christian struggle. Remember that the words of 2nd Timothy are addressed to a *young* man, not to an aged person. He wants Timothy to live the kind of life, and fight the sort of fight that will give him something worth remembering when he is old. What better preparation than that could one make for the advanced years?

We close with the famous prayer of Car-

dinal Newman. A student once told the writer she thought this prayer was 'gloomy.' Maybe that was because she hadn't lived long enough to appreciate it. It doesn't seem so gloomy when one is on the western side of fifty!

*O Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen and the
evening comes, and the busy world is
hushed, and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done. Then in thy
mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a
holy rest, and peace at last. Through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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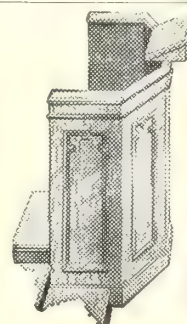
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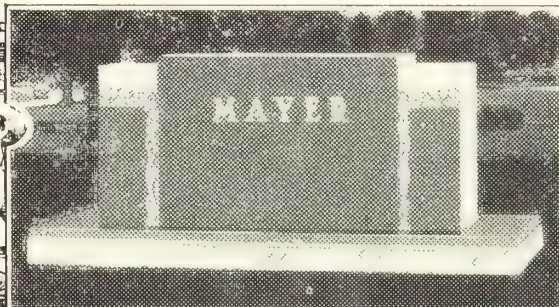
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"That this may be a sign among you, that when your
children ask their fathers in time to come saying,

What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a
memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.



Just as Joshua commanded the twelve men of Israel to build with perfect
stones a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—

So, as our loved ones pass from our presence over Jordan, we should select
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ments we erect to commemorate their beautiful virtues and accomplishments.

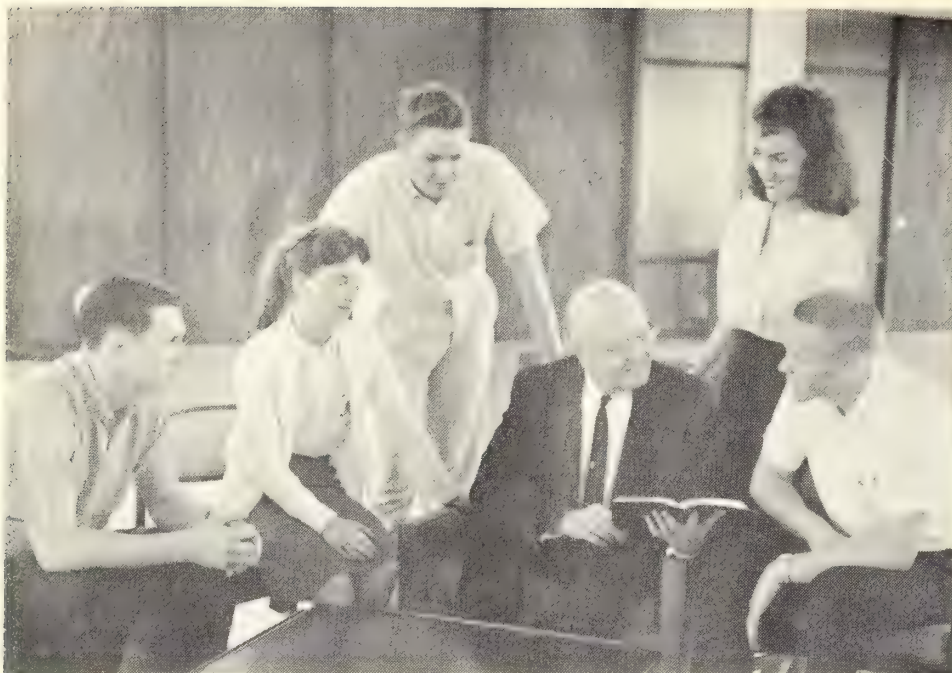
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Dr. Howard P. Powell, Religious Emphasis Week speaker at Methodist College, talks informally with a group of students in the Student Union Lounge.

Religious Emphasis Week Conducted at Methodist College

The first annual Religious Emphasis Week was conducted at Methodist College, Fayetteville, during the week of May 8-12 with Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, as the guest speaker.

The theme for the week was "A Challenge to Greatness."

The program, built around the addresses by Dr. Powell during the regular chapel periods on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11:30 a.m., was jointly sponsored by the college and the college's Student Christian Association. The week's activities were

under the direction of Dr. Sam Womack, professor of Bible and college chaplain.

Dr. Powell's subjects for his three messages were: "God Has You in Mind;" "Natural, Unnatural, and Supernatural Love;" and "Educated For What?"

On Wednesday and Friday special luncheon-discussion sessions were held at noon, sponsored by the Student Christian Association. At these sessions students had the opportunity to share in a question-and-answer experience with Dr. Powell as their luncheon guest in the college dining hall.

Students and staff members conducted five-minute daily meditation services between classes at 9:20 a.m. and 10:20 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the college Worship Center. Attendance at these meditations was on a voluntary basis and it was not unusual to see the Worship Center almost filled at times.

The value and significance of this Religious Emphasis Week in the first year's operation at Methodist College may be summed up by a comment from one of the students: "This week has convinced me even more that Methodist College is really seeking to provide a Christian atmosphere in which truth may be pursued and found; and I am beginning to see more clearly the real significance and importance of such an effort."

Dr. Bowles Preaches To Seniors

Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, preached the baccalaureate sermon to 488 seniors of the Greensboro schools last Sunday night. The service was held at West Market Street Church.

Hinshaw Memorial WSCS Honors Past Presidents

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hinshaw Memorial Methodist Church in Greensboro, met Thursday night, May 11, enjoying a banquet honoring past presidents from 1940 through 1961.

After the banquet, they adjourned to the church sanctuary where Mrs. Louise Peeler conducted an installation service for the incoming officers, followed by a very inspiring pledge ceremony for all members.

Mrs. Peeler then presented Adult Life Membership certificates and pins, expressing appreciation from the Woman's Society for their service and devotion, to the 1960-61 president, Mrs. Beulah Fruitt; and to each 1960-61 circle chairman—Mrs. Freda Coomes, Mrs. Ruby Garrett, and Mrs. Alma Ozment.

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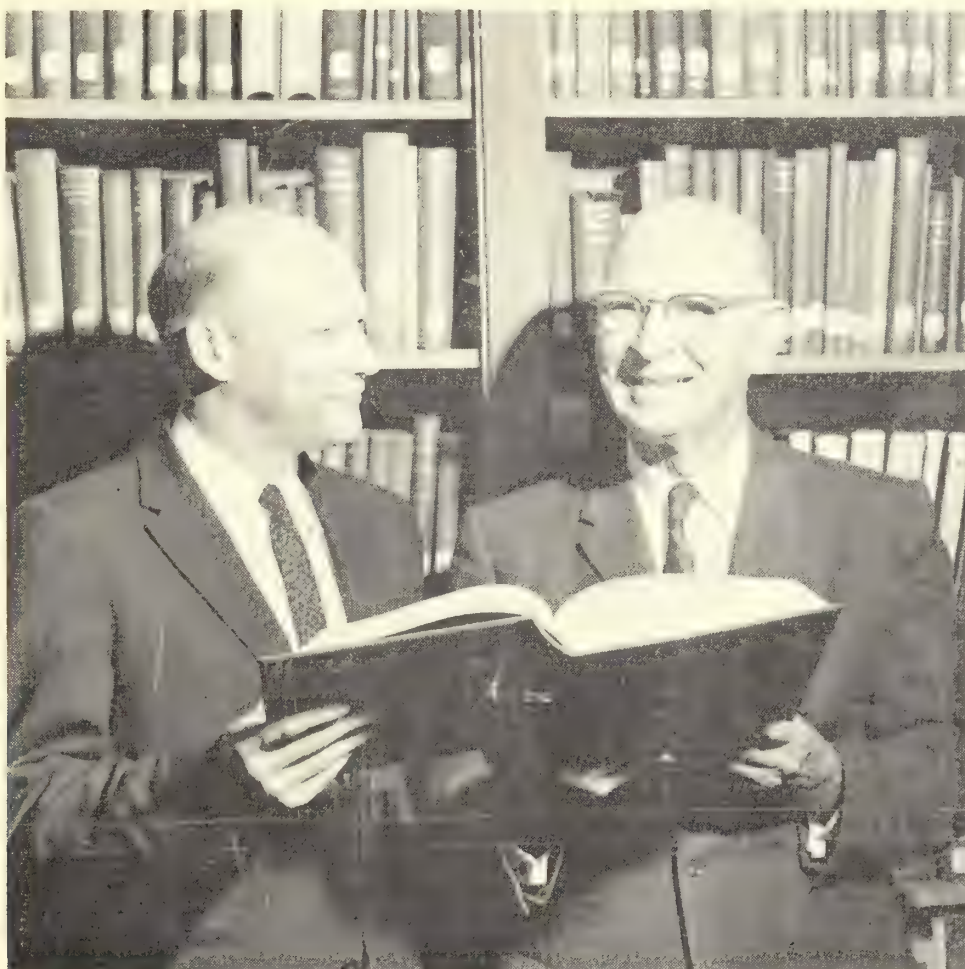
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The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Spann (right), Nashville, Tenn., retired May 31 as director of in-service training in the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Board of Education. He shows a volume of more than 300 letters of appreciation for his service to the Rev. Dr. Ben B. St. Clair. Dr. St. Clair is pastor of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, where Dr. Spann teaches a Sunday school class, and he was at one time registrar of the Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications of the Holston Methodist Conference. The volume of letters from Methodist leaders and other friends was presented to Dr. Spann at an event honoring him.

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ **HOMECOMING DAY** will be observed at Stonewall Methodist Church, in Stonewall, Sunday, June 18. All former members and ministers are invited to attend. Rev. Lewis H. Dodson is pastor.

¶ **DR. F. OLEN HUNT**, director of Gifts and Wills for the Methodist Foundation, Inc., of the North Carolina Conference, spoke at the morning service at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, Sunday, May 28.

¶ **DR. AND MRS. C. E. ROZZELLE** will leave June 9th for the West Coast and Hawaii. While in Los Angeles they will be guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey, retired Presbyterian minister. Mrs. Ramsey is the sister of Dr. Rozzelle. They will return home July 15.

¶ **MISS JULIET ENDLEY**, associate librarian at Pfeiffer College, retired May 29 after 14 years of service to the college. Miss Endley is a graduate of Columbia University and Carnegie Library School, and came to Pfeiffer as librarian in 1945. In 1957 she was named associate professor of Library Science and associate librarian.

¶ **REV. C. JEROME HUNEYCUTT**, pastor of Central Terrace Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the James A. Gray High School, Winston-Salem, at 8:30 Sunday morning, May 28. It is an unusual fact that eleven ministers had children in the graduating class. At 8:00 p.m. the same day Mr. Huneycutt preached the commencement sermon at the Walnut Cove High School.

¶ **MISS ANN WILKINSON**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Wilkinson of Salisbury, has begun her summer's work with the Morris Chapel Church at Walkertown, of which the Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor. Miss Wilkinson is a graduate of Greensboro College, and has completed her first year's work on her Master of Religious Education at Duke University. She has had experience as director of Christian education.

¶ **REV. ROBERT W. BRADSHAW**, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, preached in revival services at Camp Ground Methodist Church, Fayetteville, recently, assisting Rev. M. W. Warren, pastor. Mr. Bradshaw spoke to the students at Methodist College at the chapel program on Friday, May 5th. Mr. Larry Parler, band director at Raeford School and director of music at Raeford Methodist Church, was director of music, leading the singing during the week of special services.

¶ **HOMECOMING AT THE QUEEN'S CREEK** Methodist Church, in Hubert, will be observed June 18th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. M. Wilson Nesbitt, of Duke University, Durham, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Robert Stevens of New Bern will also be present to present the plans and drawings that have already been accepted by the Building Committee and the Official Board. The new Queen's Creek Methodist Church will be located on Highway No. 24. The cost will be about \$100,000. Dinner will be served on the grounds and everyone is cordially invited to attend the homecoming, and remain for lunch.

¶ **REV. B. O. MERRITT**, retired, assisted Rev. Charles E. Owens in revival services at Plank Chapel Church, near Kittrell, June 5-9. Mr. Merritt is a former pastor of the church.

¶ **REV. GEORGE W. PORTS, JR.**, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Rockridge High School on Sunday, May 28, at 3:00 p.m. His subject was "The Calls."

¶ **THE MYF** of St. Mark's Church, Raleigh, surprised their minister with a birthday party recently. Refreshments were served, and the young people presented their pastor with a lovely personal valet.

¶ **CHARLES D. WHITE**, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Mount Pleasant High School and gave the commencement address at the Denton High School.

¶ **MOUNT CARMEL** Methodist Church of the Gillburg Charge, is holding revival services this week with Rev. Carl Calloway as guest minister. The services will run through Friday evening. Rev. Donald Funderburk is pastor.

¶ **REV. B. H. ZIGLAR** was assisted in revival services recently at Rocky Springs Church near Taylorsville by Rev. John Oakley of Peachland. The church was greatly revived and seven members received on profession of faith.

¶ **FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**, Conover, celebrated its sixth birthday last Sunday, June 4th. The pastor, Rev. Paul D. Lowder, preached, and following the service a picnic dinner was enjoyed. After the dinner an informal open house for the parsonage was observed.

¶ **A RECEPTION** for Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Horn was held at First Church, Charlotte, on June 5. It was sponsored by the Official Board, the WSCS and the Commission on Education. Rev. Mr. Horn is leaving the position of minister of education at First Church to accept an appointment as pastor of a church.

¶ **DR. DAVID WILKINSON**, former pastor of Plaza Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and now chaplain of the Presbyterian Hospital, will be guest minister at the Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, June 11. He will fill the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Ivan A. Stephens, pastor, who will be attending annual conference at the Lake.

¶ **LAYMEN** of The St. Luke Church, Goldsboro, will hold a lay retreat Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, at Vail's Pond near Pikeville. Rev. J. D. A. Autry, of Hamlet, will speak on "The Way of Love," on Saturday afternoon; Rev. W. D. Caveness, first pastor of St. Luke and now pastor at Havelock, will speak on "The Blessed Way" at a Galilean service; and Mr. Henry Hicks, president of the Raleigh Christian Business Men's Association, will speak on "The Way in Business."

¶ **REV. AND MRS. GARLAND YOUNG** of Route 2, Franklin, announce the birth of a daughter, Kristina Lee, on May 22. Mr. Young is pastor of the Macon Charge.

¶ **ASBURY MEMORIAL CHURCH** near Lincolnton observed Homecoming Day June 4. Rev. Everett Freeman brought the message. Asbury is Mr. Freeman's home church. Rev. Grady Dulin is pastor.

¶ **DR. EMMETT K. McLARTY**, president of Brevard College, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee Sunday, May 28. His subject was "The Law of Increasing Returns."

¶ **DR. E. H. BLACKARD**, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, preached two baccalaureate sermons last Sunday. At 2:30 he was the preacher for the Erwin High School, and at 8:00 p.m. he preached the sermon at the Enka High School.

¶ **C. DENNY WHITE, JR.**, son of Dr. Charles D. White, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, and the late Mrs. White, was valedictorian of the 1961 graduating class of A. L. Brown High School with a four-year average of 97.78. He will enter Duke University in the fall to prepare for the Methodist ministry.

Many New Buildings In Waynesville District

Under the leadership of the Rev. Frank C. Smathers during the past five years the Waynesville District has made wonderful progress in its building program in churches, educational buildings, and parsonages. We give below a list, which is typical of the building progress throughout both the North Carolina Conferences.

Andrews Parsonage	\$ 20,000
Bryson City Church	106,000
Big Cove outpost mission	15,000
Cherokee Deaconess Residence ..	9,000
Cullowhee Educational Bldg.	130,000
Pine Grove Church	25,000
Hintor Center, Hayesville	85,000
Louisa Church, Haywood Charge	40,000
Faith Church, relocated in	
Waynesville	35,000
Cashiers Church & Edu. Bldg.	50,000
Junaluska Educational Bldg.	60,000
Patton's Church, Macon Circuit. .	32,000
Morning Star Educational Bldg. .	45,000
Tomotla Church, Murphy Circuit	15,000
Hampton Memorial, Murphy Circuit	18,000
Cruso Church (new congregation)	40,000
Pigeon Vallege Charge Parsonage	18,000
Plains new parsonage	20,000
Shady Grove Church	50,000
Ledford Chapel	20,000
Wesleyanna Church	35,000
Webster Charge new parsonage. .	17,000
Speedwell Church	26,000
Waynesville Educational Bldg. . .	100,000
West Macon Parsonage	14,000
Building lot for new church	3,500

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Work has begun in The Hague on converting a former world's fair pavilion into a new sanctuary for the independent Protestant Church there. The church purchased the Protestant Pavilion used at the Brussels World's Fair and shipped it to Holland by barge.

More About The Rev. Daniel Asbury

By THE REVEREND J. H. ABERNETHY
Whitsett, N. C.

In the *ADVOCATE* of November 10, 1960, there appeared an article by Louise Stahl about the Reverend Daniel Asbury. It gave interesting facts about his life.

The article you are now reading is by a great-grandson of the Reverend Asbury. My father, the Reverend John Wesley Abernethy, was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His mother was a daughter of the Reverend Daniel Asbury.

About 1795, Robert and Harbard Abernethy; Robert, Harbard, and Samuel Harville; Lodiwick Turbyfill; and Billy Maize came from the Petersburg area of Virginia to what is now Catawba County, North Carolina. Samuel Harville was a Methodist minister, and when they stopped to locate homes, the Reverend Samuel Harville preached a sermon to the seven families.

This Robert Abernethy, also one of my great-grandfathers, had a son, Robert, who married a daughter of the Reverend Daniel Asbury, and she was my grandmother.

According to statements reported to have been made by the Reverend Daniel Asbury, he was distantly related to Bishop Francis Asbury. The Asburys originally came from England, the Abernethys from Scotland. Fifteen hundred years ago the Abbott (or pastor) of a church at a ford on the Nethey River in Scotland took the word "Aber" which in Scotch meant a ford, and the word "Nethey" and made the compound word "Aber-nethey," meaning a ford on the Nethey River. And there the name began, and the town of Abernethy grew and is still there. There is no such word as Abernathy. It is Ab-er-ne-thy.

At one time my father had the Reverend Asbury's clock and his saddlebags, but I do not know what became of them.

My mother was a daughter of the late Green L. Rea (pronounced Ray) of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The Reas also came from Scotland.

Everyone has one father and one mother, two grandfathers and two grandmothers, and four great-grandfathers and four great-grandmothers. Two (or more) of my great-grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Several hundred years ago two other families and the Abernethy families were granted the blessing of sanctuary in Scotland, which gave to them protection of the law in all their behavior. They were exempt from prosecution.

The Reverend Daniel Asbury had a son who was a local Methodist preacher, the Reverend Henry Asbury. Returning with his sons from a wagon trip to Charlotte, he, for a change, did some walking. Alone some distance ahead of the wagon and boys, a spirit in flying form, flew down near his head, then arose, saying while passing over his head, "You will die a terrible death." This he never told until the day of his death. Standing before the fireplace one evening, he rubbed his body with some inflammable oil to relieve pains, and it ignited and burned him badly. In bed he told a relative to look among his papers for the statement he had recorded about the manner of his death. It was dated the night he received the warning. After severe suffering he died as a result of the burns.

Young Adult Assembly at Lake Junaluska June 23-25



REV. ROBERT F. LUNDY

A Methodist missionary from Malaya will be speaker for the Young Adult Assembly of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference June 23-25 at Lake Junaluska. The Rev. Robert F. Lundy, who is in the U. S. for a year's furlough, will participate in the sessions, it was announced recently by the Rev. Paul H. Duckwall of Statesville, Conference director of young adult work.

The sessions will open at 4:30 p.m. June 23 and will continue through noon, June 25.

Delegates to the meeting will include presidents and teachers from young adult classes, as well as other class officers. The teachers must be young adults to attend.

Mr. Duckwall said the purpose of the assembly is "to rethink the heritage and nature of the church and what it means to participate in its life and mission."

The program calls for discussion groups, a problem clinic, fellowship singing, recreation, a special opening day dinner and a business session and worship service on the final day.

Mrs. Tom (Gerry) White of Statesville is president of the Conference Council of Young Adult Fellowship.

He is editor of *The Methodist Message*, the official publication for southeast Asia. He has been a Methodist news correspondent for Malaya, and is a member of the Malaya Methodist Conference. He helped start five churches and three schools.

Delegates To Oslo Conference

Following is a list of North Carolinians who will attend the meeting of the World Methodist Conference at Oslo, Norway, August 17-25. Some of these will go early in order to attend the meeting of the World Federation of Methodist Women, which immediately precedes the Conference.

The Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers, Spindale; the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Brendall, Mount Airy; Miss Alma Browning, Lake Junaluska; the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Bumgarner, Kannapolis; Dr. Benjamin Childs, Durham; Dr. and Mrs. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska; Miss Sarah Cobb (Youth delegate), Waynesville; Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, Asheboro; Miss Ann Dulin (Youth delegate), Waynesville; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ervin, Charlotte; Miss Lucy T. Finch (Youth delegate), Thomasville; Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska; James Fowler, III (Youth delegate); Miss Margaret Fowler (Youth delegate); Miss Nina Beth Fowler (Youth delegate), all from Lake Junaluska; Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va.; Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Mrs. Harmon, Charlotte; Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Harrison, High Point; the Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, Asheboro;

James L. Highsmith, Jr. (Youth delegate), Charlotte; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, Durham; Mrs. W. Hugh Holcomb, Mount Airy; Miss Edith F. Houser (Youth delegate), Pittsboro; Dr. and Mrs. James G. Huggin, Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte; Edwin L. Jones, III (Youth delegate), Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hugh Massie, Waynesville; Mr. and Mrs. H. I. McDougale, Charlotte; Mr. Harold Lee Ogburn (Youth delegate), Smithfield; Mr. Franklin E. Peters (Youth delegate), High Point; the Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Phelps, Greensboro (Central Jurisdiction); Dr. Willa B. Player, Greensboro; Mrs. J. B. Siler, Waynesville; Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle and Mrs. Sprinkle, editor, *World Outlook*; Mrs. Keneth Stahl, Lake Junaluska; William E. Stahl (Youth delegate), Lake Junaluska; Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor, *THE N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*; Dr. and Mrs. Lee F. Tuttle, Winston-Salem, and Wilson O. Welton, Jr. (Youth delegate), Charlotte.

Basic Instruction For Lay Witnessing

Since it is essential but not sufficient for lay witnesses to know the techniques of getting in the door to secure decisions, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference director of evangelism, has edited four basic lessons to be used as lectures in the training of lay visitors in evangelism.

Many visitors have a feeling of inadequacy in such matters as the Christian faith, prayer, the history and organization of the Methodist Church. These lectures are prepared specifically for pastors and commission chairmen to train Methodists to win others to Christ through the Methodist Church.

Brother Heath has spent much time in prayerful study, gathering the experiences of ministers who have done good work at the local level, getting permission to quote the best of inspiring helps from the experts and listening over and over to the tapes of the Billy Graham courses on training and follow-up.

Each session of training is divided into two parts. Part One consists of discussion, review questions and definite drill in memory work assigned previously. The idea is to get evangelism out of the clouds and down to the "grass roots" level of the average church in the North Carolina Conference.

Lecture One deals with "Basic Beliefs," lecture two with "The Motives of Evangelism," lecture three with "The Methodist History and Organization." Dr. Howard Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, is preparing the lecture on "Prayer."

Each person taking the course is expected to attend the lectures, do certain reading and report on the memory work. The purpose is to deposit a corps of disciplined evangelists in each local church.

Pastors and chairmen of evangelism commissions may borrow sufficient copies of these courses, along with the students note sheets, by writing to the Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Box 866, Clinton, N. C.

—LEON COUCH, *President, N. C. Conference Board of Evangelism*

THEME FOR THE WEEK

A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. — Proverbs 12:2.

What About The Proposed Amendment 12?

Ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference have received a communication from Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte in which he gave a statement by Mr. B. A. Whitmore of Nashville, Tennessee concerning the proposed Amendment 12 on which annual conferences are voting this year. The amendment has to do with certain changes in the jurisdictional conference and the General Conference. For instance, it is proposed that the number of delegates to the General Conference be increased from approximately 900 to 1400; and that the jurisdictional conferences all be held the week preceding the General Conference and in the same city; and that all bishops be consecrated by the General Conference rather than by the jurisdictional conference. It is claimed that this will promote unity.

We feel sure that those who sponsored this amendment felt there was real merit to it. We are also sure that those who may feel different about it are equally sincere in their position. No doubt there are reasonable arguments on both sides.

We know Mr. Whitmore is a fine churchman and we have great respect for his judgment on any question of this kind. He was formerly one of the publishing agents of the Methodist Church, and is well and favorably known throughout the church. Mr. Edwin Jones is likewise a devoted churchman who has given much time and thought and effort to his church. There may be differences of opinion on this amendment. We have unity now and it is our hope we may retain and strengthen this unity. It is believed by many that the church will be better served by being more democratic and retaining the jurisdictional system. It seems the Southeastern Jurisdiction expressed its feeling in the matter last July at the Jurisdictional conference when it voted to continue the practice of holding the Jurisdictional conference within the bounds of the jurisdiction. We all know there is danger in too much centralization of power. We believe the church will be more effective, more vigorous, more committed, if it is kept more democratic. These are important questions before us. Let us prayerfully seek their solution, and then abide by the decision.

Congratulations To Statesville!

Citizens of Statesville gave a good account of themselves in the vote last Saturday, June 3, on whether or not to establish ABC stores in the city. The margin seems to have been about 5 to 4. We know several ministers and laymen had been active in opposition to the stores. We rejoice with them in the victory they registered at the polls. This speaks well for the people of Statesville. The churches of course took their stand and the people supported them. No doubt some people voted for the stores who meant well, but we think they are misled in thinking that is the way to handle the matter of alcohol. Christian people simply cannot afford to lend their influence to an evil of this kind, for then they become a party to every tragedy that comes as a result. We salute the good people of Statesville on the fine victory they won, and our hats are off to those who had courage enough to take their stand and fight an evil that threatened their fair city.

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Laying of Cornerstone Set For New Methodist Building

A service for the laying of the cornerstone of the new Methodist building in Evanston, Illinois, has been set for Thursday, July 13, at 10:30 a.m., it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary of the Methodist Church's General Board of Pensions, which is responsible for the erection of the new office building.

Ground was broken for the new building at the southwest corner of Davis Street and Ridge Avenue in Evanston last November 20. The basic structure of the three-level neo-Gothic building has been completed and work has begun on the stone finish.

Plans call for moving into the new building late this year, probably in early December.

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CORRECTION

To the article, "Blue Cards," appearing on page 9 of the May 25 issue of THE ADVOCATE, should be added:

Kitrell College: The Rev. Phillip R. Cousin, President, Kitrell College, Kitrell, N. C.
Methodist College: Dr. Sam Womack, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C.

North Carolina Wesleyan College: The Rev. Thomas A. Collins, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Sacred Heart School: The Rev. Bertrand Pattison, Sacred Heart School, Belmont, N. C.

The correct address of the Rev. Neal McGlamery, director of the Wesley Foundation at Raleigh, is: Wesley Foundation, 2501 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

—W. M. WELLS

Director Student Work

MR. EDITOR:

We note in recent issue of the ADVOCATE your editorial in regard to church members supporting ABC stores, and we want to say, Amen. It is said that more homes have been broken up and more lives have been destroyed by strong drink than have been destroyed by the wars of all time. In the light of these facts, how can any sane thinking man hesitate to condemn the curse of strong drink. As to the reputation of alcohol let us go to the Bible for our information. We read "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Also "Look not on the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." These declarations are from the pens of inspired writers, for we read "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." So much for the character of alcohol. The liquorites will contend that prohibition does not prohibit 100 percent, and that much illegal trade is carried on under cover. The dries will admit this. The laws against murder, theft, and larceny are not observed perfectly. We believe however that prohibition is the best solution to the liquor problem. The dries will have the consolation that they have thrown their influence against a great evil.

From time to time the wets will try to secure ABC stores in their counties, contending that the tax revenue will go a long way in supporting the schools. Is the taste of alcohol so pleasing and education so dear as to be purchased at the price of the souls of men, women, boys and girls? God forbid!

Let the church going people of any community that is threatened with an ABC store rise up and fight this ignominious, reprehensible institution that would invade their homes, debauch their citizenship and low rate their county in the eyes of all right-thinking people. "Every man to his tent, Oh Israel."

—ROLAND COVINGTON
Raeford, N. C.

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Visitation of The Sick

By SKINNER A. CHALK, Chairman, Certified

*Lay Visitation (Hospitals, Jails
and Shut-ins)*

Your Conference Board of Evangelism presents the following suggestions for the consideration of all in visitation of the sick in the home.

The suggestions are also adaptable to hospital visits, and we are indebted to the Reverend Harold Reish of the United Lutheran Church for these as published in his booklet, *Ye Visited Me*.

Visitation in jails and prisons should include observance of many of these suggestions.

DO—

1. Be careful! Your attitude is catching.
2. Be a good listener. Be patient, even if the same story is told the tenth time.
3. Keep to yourself any personal item shared with you.
4. Seek to understand, not criticize.
5. Visit regularly. Your visits are looked forward to. If you are unable to come at the usual time, notify the person.
6. Try to bring something with you: a flower in springtime, some colored leaves in the fall, some evidence of growing life beyond the walls of the sick room.
7. Share the news of the church and community. Bring a church bulletin. Describe recent church or community activities.

8. Help the person gain a sense of usefulness. Be on the lookout for ways that he can be of service, such as telephoning.

9. Be alert to the person's need for prayer with you.

10. Make special effort to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

11. Help the person grow in appreciation of the pastor and church leadership. Keep the pastor and adult council informed of problems and needs.

12. Seek to deepen your own faith and devotional life so that your presence will bear its message and hope and strength.

13. Keep the same list of persons to visit over a period of time.

14. Plan for sharing books from the church library, a visit from a church school group.

DON'T—

1. Don't fail to visit when you say you will.
2. Don't act surprised at anything.
3. Don't condemn any speech or action.
4. Don't give advice—even if it is requested. The person should be helped to come to his own solution.
5. Don't argue. After all, whose right is it to tell him he's wrong?
6. Don't dominate. Don't take charge.
7. Don't show reaction to anything unpleasant. If the room or the person is untidy, ignore it.
8. Don't dwell on the woes of the world.
9. At the same time, don't ignore tragedy. If the person brings up a recent catastrophe, give him a chance to talk it over.
10. Don't brush aside his bereavements and loneliness. Don't bring them up, but let him talk about the loved one gone.
11. Don't take over the job of the person's lawyer or doctor.
12. Don't fail to see the person, rather than the illness. The individual may be phy-

sically limited, but he is a child of God.

Jesus would have each one of us to visit at every opportunity in His name. This is the work of evangelism, and any visit made in the Christian spirit brings with it good news.

Clip these suggestions and plan to make at least one visit this week to some sick person, trying all the time to observe these helpful hints to give a lift to someone in need.

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HOW TO CONDUCT FAMILY WORSHIP AT THE TABLE

By ABIGAIL GRAVES RANDOLPH

20c each — 6 for \$1.00

The most relaxed and happy time of the day comes when the family is called together for a meal. This is the natural setting of the father and mother providing nourishment for their children.

Of course this is the ideal place for spiritual cultivation—a good time for family devotions. When the table is set for the meal, the Bible and a devotional guide are placed as naturally as the dishes. Worship becomes a vital part of daily living as the family meets the One who makes the difference in their day.

This is a "How" book by the compiler of *The Family at Prayer* and *Read Us The Bible Mother*.

Mrs. Randolph is director of the Family Worship Department of *The Upper Room*. She is a member of the Family Life Committee of The Methodist Church and also of the National Council of Churches.

A Prayer For Fathers

God, give us fathers real—we need them much—
Who feel the sacred task that rests on them,
Who know full well they need the heavenly touch,
To strengthen all their powers—alone, too slim;
Fathers who hear each day their greatest call—
To guard and train the lives which God has given,
To bring whatever plans of earth must fall—
Their children on the way of truth and heaven!

God, give us fathers true, who hate a lie,
Who show their flesh and blood a life that's clear,
Who do not need or wish the cunning sly
To hide dark deeds, and shun the light with fear;
Fathers who say with joy, "Just follow me;
I'd rather die than lead my children wrong;"
Whose sons and daughters fair shall never see
A revelation that will hush their song.

God, give us fathers faithful, hopeful, brave,
Who walk with Thee, and yield no place to doubt,
Who lift their children's gaze above the grave,
Who prove that love and faith always win out;
Fathers who know that time is short, death sure,
Who do not build their hopes on sinking sand;
But who yet know that all earth's tasks endure,
If they are done in faith, at God's command!

—From *The Lights of Home*, by
DR. JOHN CLINE
Carthage, N. C.



William Gurley Staton, Bethel N. C., received the Boy Scout God and Country Award at a God and Country Service May 7, presided over by W. R. Hunnecutt, chairman of the official board of the Bethel Methodist Church. The award, one of the highest in scouting, was earned under the direction of the Rev. Carl W. Barbee, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church. Young Staton, who is thirteen years old, and an Eagle Scout, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Harold Staton, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Staton, all of Bethel. J. A. Staton served as chairman of the Board of Pensions of the North Carolina Conference for thirty years, and R. H. Staton is currently serving as chairman.

Progress Being Made on Salemburg Charge

The Salemburg charge was officially organized at the Annual Conference, which met in Greenville, June 1956. The new charge consisted of Andrew's Chapel and Bculah. On November 11, 1956, a new church was organized at Salemburg with 26 charter members. These three churches make up the Salemburg charge.

This charge has the honor of having the oldest and youngest Methodist churches in Sampson County. Andrew's Chapel, the oldest church, dates back to 1875. Salemburg's Methodist church is the newest church of the Methodist denomination in the county.

On October 5, 1958, services for ground-breaking were held for the new educational building at Salemburg. The new building is of contemporary design, costing \$55,000. It is quite adequate for the congregation of now 63 members and other constituents of the community. In the fall, winter and spring seasons the church school roll runs as high as 96 or more due to the students from Edwards Military Institute and Pine-land College.

The Salemburg church is one of the Ten Dollar Club churches of the conference. The Duke Endowment made a grant of \$5,000 toward the completion of the educational unit in January, 1960. Salemburg still has a heavy burden in meeting its obligations of a loan from the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of the Methodist church. The church has been receiving mission specials each year from the Methodist churches of Sampson county to help meet these loan payments. The present indebtedness on the church is \$17,000, which is being paid off at a rate of \$2,000 each year plus interest. The Salemburg congregation is a courageous group of people who believe in the future of their church and her service to the people of the community and county.

The three churches last fall saw the necessity of providing a permanent home for their pastor, who had been living in a rented home. The charge purchased a nice nine-room, two-bath house (pictured here) from a former pastor of the Salemburg Baptist church. The house was purchased for

\$12,500, with several valuable considerations to the three congregations. It is located in one of the most desirable spots of the town of Salemburg. The Board of Missions of the Conference made a gift to the charge of \$750.00 toward the purchase of this property. The remaining indebtedness is only \$5,400, to be liquidated over a period of ten years.

Andrew's Chapel has been actively engaged in making the church a better place of service and beauty. In the early part of 1960 work got under way to build much needed classrooms for the church school. This work has been completed and the classrooms and other facilities are now being utilized. All of the labor was donated by the members and friends of the church. Money for the new structure came from donations by members and friends and from fellowship suppers. The Conference Board of Missions made a gift of \$1,000. The Duke Endowment Fund made a grant of \$2,000 for this new addition to Andrews, which cost \$10,100. In only a year and a half this work was started and completely paid for by a congregation of only 60 members.

On May 22, the old Andrews Chapel sanctuary had the addition of beautiful stained-glass memorial windows installed. The transom of the church is furnished with the name of the church in stained-glass. The congregation is now planning for new pews to replace those which have been in service for more than 100 years.

Sunday, June 11, dedication services for the new educational facilities and the memorial windows will be held. The dedication sermon will be delivered by the Rev. M. W. Lawrence, superintendent of the Goldsboro District.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for the Salemburg charge will be held following the morning service presided over by the District Superintendent. A picnic lunch will be spread in the community building after the conference.

All members and friends are urged to attend all the services of the day. Rev. William Oliver Connor is pastor of the charge. The Salemburg charge has added 22 new members this conference year. There are no barren churches on the charge for the first time in seven years.



Miss Winifred Loureta Lamb, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene A. Lamb of Winston-Salem, was graduated Monday, May 29, from Pfeiffer College, MAGNA CUM LAUDE. She received the Scholarship Trophy for the highest academic achievement in the class of 1961 and also an award from the college. The trophy is given by The Stanley Hardware Company of Albemarle, N. C. Miss Lamb has been working with the First Methodist Church in Asheboro on a part-time basis since February 1 and began her full-time duties as Director of Christian Education on June 1.

Duke Divinity School Seminars Announced

Plans have been completed for the Duke Divinity School seminars for 1961-62. The subject will be: "The American Family in Church and Society."

Leaders for the seminars include Dr. Robert F. Winch, professor of Sociology at Northwestern University; Dr. Haskell M. Miller, professor of Social Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary; and Dr. Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Three seminars will be held during the academic year. The first will be in Columbia, S. C., on November 13-14, 1961, at Washington Street Methodist Church. The other two will be held in North Carolina: in High Point on January 22-23, 1962, at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church; and in Greenville on January 25-26, at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

These seminars originated in 1949 under the sponsorship of the Duke Divinity School. Dr. Kenneth W. Clark as chairman of the faculty committee has supervised the program in the past, but will be on sabbatical leave in 1961-62 as a Fulbright research scholar in Greece. In his absence Dr. McMurtry S. Richey will be in charge of arrangements.



Senator B. Everett Jordan Is Louisburg Speaker

Louisburg College held its graduating exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 28, at which time United States Senator B. Everett Jordan delivered the commencement address to the 46 graduates receiving the Associate in Arts diploma and Business certificates.

Associate in Arts degrees were awarded the following: Earl Wayne Asplen, Cambridge, Md.; Samuel Richard Averette, Oxford; Linwood E. Baird, Louisburg; Avon Gerald Brantley, Zebulon; William Brumsey, III, Norfolk, Va.; John Franklin Casey, Raleigh; Rockey Abron Hester, III, Raleigh; James L. Howard, Chapel Hill; John Harry Lange, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Susan Humphrey Lippy, Richmond, Va.; Edward T. Lippy, Jr., Richmond, Va.; Sam Alexander Madry, Durham; Blanche Earlene Martin, Bradenton, Fla.; Milton Douglas Mitchell, Castalia; Charlie Hartwell Newton, Jr., Louisburg; William James Oakley, Onancock, Va.; Joseph C. Parker, Dover; Philip Sterling Perdue, Louisburg; Barbara Ann Pergerson, Franklinton; Elmo Shearin, Littleton; Haney Allen Smith, Jr., Onancock, Va.; Norman Wade Smith, Richmond, Va.; Thomas C. Stevenson, Jr., Henderson; Warren Trent Strickland, Fayetteville; Lionel Clyde Swink, Trenton; Robert M. Thompson, Durham; Carlton Ray West, Beaufort; Paul Duval West, Jr., Fayetteville; Beverley Diane Whitt, Roxboro; Carolyn Joyce Wynn, Henderson; Daniel Wright Young, Raleigh.

Business certificates were awarded to Barbara Ann Albright, Roanoke Rapids; Betty Jo Baker, Louisburg; Frances Ann Bass, Louisburg; Dorothy Blalock, Roxboro; Alice Eugenia Broughton, Durham; Bette Lou Cash, Louisburg; Gloria Faye Clayton, Roxboro; Linda Joyce Cooke, Smithfield; Linda Nichols Eaves, Henderson; Patsy Jo Garrison, Franklinton; Angie L. McInnis, Laurinburg; Gerald Lee Nash, Louisburg; Mary Elizabeth Noe, Washington; Linda Grey Rainey, Burlington; Jean Ridge, Smithfield.

Carlton Ray West of Beaufort and Milton Douglas Mitchell were graduated cum laude.

Joyce Wynn and Phillip Perdue were the recipients of the Brantley medal for the young man and woman having the highest two-year scholastic average.

Diane Whitt and Harry Lange, Jr. received the Isaac D. Moon award. This award, given for the first time, is sponsored by the sophomore class and given to a member or members of the sophomore class in recognition of outstanding leadership and scholarship.

Other awards made included the Sigma Pi Alpha Language award presented to Martha Ann Bradsher of Milton; the Taylor Dramatic award presented to Jesse Warren Jones of Fuquay Springs; the Alpha Pi Epsilon Business award presented to Milton Douglas Mitchell; the Chemistry award presented to Phillip Perdue for outstanding work in chemistry.

Rev. Warren Petteway of Henderson delivered the commencement sermon on Sunday morning and Dr. Daniel M. McFarland, chairman of the Social Studies Department of Atlantic Christian College, spoke at the Alumni banquet on Saturday evening.

Members of Education Staff To Serve in Leadership School

The Rev. Wesley G. Brogan and the Rev. Harold D. Minor, both of the staff of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education in Durham, have been selected as leaders in the laboratory section of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership School at Lake Junaluska, July 30-August 11.

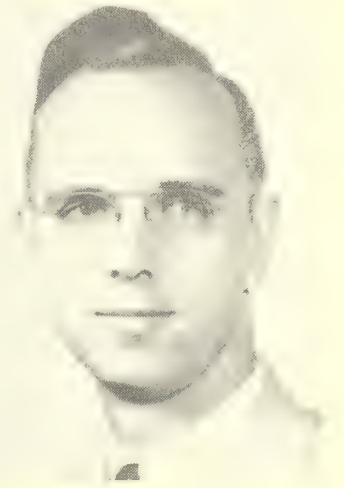
Mr. Minor, director of adult work for the Board, will serve with Miss Doris Dennison of the General Board of Education as co-leader of the adult laboratory course and assist in the seminar for prospective laboratory instructors of adults.

Mr. Brogan, conference director of children's work, will be associate supervisor of the laboratory school for workers with children.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, married to the former Dorothy Lee Stoltz, father of three children, Wesley Brogan has served pastorates in the North Carolina Conference since 1947. The last pastorate served before his present appointment was the Swepsonville Methodist Church in Alamance County. Mr. Brogan was appointed as director of children's work with the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in July, 1958. He received his A.B. degree

practice teaching in teams, evaluation of procedures, and directed study. Sections for nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior and junior high workers with no previous laboratory experience are offered July 30-August 4. Sections for all children's workers with previous laboratory experience, plus junior high, senior high and adult leaders, will be offered August 6-11.

Additional courses for the first week of the Leadership School, July 30-August 4, are as follows: "Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches," "The Ministry of the Church to Exceptional Chil-



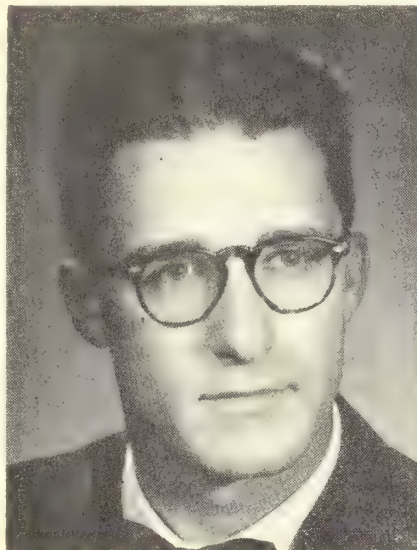
REV. WESLEY G. BROGAN

dren," "Bible Backgrounds for Children's Workers," "The Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth," "The Use of the Bible in Adult Groups," "Seminar in Recruiting and Training Church Workers," "Seminar in Older Youth-Young Adult Work," and "Workshop for Church Librarians."

Other courses offered August 6-11 will be: "Teaching Christian Faith to Children," "Workshop for Children's Division Superintendents," "Group Work in Christian Education," "Adult Education in the Methodist Church," "Backgrounds for Bible Study," and "Workshop for Church Librarians."

In addition, several other intensive, specialized opportunities are being presented this year, namely: Institute of Church Music, July 30-August 5; Audio-Visual Seminar, Workshop for Leaders of Weekday Nursery Schools and Kindergartens, and Drama Workshop, all July 30-August 11; the Weekend Workshop for District Directors, August 4-6, and the Workshop for Directors of Christian Education and Educational Assistants, August 14-18.

Costs for one week (six days) would be approximately as follows: Registration fee \$6.00 (including insurance), grounds fee \$2.00 (swimming, evening programs, etc.), room and board \$35.00, plus travel. Local churches are invited to provide scholarships for workers, including pastors. Lake Junaluska is a wonderful vacation spot for the entire family. Registration folders are available from the office of The Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.



REV. HAROLD D. MINOR

from Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., and his B.D. degree from Duke University Divinity School.

Harold Minor is completing five years as conference director of adult work, having come to the staff in 1956 following a three-year pastorate in Faison. A graduate of Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., he previously served three charges in Illinois and Iowa. He is married to the former Mary Ruth Thompson and father of three sons.

The Leadership School at Lake Junaluska is the highest level leadership opportunity for Methodist workers in Christian education in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Laboratory work involves observation of a skilled teacher, planning for sessions,

The Methodist Church, Hayesville, N. C.

THE REV. H. C. YOUNG, JR.

In the southwestern corner of North Carolina there is a 30-mile-wide plateau which offers some of the most magnificent mountain scenery in all the world. Clay County is located in the heart of this region. One of the smallest counties in the state, Clay County is both benefited and hindered by its mountain geography. Because of its location and because it is totally rural, Clay County reveals in abundance most of the problems facing town and country people and churches in this day of a changing society and population shifts.

One of the area's most critical problems is that of a steady population loss. Its population of approximately 6,000 people in 1950 dropped more than 15% to approximately 5,000 in 1960. The average family income in this county is very low when compared to the national average.

Hayesville, the only town in Clay County, is the county seat and the center for government, business and agricultural life. A recent extension of the town limits increased the population of Hayesville from about 300 people to more than 500 people.

The Hayesville Methodist Church is located in the center of town directly across the street from the Baptist Church which bears the name of Dr. George W. Truitt, who was born in Clay County. The Hayesville Methodist Church and the Truitt Memorial Baptist Church have on their membership rolls more persons than there are citizens within Hayesville. Thus, there is little room for either church to gain any significant number of new members. Most new members are children who grow up in the church schools.

In this setting the story of the Hayesville Methodist Church unfolds. It cannot be told adequately by relating statistics, but a quick look at a few figures will tell a great deal. Understandably, the Hayesville Methodist Church has not grown greatly in numbers in recent years, but when local population loss and other factors are borne in mind, it is surprising that the church has grown at all. From a membership of 208 in 1951, the church has increased its membership to 245 in 1960. During the same decade, amazing progress has occurred otherwise.

In 1951 the church was on a circuit with four other churches. It paid its pastor a salary of \$1,000; it gave to World Service and Benevolences \$252.00; its total budget was \$2,454.00, and its average contribution per member was \$11.00 per year. In 1960 the church is a station with a pastor's salary and expense fund of \$5,000; a World Service and Benevolence budget of \$3,800; a total budget of \$14,500, and an average contribution per member of \$58.00 per year—an increase of more than 500%.

A great many factors enter into these startling changes. The intention of this article is to lift up three of the most significant ones.

Purpose of Laymen

Since its founding in 1838, the Hayesville Methodist Church has been blessed with laymen of dedicated purpose, men and women who have been determined to make the church what it ought to be. Many of the present members are direct descendants of Scotch-Irish pioneers who first made their way into this rugged country. Those early pioneers carried their Bibles alongside their guns, and they welcomed into their homes the brave circuit-riding preachers who brought the ministry of the church to them.

In the early days, however, life in the mountains was so hard, communications so poor, and the circuit-riding had so much territory to cover that the church remained a mere skeleton of what it needed to be. This was true even into the 20th century. But, late in the 1930's, the Tennessee Valley Authority brought electric

power into the area; good roads were built; the telephone came; and the state of North Carolina, supported by Tennessee Valley Authority funds, sent County and Home Demonstration Extension agents to Clay County. Material progress came to the people.

Leaders in the church began to sense that their long-held dreams for an adequate church might possibly come true. In 1938 the laymen built with their own hands a new church out of native mountain stone. The loving care and rugged strength with which the church building was erected is symbolic of the purpose within the hearts of these men and women—a purpose that demanded the best possible church.

The 1940's were war years and difficult years everywhere. In Hayesville church attendance and interest were low. Zeal and enthusiasm waned. These lean years, though, like the years of the Israelites in the wilderness, were years of preparation. Perhaps it is necessary for people to experience hard times in order to desire and appreciate better things. At any rate, the church made little outward progress in the 1940's, but there remained in the heart of many a layman a never dying, determined purpose that the church would some day be what it ought to be. That opportunity was to come in the 1950's.

Planning of Program

In 1954 there was appointed to the Hayesville Circuit a young man who was not only a good preacher, but also a good organizer. Under his leadership, laymen who had long prayed for a better day in the life of the church began to see what this better day demanded of them.

The Official Board was organized, and every member was well trained in the duties and requirements of his position. The Commissions on Membership and Evangelism, Missions, Christian Education and Stewardship were elected, instructed, and inspired into action. The women's groups (including a Woman's Society of Christian Service with two circles and a Wesleyan Service Guild for employed women) and the Methodist Men were properly organized and taught their duties and opportunities. Leaders were enlisted for Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer groups; volunteer adult and children's choirs were formed; a vital program was begun for children, junior high and senior youth; mid-week prayer services were revitalized; an electronic chime system was installed to give daily witness to the ongoing life and work of the church.

For the first time in its history the Hayesville Methodist Church was fully organized under the requirements of the Methodist Discipline. Attendance increased; every active member was given a job to do; the church became a station; the wheels were turning. The church was ready and its muscles were flexed for action. What was it not to do, and where was it to go?

Power of Vision

A church must have laymen who love the church and who desire to see it become what it ought to be. A church must have proper organization within its own denominational framework that laymen may serve efficiently and intelligently, and that every layman may find a significant place of service. A church must also have a vision of its God-given task in the community and in the world. The lives of individual laymen become fully meaningful only when they are assembled into "the Body of Christ," organized for service; and "the Body of Christ" comes alive and moves forward only when propelled by the spirit and power of its vision.

The Hayesville Church has found vision and power in the challenge of the Clay County Group Ministry. Like many congregations in

America, the Hayesville congregation had been accustomed to thinking of its local responsibility primarily in terms of the immediate community in which the church was located. In effect this amounted to the church serving itself.

In 1956 the pastor and several laymen began to envision the service area of their church in a much wider way. Should not the county-seat church serve the entire county? Should not the ministry and resources of the town church be available to persons beyond the town limits? Should not the town church have some responsibility for those churches in the county still struggling on circuits with inadequate leadership? Should not the town church seek to serve the total needs of the total population in the total area? In Official Board meetings and elsewhere, the laymen asked themselves these questions and gave the unanimous answer in every case, "Yes!"

And so the ministers and laymen of the two Methodist Circuits in Clay County were consulted, denominational officials gave their help enthusiastically, and in 1957 a Clay County Methodist Group Ministry was officially established with the full cooperation of the Hayesville Church. Basic among the aims of this Group Ministry are: (1) The desire to give all the Methodist churches of the county a sense of solidarity and strength; (2) to offer help to the weaker churches that desire it; (3) to give effective challenge to the leadership of the stronger churches; (4) to make the best possible ministerial guidance available to every church, regardless of size; (5) to encourage interdenominational fellowship and cooperation throughout the area.

The Hayesville minister meets weekly with the Circuit ministers of the county to evaluate the work being done by all the churches and to discuss plans and problems. Meeting with the ministers is a rural church and community worker assigned to the county by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. The Group Ministry program and work made possible the coming of the rural worker. Once a quarter lay representatives from every church in the county meet with the ministers and rural worker, at which time, under the direction of lay officers, the work of the county is reviewed and plans are laid for the future.

What are some of the results of this Group Ministry? Most certainly the Hayesville Church has been strengthened; its vision of its task at home has even broadened its vision of its worldwide mission; its vision of service has given new purpose and inspiration to those who are responsible for its organization. Giving has increased, as well as attendance and interest. It is as true for a church as for an individual that "he who would lose his life (for Christ's sake) shall save it."

New youth groups, new Woman's Society groups, small churches undertaking the Every Member Canvass in association with larger churches, lay speaking programs to offer more worship services to more churches, county-wide study courses and schools of missions, a county-wide Methodist newspaper—these are but a few results of this Group Ministry.

Perhaps the most interesting achievement has been the erection of the Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center. Providing facilities and equipment impossible for any one church in the county, this Center now offers to every church group dining facilities for 150 people, a modern kitchen, a large assembly room with a seating capacity of 300 people, and adequate resources for Christian education. In a separate wing are 16 large bedrooms, each with private bath and modern furniture, providing up-to-date facilities for overnight retreats.

This Center, now being jointly operated with the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church, is a Group Ministry project. The land, water system and partially completed building were given by a family in the Hayesville Methodist Church, and laymen in all Clay County churches have participated in the de-

velopment of the Center. The members of the Hayesville Church have given devotedly of their time, talent, money and prayer to this project.

This, then, is the story of the Methodist Church of Hayesville, N. C. The details of the story may differ from those of other churches, but the outline of the story would apply to any successful church. For this is the story of a church whose laymen have purposed across the years to build a church worthy of Christ, whose laymen have discovered the necessity of proper organization for meaningful action, and whose laymen have seen through the eyes of their Master a vision of Christian service, first at home and then to all the world.

Mr. Young has been pastor of the Hayesville Methodist Church since 1956. He received his A.B. degree from Duke University in 1951 and his B.D. degree from the Duke Divinity School in 1954.

Convocation of Deaconesses Held in Lafayette, Ind.

Four hundred deaconesses from all parts of the United States were present for the Third National Convocation of Deaconesses held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., May 9th-12th.

The program featured the quadrennial theme of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, "Our Mission Today," with its four points of emphases, "The Faith that Compels us," "The Factors that Confront Us," "The Frontiers that Call Us," and "The Program that Unites Us."

Miss Mabel Metzger, deaconess-director of Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, in reporting the meeting to the board, stated that two of the outstanding speakers were Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, and Dr. Lawrence Toombs, professor of Old Testament History at Drew University.

Other speakers included Mrs. C. A. Bender, executive secretary of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division; Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Richard H. Bauer of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations; Dr. Willa B. Player of Greensboro;

Bishop Clifford Northcott; Dr. Harold Bosley of Evanston, Ill., and several others.

After each address there was a panel discussion, with deaconesses serving as members of the panel.

The deaconesses did a lot of singing. Miss Jane Stentz of New York had charge of the opening worship at two sessions, and she used "The Faith We Sing" as her theme.

Mrs. Paul Spencer, vice-chairman of the Commission on Deaconess Work, presided at most of the sessions. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, executive secretary of the commission, introduced the guests.

Two glee clubs presented musical numbers—the Scarritt Singers of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and a 70-voice glee club of Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Seventy deaconesses from the South-eastern Jurisdiction were present.

His Presence

I never walked where Jesus walked
In the country of Galilee;
I've never climbed the Olives Mount,
Or walked with Him by the sea.

But I walked today down a country lane,
With the freshness of spring in the air,
The flowers in bloom and the warmth of the sun—

I couldn't see Him, but He was there.

As a brook rippled by, I could hear His voice,
He was there in the soft spring breeze;
The young green grass made a carpet for Him,
And the birds sang to Him from the trees.

No, I never walked where Jesus walked
In the country of Galilee,
But I walked today down a country lane,
And Jesus walked there with me.

—By DORIS MAHLER
Staff, Methodist Home for Children
Raleigh, N. C.

Bishop Harmon Awarded Degree By Wofford College

The presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wofford College Sunday afternoon, June 4.

Dr. Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte was awarded the degree during the 5:00 p.m. graduation ceremonies at the Spartanburg, S. C. school. The bishop preached the baccalaureate sermon for the college Sunday morning.

This was the eighth time a college or university has honored the bishop for his outstanding work in the field of religion.

Doctor of Divinity degrees have been conferred upon him by Duke University at Durham, Emory University at Atlanta, Ga., and Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

Doctor of Literature degrees have been conferred by American University at Washington, D. C., Hamline University at St. Paul, Minn., and Western Maryland College at Westminster, Md.

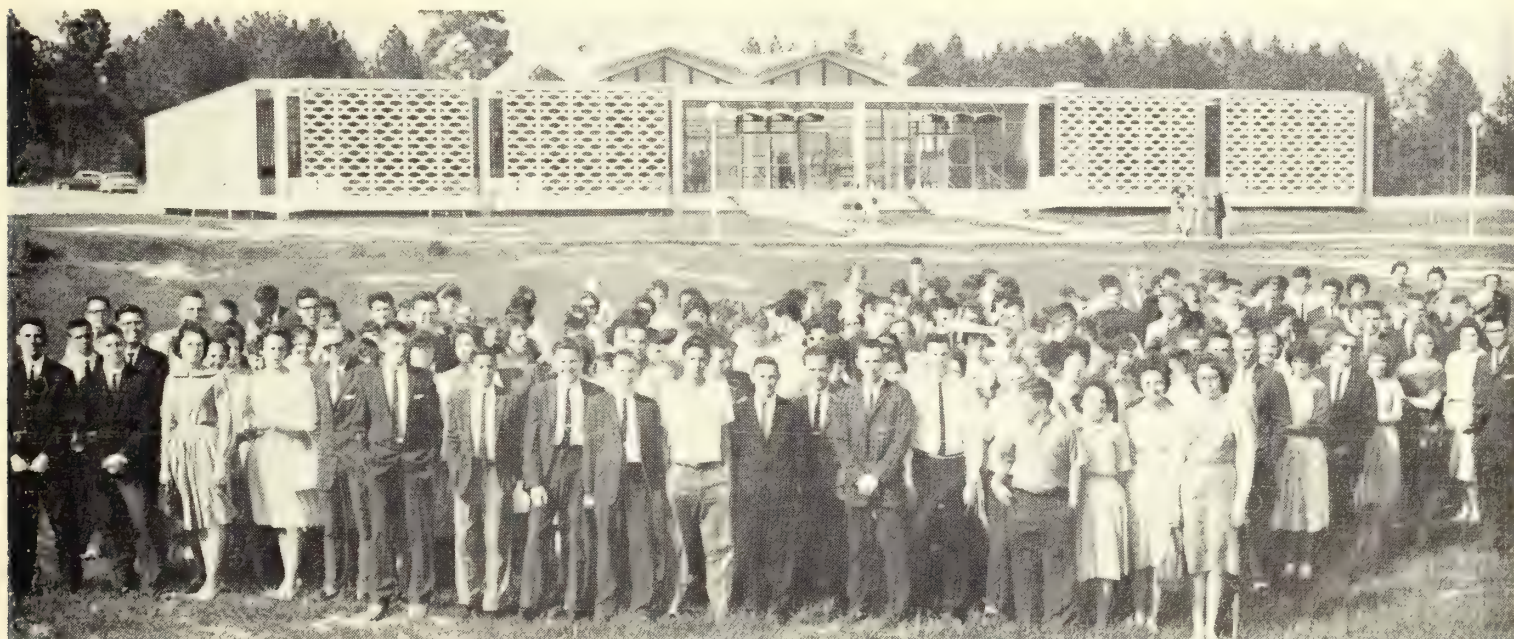
Mount Union College in Ohio conferred the Doctor of Human Letters degree upon the bishop.

Bishop Harmon received his A.B. degree from Millsaps College in 1914. He was a student in the School of Theology, Emory University, 1916-17, and received his masters degree from Princeton in 1920.

He is best known as the book editor for the Methodist Church, a position he held from 1940-56, at which time he was named bishop and placed in charge of the Charlotte Methodist Area. He served as pastor of Greene Memorial Methodist Church in Roanoke, Va., from 1933-40.

He has written many books on the church and about religion, including *The Organization of the Methodist Church*. He is active on many boards and commissions of the national church.

Bishop Harmon is in charge of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, which will meet June 7-11 at Lake Junaluska.



A portion of the group of three hundred young people who attended the Fayetteville District Youth Rally at Methodist College on a recent Sunday afternoon. More than one hundred brought their picnic lunches and spread them in the College dining hall at noon.

Report on the Rhodesia Annual Conference

By SEAVY A. CARROLL, *Missionary*

I've never attended a Methodist Conference in the United States, and I wonder what it's like. About an hour ago, the peaks of Old Umtali Mountains were outlined with myriad-color glow of African sunset—the hundreds of delegates and guests of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Church sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." With many farewells ringing throughout the huge auditorium of Ehnes Memorial Church, the missionaries and other church workers began their various journeys back to their respective domiciles. Nine days of prayerful deliberation on the state of the church and its future in Rhodesia had ended.

Bishop Ralph E. Dodge presided over the Conference, which began with a 24-hour continuous prayer vigil. During the first 24 hours of the Conference prayers were given by hundreds of missionaries and delegates, asking for guidance from God in the deliberations of the Conference; for peace and good will throughout the world for all men and for all nations.

Bishop Dodge reported to the Conference on his recent observations in Angola. He told of the bloody fighting which has resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, which includes the execution of eight native Methodist ministers of Angola by the Portuguese government.

The three or four thousand people who attended this conference included about forty missionary families, unmarried missionaries, African ministers from various churches throughout Rhodesia, and many African lay delegates, who had been elected by their churches to attend. Some Africans, without official status, came just to attend, to look, to know more about what is happening in the church, and perhaps to have an opportunity to mingle with the crowd, and to know more about Christianity.

The missionaries were mostly those from America. There were some from Norway and Sweden. The professions represented included doctors, teachers, lawyers, engineers, nurses, ministers, agriculturists, musicians, journalists, accountants, physiotherapists and librarians.

A distinct atmosphere of Christian love and good will was evident throughout the conference. But the new missionaries could easily see that the African is no longer the infant to be lulled to sleep with sweet-sounding phrases. The missionaries who have seen African development during many years of service, unhesitatingly acknowledged that the "child" has grown up, and must be approached with materials and ideas that will be in keeping with his "true" state of development.

More and more, we see Africans who can wear more than rags. They have learned parliamentary procedure—at least, a few of the elements of it. Conference is probably the greatest event of the year for some of these people. Most of the missionaries travelled to the event by automobile. Some of the Africans now drive automobiles, and with the increasing wages and growing opportunities, the motor vehicle is slowly becoming a part of the way of living for many Africans.

There was a time when an African woman could not attend meetings and take a place in public, because it was a "man's world." But today it is different, the African women were in attendance at the Conference in large numbers. And many of them brought their babies, strapped snugly onto their backs, as is still the practical custom in this area of the world.

What happens at a Methodist Conference in Africa? There is always much business at one of these. A perusal of any number of the many Conference Journals will show that the work grows from year to year. The Methodist Church in Africa is growing—at least in Rhodesia.

More than fifty committees worked day and night. Evident in the discussions of the committees and in the reports was the feeling that "time is short." "It's later than it ever has been." "Africa is awakening." The winds are not blowing a change; the change is already here." "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new; and God fulfills Himself in many ways, lest one good thing should corrupt the world." These were some of the many remarks heard from the lips of missionaries and Africans. Perhaps the most pointed remark of this nature came in the form of a question from one of the Africans. He asked: "If there should be trouble in Southern Rhodesia, similar to the difficulties in the Congo, would the African consider the missionary a friend or a foe, and would the missionary be safe in Rhodesia?" The general opinion among the Africans seemed to be that among those Africans who work with the missionary, there would be a continuing good relationship, but among the Africans generally, no one with white skin could expect to be safe from harm. The committee made recommendations aimed at improving relationships between the Africans and the whites.

Recognizing the approaching maturity of this African population, the Conference recommended that title to all lands owned by Methodist missions in Rhodesia, be transferred to the Rhodesia Annual Conference. The actual title to the lands is presently held by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in New York.

A look at some of the titles of the committees will give an insight to types of

problems tackled by the Conference. They include: audit, Christian home life, interdenominational relations, religious education and youth work, schools, worship, music, audio-visual, conference claimants, evangelism, finance, resolutions, temperance, lay activities, matters of discipline, memoirs, ministry, publications, student loans, agriculture, Christian social relations, deaconess, historical society, medical, trustee, mission, nomination, pensions.

Many of the committees were chaired by Africans who have been trained for leadership in the Methodist Church.

The work of the Conference was done in two parts: Committees and General Conference. The committees were large and small. The largest was about 50 members. As soon as the reports of the committees were prepared, the General Conference body began deliberating. Africans stood and spoke often and for long periods. Some of those who attended the conference did not speak and understand the English language. For that reason, a conference interpreter was appointed, and the conference was conducted with the use of two languages, English and Shona.

A deaconess was commissioned, along with new ministers and elders. Music was provided by volunteer quartets, solos, and choruses. In addition to piano, African drums throbbed their story of progress as the congregation sang.

No one was happy in knowing that the church donations have not been sufficient to pay the salaries of the ministers. Attendance is less than that which is desired, although annually the Conference is building more churches.

I've mentioned that I've never attended a Methodist Conference in the United States. Yet, I know that in many respects the procedures in the States might have functioned just a little more smoothly than did the Rhodesia Conference. The reports of the committees might have been just a little more polished. But, I venture to guess that no Conference in the United States has ever displayed more courage and determination among its members than was shown by these Africans during the immediately past nine days. No Conference ever had a bigger heart, nor expressed more sincerity of purpose.

These Africans know that the "sleeping giant" is awakening. The muscles are beginning to flex. Sure and steady walking-legs have been developed. The wind is blowing strong. It is blowing for Africa. The walking legs are new. The steadying hand is still needed. The missionary must not "let go."

Two Summer Schools Will Be Held at Pfeiffer

Registration for the 1961 Pfeiffer College Summer School is in progress, according to Dr. Cameron West, director of Summer School. The first term will begin on Monday, June 12, and close on Tuesday, July 18. The second term begins on Wednesday, July 19, and ends August 24. Complete dormitory and dining room facilities will be available.

Complete information may be secured by visiting the college's Admissions Office Monday through Friday or by writing The Director of Admissions, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.



Seavy Carroll talks to Africans

A MODERN DILEMMA

By REV. J. L. JOYCE

How significant is the cultural backdrop against which the modern church is making its bid for existence? In 1938, a book written by D. S. Cairns, *The Riddle of the World*, undertook to set forth this problem. In his discussion of the Philosophy of Naturalism (expressed in America today in the form of Humanism), he has presented a concise account of a formidable and continuing problem.

Fifty or a hundred years ago, there was a universally-accepted background of conviction as to the elementary truths of biblical religion, namely: man's spiritual nature, his destiny, his sin, his responsibility to God, his need of divine grace, the certainty of life to come, the providence of God.

Who can say how far today we are possessed of these great convictions? We can certainly no longer take it for granted that the situation of fifty years ago still prevails.

A part of the trouble in interesting people, of course, lies in the so-called "unreality" in our worship and in our teaching. But a preacher, dealing with concepts not shared or understood by his hearers is, of necessity, going to sound "unreal." And the temptation to meet the hearer on his own ground is often fraught with danger. This may mean a decamping from the elementary truths which now seem unreal. And the less we deal with them, the less familiar they are. And so, a vicious circle. Moreover, to preach on "timely topics," presenting them in fashion to catch the modern fancy, just could mean evasion of the problem. For, then, these more superficial "current events" become all the more real, and the elementary truths of Biblical religion the more unreal.

There is a strong conviction that the practical consequences and the inherent grandeur of the modern scientific advance have in large measure contributed to this unfortunate situation. G. K. Chesterton, among others, has reminded us that every human being has some fundamental view of the nature of things, and if the scientific view is taught more widely and efficiently than the religious (and to its exclusion), it would be folly to ignore its effect in secularizing the mind of our own people. The huge success of the scientific description of nature is so largely responsible for the prevalence of the humanistic outlook. The methodology of science has shown itself to be man's best means of understanding and controlling the nature world. From this success has come the contention that science is the only true way of describing reality; and, when completed, it will tell the final truth about the universe. It would be surprising indeed had not this developed into a philosophy of Naturalism, based on the following three-fold creed: 1) In the scientific method alone lies our only hope of interpreting the universe; 2) The old triad—God, the world, and the souls of men no longer exist! 3) God has disappeared as the world of nature can be explained without Him, and man has been merged in nature.

It is the contention here that the general public today has come more fully under the influence of this reasoning than is generally understood. True, it is not so conscious a subscription, as it is an un-

awareness of going along with the prevailing influence of the cultural and intellectual matrix in which we find ourselves. This seems, to me at least, to be borne out by the "I can take it or leave it"-attitude toward church-going. Many an old-time church-goer has just slipped out of the habit. Uprooted Americans, changing residence frequently, often simply take a vacation from church, a vacation which may sometimes extend from a few weeks to a few years. Also, minor irritations and misunderstandings are frequently enough excuse for the termination of active church participation. All this, among other things, appears to indicate that the elementary truths mentioned above have been to a large extent undermined.

There is no foolish intent here to disparage the importance of the scientific movement. The inductive method of reasoning, coupled with the refinement and application of ordinary common sense ways of thinking have combined to give such a clear and orderly account of nature as enables men to *describe* it as a whole and to *predict* to a very large extent what, in a given circumstance, it will do next. From this success has come a whole new day. Miraculous discoveries, labor-saving devices, wonder drugs—all this and more! Nor is the end in sight. For, even as this is being written, the headlines of the newspapers are screaming the news that a man has successfully been lifted into orbit, has to earth according to a pre-arranged schedule. True, *Analysis* and *Description*, the primary goal of pure science, are leading to the ability to *Predict*, thus giving modern man such wonderful power (secondary goal of science) over the forces of nature.

But the realm of science is the realm of *observable* events (this is the realm of the sense-perceivable). This realm, as indicated, is the realm that can be detected by means of the senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. And the scientist, in the capacity of a scientist, deals only in this realm. That which is beyond the physical, or nature world—the *meta-physical*, therefore, simply cannot be dealt with; since it is not the realm of observable (by the senses) events. He may very well say, speaking as a scientist, "Since I cannot observe it by the senses, I cannot know it." (There may even be room for argument at this point). It is a different thing, though, for him to declare, "it, therefore, does not exist." This latter statement is itself *metaphysical* presupposition that cannot be known by the senses. The author of such a statement must then be declared not a scientist but a philosopher. The glamor of scientific achievements blinds us just a little to this realization. It is a fallacy in logic to assume that because a scientist can speak with such authority in the field of science, he deserves the same hearing as an authority in the field of philosophy. The problems and pitfalls in philosophy are more serious and prevalent than that.

The truth is, in fact, that man has never felt himself completely at home in the nature world. He has, through the cen-

turies, struggled with the dilemma arising from the fact that he is born in the nature world, lives within it, is doomed to extinction by its destructive forces; and yet, feels himself infinitely more. He has always believed that there is that which is above and beyond the world as presented by the senses. And he has persistently believed that this unseen world is mightier than the world of the senses.

And so, we have a confusion. Basically, man has believed, deeply and sincerely, that there is more than the nature world. But, on the other hand, he seems to be acting today as though he did not so believe—as though the philosophy of naturalism were sufficient for him. This seems to me to state the modern dilemma. We are perhaps the most enlightened, and the most confused age in man's long history. Very few people today are avowed, or declared, atheists. But we are an age of practical atheists, as indicated by so much religious and moral indifference.

So what's to be done?

Surely, a bit of soul-searching is indicated. For there is no such abstraction as Science (spelled with a capital 'S') moving about the earth. Science is the word used to indicate a body of knowledge, or a method of coordinating and obtaining knowledge. The scientific method is a strumpet which will serve any master. It can be made a potent means of destruction—and, indeed is in danger of being so used on a scale such as man has never before dreamed. But, let us face it, this is man, acting with the means at his disposal. And the scientist is not only a scientist, but also a human being who plays other roles as well. And he finds that his conscience sometimes sits in judgment of his acts as a scientist.

It will certainly be agreed that some of the purifying effect on religion is good. No one, surely, justified today the torture methods of the inquisition. Nor, it is believed, would even the religious leaders of now recommend a substitution of *classicism* of a by-gone era for the scientific approach as a means of learning. We would, moreover, be very slow to return to some of the superstitions concerning the sense-perceivable world and its place in the universe.

It may, however, well be that we have abandoned too lightly our position with regard to the elementary biblical truths. For the age of science is in no position to hold the fort at this juncture. Busily engaged, and with great success, in conquering the nature world, the scientific age, as such, has no tools with which to deal with the metaphysical aspects. And even as man makes his flight a few hundred miles into space, and returns to earth, there is the realization that this is but a small escape from the earth-bound, as compared with the enormity of the universe. And what of the distant stars, centers of universes billions of light-years away? Even granted the physical means of locomotion, even a life-time is not long enough for the sheer distance to the outermost perimeter of our own universe. And when all this is considered, there still remains to be dealt with the problem of man's spiritual nature, his final destiny, his sin, his responsibility to God, his need of divine grace, the providence of God, the question of what happens after death.



Woman's Activities



Calendar of Coming Events

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

June 13-15—Annual Meeting WSCS, Lake Junaluska

June 16-18—Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, Lake Junaluska

August 12-13—Spiritual Life Retreat, Pfeiffer College

August 14-18—School of Missions—Pfeiffer College

WSCS Officers, Attention!

A coaching conference for all lines of work in the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held at the Annual Meeting at Lake Junaluska. It will be a one-hour session on Wednesday, June 14th, at 1:30 p.m. Each group will meet in a separate place and the schedule will be posted in the auditorium.

Special Thanks from Mrs. Lowder

Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, conference secretary of promotion, wishes to express to the women of this Conference her appreciation for "all the kind thoughtful courtesies extended to Miss Ethel Bost and me during her itineration throughout the Conference."

She says, "I realize all the work and preparation, but I feel that we and our Conference have greatly benefited. It has created a closer feeling and knowledge of the missionaries and their work."

"Please accept my personal thanks for your every effort. Miss Bost spoke to all the 13 Woman's Society districts and in 10 of the Wesleyan Service Guild districts. She certainly had a strenuous schedule, and we thank God for giving her the health and strength to meet every appointment. She was most gracious, vivacious and always pleasant. She gave a wonderful message of her love and devotion to her work, as a music and Bible teacher in Nagasaki, Japan."

"Thank you for your hospitality, your planning and your dedication to the work of the Woman's Society and the Guild."

Mrs. Medlin Reports on Children's Work

The Western North Carolina Conference holds a high place in its children's work, says Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Winston-Salem, Conference secretary. She says that we are in first and second position in most of the tasks assigned to children's work.

She reminds all societies that "There are areas in which the secretaries in the local church can lend leadership and influence. In additional sessions held, our Conference was in 11th place; in Children's Service Fund, we were 8th; in number of local secretaries participating in additional sessions, we were 4th."

"Please urge your local secretary to stress these items, for ours is a large Conference and we have a place of leadership and responsibility in the Jurisdiction."

High Point District Meeting

Mrs. Carl King, president of the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Miss Ethel Bost, missionary to Japan, were the guest speakers at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of the High Point District held on May 2 at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in High Point.

Mrs. King used for her topic, "Our Mission Today," and Miss Bost spoke on "Our Missionary Challenge."

Others on the program included the Rev. C. C. Herbert, host pastor; Mrs. J. C. Woodward, district treasurer; Mrs. I. F. Craven, Mrs. Stanley Baker and Mrs. Ray Lowder, Conference secretary of promotion.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Robert Rankin, soloist, and Mrs. Charles McAnally, organist.

Mrs. W. B. Hall, president, was in charge of the program. One hundred ninety-six women were present for the meeting. Very attractive program booklets containing a report by each of the district officers were distributed at the meeting.

Salisbury District Pledges \$19,000

The women of the Salisbury District made a pledge of \$19,000 to missions in spite of the fact that they lost all of the societies in the Albemarle District when this new district was formed.

The societies in the new district had contributed \$3,800 of the Salisbury District pledge in previous years. But the executive committee recommended that the district retain its high figure of \$19,000.

This is the spirit of Methodist women!

Mrs. John DeMarcus of China Grove was elected as subdistrict chairman of Rowan County.

On Officers' Training session for the societies in the Cabarrus Subdistrict was held on May 12th at Epworth Methodist Church in Concord.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



The Church at Work in Pakistan

The peoples and the missionary movement in Pakistan, along with other countries of Southeast Asia and the Middle East, were discussed by three of the four principal speakers at the recent Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Hayes-Barton Methodist Church in Raleigh.

Attired in his native dress, the Rev. Anwar Bartak declared: "I consider myself a living epistle of the missionary move-

ment." Born in a Christian family in Pakistan, the Rev. Mr. Bartak is currently in the Department of Political Science at Duke University. He spoke before the Annual WSCS meeting on the topic, "Significant Trends of the Church in Pakistan."

"The living Christ is making things happen," the speaker asserted. "In whatever position you put Christ He makes things happen." The Rev. Mr. Bartak named as three things which are happening in the life of the church in Pakistan: the influence of the church in America on the church in Pakistan; the unique position of the church in Pakistan, and the impact of the missionary effort on what is happening in the church now.

"No church lives to itself. Whatever happens to the church in America, happens to the church in Pakistan, in Southeast Asia, and all over the world. The church in Pakistan is a unique setting which is found nowhere else in the world. What is happening to the church now is due to what is happening to the missionary effort."

"We used to talk of foreign missions and home missions; we cannot talk of that any more. We used to talk of converting the heathen; there are no heathens any more."

"The church in Pakistan is in a unique position because it is facing a people who are thinking in terms of evangelism. The church is conscious of its mission and it must make its contribution to the gospel. The church in Pakistan is the responsibility of the united church. Now that the church in Pakistan has come to life, it is moving forward toward becoming a missionary church."

"The church in Pakistan is evolving a new relationship with the missionaries, a relationship that is not doing something for us, but doing something *with* us. There is a voluntary movement within the church toward unity. In cooperation we march toward a day of new understanding. Because of the trends that we see in the church in Pakistan, we must meet the challenge."

Three Subdistrict WSCS Report

Spring meetings of subdistrict Woman's Societies throughout the conference have been in progress for several weeks, reports of three of which have come to our desk. They are the Goldsboro, Northampton, and Raleigh Subdistricts.

Miss Barbara Jean Smith, the conference's rural worker on the Pembroke Charge, was principal speaker for the meeting of the Goldsboro Subdistrict held at Pine Forest Methodist Church.

Referring to the theme for the meeting, "The Faith that Compels Us," Miss Smith related experiences of her work and declared that it is the faith that compelled her to give herself to those who need her help.

The Rev. George Tyson, pastor of the host church, in the opening meditation told the group: "If we have love, we will have the faith that will compel us to work for the building of God's kingdom."

The Pledge Service was conducted by Mrs. Rosa Whitley, assisted by Mrs. Clifton Best, Mrs. Alice Howard, Mrs. Hugh Sutton, and the treasurers of the local societies. Annual reports of the local societies were given by the respective presidents.

Subdistrict officers elected were Mrs. Garland Olphin, leader; Mrs. Ernest Gran-

am, vice-leader, and Mrs. Lippman Bailey, secretary.

The Northampton Subdistrict, meeting at the Colerain Methodist Church, elected as new officers: Leader, Mrs. Cecil Maddrey, Levern; vice-leader, Mrs. A. M. Cameron, Jackson; secretary, Mrs. Basil Garrison, Jonway; and assistant secretary, Mrs. Ernest Wells.

An officers' training session under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Benson, district secretary of promotion, was held. Assisting Mrs. Benson were several district secretaries of lines of work, including Mrs. Claude Smith, missionary education and service; Mrs. Jack Maynard, student work; Mrs. E. I. Messamer, spiritual life; Mrs. T. T. Stephenson, supply work; Miss Camille Staton, Christian social relations, and Mrs. Russell Johnson, public relations. A skit on literature and publications was presented by the Zion society. The presiding officer, Mrs. C. M. Mitchell, and the president of the subdistrict's local societies conducted the pledge service. The meditation was given by Mrs. Bealie Martin, Jr.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cary Methodist Church was hostess to the Raleigh Subdistrict, with Deaconess Ethelynde Ballance, conference secretary of youth work, as the inspirational speaker. A former rural worker on the Roberdell Charge, Miss Ballance is currently serving as director of Christian education at the Raeford Methodist Church. She was introduced by Mrs. D. H. Sutton, district chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

Among other features of the program were annual reports of presidents of local societies and a pledge service, led by Mrs. W. M. Bryan, district treasurer. Mrs. Paul Mice, president of the hostess society, gave the welcome, to which Mrs. Ola Johnson, president of the WSCS of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, responded. Mrs. B. G. Pollett, subdistrict leader, presided.

A Salute To Father

My father is the greatest man
Who lives upon the earth.
He's not a rich man or a prince
But a man of humble birth.

His love and guidance through the years
Have meant so much to me;
The highest aim I have in life
Is to like my father be.

No earthly things my birthright holds,
Instead he gave to me
One Godly set of principles,
A priceless legacy!

The highest compliment to him,
In my own humble sight,
Is that he's shown, in word and deed,
What God is really like.

And as I go on through the years
My earnest prayer shall be
That the God who works through father
Can work as well through me.

Thank God for a father, strong and true,
Who walks with God each day,
And shows his children as they grow
How they can walk that way.

—By JAMES W. LINEBERGER, JR.

Warren County Subdistrict Holds "Round-Robin Youth Week"

The Warren County Subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship is sponsoring a Round-Robin Week for all youth of the county. All denominations were invited to attend. Mr. Jack Wilson, captain of the Duke football team next year, and Mr. Jerry Blevins, Duke divinity student, are assisting with the program and activities.

The week began Monday, June 5th, and will run through Friday, June 9th, meeting each evening at 7:30 except Friday, when activities begin at 6:00 at Kerr Lake Methodist camp. Refreshments are served each evening as well as other fellowship.

Each church stressed attendance of all its youth, trying to get those who are not coming to attend regularly. Each church, as it desired, had one or more projects and made reports during the week.

The program for the week follows: Monday, June 5th, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Warrenton, a film, "World Behind the Headlines," and a discussion on peace and brotherhood and the part the church can play in all this. Tuesday, June 6th, Providence Methodist Church, the meeting was addressed by Jack Wilson. Wednesday, June 7th, Macon Methodist Church, film, "Tell-Tale Arm," and discussion on the church and the family. Thursday, June 8th, Norlina Methodist Church, both Duke students spoke and led discussion on education and vocation. Friday, June 9th, Methodist camp, Kerr Lake, 6:00 p.m. Each person is asked to bring a picnic lunch. Drinks will be furnished by Cokesbury Methodist church. Mr. Jerry Blevins will speak at the Galilean service.

These two fine young men will be staying in the communities of the above mentioned churches on the day of the program at that church to help prepare for same and to meet each MYF and help map plans for the entire summer.

Other churches in the Raleigh District wishing to secure the services of these two boys should contact Rev. Harvey Johnson, Apex, N. C., as this is a project of the Raleigh District MYF.

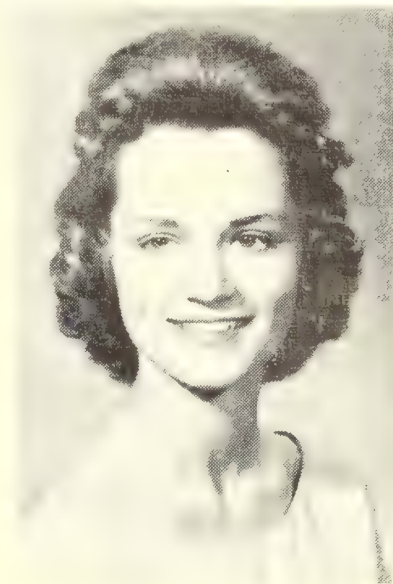
Rev. H. C. Young, Jr., Writes on Group Ministry in Clay County

The Rev. H. C. Young, Jr., pastor of the Methodist church in Hayesville and a staff member of the Clay County Group Ministry, has written an article for the June issue of *Adult Student*, a publication of the Methodist Church, published in Nashville, Tenn. The article, entitled, "This Group Ministry Changed Things," describes how churches in Clay County were combined under group ministry and the advantages gained therefrom.

Adult Student is a monthly periodical containing three series of studies: (1) Adult Fellowship Series, in which adults are given material for study and discussion on problems of Christian belief and life; (2) International Lesson Series; and (3) Advanced Studies, which consists of two pages each month of reading and discussion helps on current important books. Also included are editorials, magazine articles, reviews of new books, and occasional maps for use in Bible study. Teaching helps are provided in *Adult Teacher*.

New Secretary

Miss Anna Kay Sherrill, 610 Monroe Street, Statesville, who graduated from Mitchell College Sunday, May 28, has joined the staff of the Methodist Board of Education with headquarters at 828 Wesley Drive, Statesville. Miss Sherrill takes the position held by Mrs. R. R. Richardson of Salisbury for the past eight years. Home responsibilities and commuting daily made



MISS ANNA KAY SHERRILL

it necessary for Mrs. Richardson, who has served faithfully and efficiently for a number of years, to give up the work.

While carrying her college work Miss Sherrill had office experience with Peggy's Dress Shop, Marlin Insurance Agency and with Race Street Methodist Church. She comes to her position highly recommended by the administration at Mitchell College and by her former employers. In her new work she will serve as private secretary to Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education.

A Prayer of Thanks

When I wake at the break of day,
I stop one short prayer to pray—
Thank God, I'm well and happy.

There are flowers, trees and birds with their song,
I work, walk and talk with Him all day long
Thank God, He's always near.

When I'm most fretted, He seems to say:
"Take time for Me, I'll show you the way"
Thank God for guiding me.

As the day marches on and many chores to be done,
He is with me still at the set of the sun—
Thank God, I'm not alone.

When day is done, much comes to mind,
Have I done things right and in all been kind?

Thank God, He's been with me.
Then comes the night and all is quiet,
God's led me in the paths that were right—
Thank God for a beautiful day!

—MRS. GAITHER BEROETH



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



LINDA DISCOVERS SOMETHING

"You may pass out the new books," the teacher said to Mary. Mary smiled happily and rose to help the teacher.

In the back of the room Linda's face clouded. "Mary's the teacher's pet!" she thought. "She lets Mary do all the nice things!"

Across the aisle from Linda sat a small boy named Bobby. He was a new boy in the class, and there were no crayons to give him.

"Will you let Bobby use your crayons?" the teacher asked.

Linda frowned. "He might break some of them," she said. "Besides, I'll need them all for the picture I'm coloring."

"He can use some of mine," said a girl sitting ahead of Bobby. "Here, I'll put them near the edge of my desk so he can reach them."

The teacher smiled. Linda thought, "Now the teacher likes her better than she does me. But I didn't want to lend my crayons."

At recess time someone called to Linda, "Come on, we're going to play follow-the-leader. Let Mary be the leader."

But Linda stamped her foot. "I want to be the leader!" she shouted. "If I can't be, I won't play!"

Mary said pleasantly, "I don't mind if I'm not the leader. You can be the leader, Linda."

So away ran Linda with all the children following after her. Everywhere Linda went, the other children went. All the things Linda did, the other children did also. Presently Linda ran around to the outer side of the school fence, but the other children stopped.

"We aren't supposed to go on that side of the fence," they said. "Come on back and go the other way!"

Linda's face lost its sunny smile, and the corners of her mouth went down. "I want to go on this side," she pouted. "Come on, I want to go on this side."

But Mary and the other children wouldn't follow. "No, we don't want to do something we know we shouldn't," they said.

"You never want to do what I want to do!" Linda said crossly. She reached into her pocket for her ball and jacks. "All right, then, I'll play jacks, and I won't let anyone play with me!"

"Please let us play with you," said Ruth and Carol Ann.

Linda shook her head. "No! No one can play with me! You never want to do what I want to do!"

So she sat down on the walk and began to play alone. But she wasn't happy. It's not much fun playing alone. The other children ran off, and she could hear their voices, laughing and shouting. "No one likes me," Linda thought. "I wonder why they don't like me."

Before school was dismissed that afternoon, the teacher said, "I would like to send some books to Jane, who is ill at home with a cold. Will someone take them to her?"

Linda lived across the street from Jane, but she thought, "I don't want to take Jane's book to her."

Several other children raised their hands, but the teacher said, "You live across the street from Jane, Linda. Will you take them to her?"

Linda said, "All right, I'll take them to her," but her manner was anything but pleasant.

When the teacher handed the books to Linda, she said, "Here are several sheets of colored paper left over from art lessons. You and Jane may have them."

Linda smiled and thanked her. "What if I had not been the one to take the books to Jane?" she thought. "Then someone else would have had the colored sheets."

When she arrived at Jane's house, Linda found two other girls already there. She gave Jane half of the papers, and Jane said, "Oh, now we can all have fun! Look, I'll give each of you some of the colored sheets of paper."

Linda looked at her own paper, and said, "I'll give you some of mine, too."

Jane's mother brought scissors and paste, and the girls were soon busy making things. Jane made a small doll's house with one of her sheets of paper. Another girl made a Japanese lantern. Linda cut long strips of colored paper and pasted them into circles, then joined the circles together to make a long chain.

When the time came to go home, the two girls who had been visiting Jane crossed the street with Linda, and saw in her yard a swing that her father had put up.

"Oh, look!" cried one of the girls. "Linda has a swing! Let's stop a while and take turns. Me first!"

Linda opened her mouth to protest, and was about to say (as she had always done), "No, you can't be first! I'll be first, because it's my swing."

But she didn't say it. She liked the girls, and wanted them to stay and play

with her. So she said, "All right, you can be first. And we'll take turns."

After the girls had left, Linda was thoughtful. Finally she said to her mother, "Now I know why the other girls didn't like me. And from now on, Mother, you can be sure I'm going to have lots and lots of friends."

—From *Burning Bush*

The Kid With a Cold

I got a cold, I have — ker-chool!

It ain't no fun to sneeze;

I sat in front of a 'lectric fan

An' got it from the breeze.

An' when I talk I'm kinda hoarse,
My voice sounds like a man.

Look out, it's comin'! — No it ain't,
It stopped 'fore it began.

Sometimes I'm hot, an' then I'm cold;

I dunno what to do;

One of my noses is all stopped up;

I feel - - - Kerchool! Ker-chool!

Chuckles

One day a lady drove her car into a garage, and asked a mechanic if he would repair it.

"What seems to be the trouble, Ma'am?" he inquired.

"Well, I don't exactly know," she replied, "but my husband told me the other day that it could be fixed up fine if I just got a new head for the driver. Do you have one?"

Bobby was crying as if his heart would break. "What's the matter?" asked his teacher.

"I hate school, and Mama says I have to stay in school until I'm 16."

"You shouldn't feel bad," replied the teacher. "I have to stay here until I'm 65."

Bible Quiz

Music of Bible Times

1. Who played the harp to soothe King Saul? _____
2. What instrument did Miriam play after the Children of Israel had crossed the Red Sea? _____
3. What choir sang at the birth of Jesus? _____
4. What musical instrument was heard before Moses received the law on Mount Sinai? _____
5. What people could not sing the Lord's song in a strange land? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Thirty years old
2. Nehemiah—Book of Nehemiah, chapter 2.
3. Matthias—Acts 1:23-26
4. The Olive Tree
5. Jonah—Book of Jonah, Chapters 1 and 2

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 18

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

Background Scripture: Proverbs 6:12-19;
15:1-7; James 19-20, 26; 3; 4:11-12

Lesson Scripture: James 3:1-12

Here is a prayer that many of us need to pray before we begin the day: "O Lord, help me to keep my big mouth shut today, unless I can say something that will do more good than harm." In the June issue of the "Adult Teacher" Edgar Jackson has written: "Up in Vermont where the silent hills have cast their spell upon those who live in the valleys there is a proverb that runs like this: 'Don't break the silence unless you can improve on it.'"

Our lesson comes from the letter of James, one of the "disputed" books of the New Testament. Martin Luther referred to it as "a right strawy epistle," perhaps because he felt that James put too much emphasis on "works" rather than "faith." However that may be, we have in this ancient sermon (for that is what it is) one of the most telling arguments against the wrong use of the tongue that can be found in all literature, sacred or secular. And this is saying a great deal, for the power of the tongue has been a favorite theme of poet, dramatist and novelist throughout the centuries. A quick glance at Bartlett's Quotations reveals well over a hundred references to the tongue, taken from a wide variety of sources.

"Let not many of you become teachers," says James, "for you know we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness." In this day of teacher shortage, no one would wish to discourage people from this calling, but it might be a good idea to keep before people who aspire to this work the warning from James quoted above. To read over a hundred or more examination papers and to see what varied impressions students have got from what the teacher *thought* he said is a sobering experience! A good motto for the teacher might be the words of the psalmist: "I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue."

In spite of the fact that our scripture is heavily weighted on the side of careless use, or wilful misuse, of the tongue, we ought to give some thought to the positive side of the matter. Actually the tongue, like any other organ of the body, is not *necessarily* an evil thing. All members of the body have their useful functions. Most of them have, no doubt, been perverted to misuse from time to time. But they do not *have to be* so misused. Even James admits that "with the tongue we bless the Lord and Father." With the tongue also we may help or hurt our fellow men.

But think what a powerful force the tongue has been for good! Volumes could be written on the great occasions of history when men have been moved to stupendous acts of courage and heroism by the words of a leader. When Sir Winston Churchill was arousing his fellow-Britishers to rally with their last ounce of effort he pleaded, not only for their loyalty to their country, but for the future of freedom among the nations of the earth. Martin Luther spoke for many when he, faced with execution, said, "God

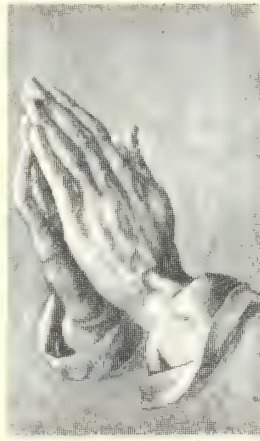
Senior MYF Program at Louisburg

REV. J. CONRAD GLASS, JR., Youth Director
The Methodist Board of Education

Senior High youth from all over eastern North Carolina will be finding their way to the campus of Louisburg College in mid-June. The assemblies traditionally have been weeks of inspiration, study, and fellowship. Countless persons throughout the years have recalled their days at Louisburg as one of the high moments of their lives. No effort has been spared in order to achieve the same high caliber of program offered at the Senior Youth assemblies.

Prayer will be the assembly emphasis, June 12-17, as those present explore the theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Rev. Jack Crum, pastor of the Hope Mills Methodist Church, will develop the theme in the evening vesper services. In the mornings, "The Prayers of Jesus" will be discussed by Dr. Clarice Bowman, Department of Religion, High Point College. Delegates will have the opportunity to go further into the theme in small discussion groups. Not only will the seniors discuss the facets of prayer, but they will also have moments set aside for praying, both individually and corporately.

In addition to afternoons filled with recreation, a portion of the time will be spent in an exploration of Christian ethics, Methodist Youth Fund, new materials for the MYF, and vocations. The evening programs will be concerned with Prayer, World Peace,



help me; I can do no other." These examples could be multiplied by the hundreds. No wonder Thomas Mann remarked that "Speech is civilization itself."

We do not wish to leave the impression that it has been only among the great that words have had important meanings. Listen to this from Clovis Chappel's article in the "Adult Teacher" for June: "Here I am with fifty joyous years of ministry behind me. And God has been gracious. But what an unpayable debt I owe certain choice saints whose words kept me on my feet when I walked in slippery places. I can still hear the voice of one, a tenant farmer, as he would say to me, 'God bless you, I'm holding you up.'"

There is one further thing the writer feels must be said, though there is not space available to deal with it adequately. It is this: Living as we do in a veritable flood of words that come over the air waves, we need to be on guard lest we allow the promoters of this or that to take the good words that have served the Anglo-Saxon tradition for centuries and use them up on trivial products that really make little or no difference in the people's welfare. We need to protest with all our influence against these perverters of words. If they continue their abuse of the great words of our language there will be no words left to express the sublimest experiences of the human soul!

Choosing a College, World Friendships, and a dedication service centered around the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Troy Barrett, Warrenton, and Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City, will serve as deans. Glenda Pittman, North Carolina Conference MYF secretary, is the youth chairman for the week.

A specialized week of training is planned for the local church officers and program area chairmen at the Louisburg Workshop, June 18-24. This year the workshop has been extended to include an extra day, with the activities beginning on Sunday afternoon.

The purpose of the workshop is to train officers and area chairmen in the skills of leadership and in the purposeful planning of the MYF program. The assembly periods at the workshop will be used for demonstrating skills and methods, and this is to be followed by discussion groups to analyze these presentations. Opportunity will also be provided for the delegates to practice these skills in laboratory situations under the skillful guidance of two trained adult advisors.

The evening programs will be centered around Social Concerns, Christian Witness Missions, Christian Vocations, and Drama. Rev. Kenneth Sexton, pastor of the Erwin Methodist Church, is the inspirational speaker for the week.

Mr. W. Albert Graham, Durham District director of youth work, is the dean for the week. The dean of men is the Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, Snow Hill Methodist Church, and Mrs. W. I. McLamb, of Garland, is the dean of women. The youth chairman is Jayne Anna Culbertson, North Carolina Conference Christian Faith chairman.

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Methodist Student Movement To Meet June 18-24

Nashville, Tenn.—The National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement will have its annual meeting June 18-24 at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas.

"This annual meeting of the top leaders of MSM should not be confused with the quadrennial National Methodist Student Conference to be held at another place later in the summer," said the Rev. B. J. Stiles, Nashville.

About 80 student and adult leaders of the MSM will attend the meeting at Southwestern College. Among them will be state or similar area MSM presidents, student members of Methodist general boards, national MSM officers, and others.

National president of the MSM is Kan-easter Hodges, Jr., Newport, Ark., a student at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He will preside at the meeting.

English Deaconess Visits In Asheville

Miss Lillian Topping, a deaconess from England, spent a few days in Asheville as guest of the members of the Brooks-Howell family at Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries in Asheville.

Miss Topping is a teacher at the Wesleyan Deaconess Training School in Devonshire, England. She had attended the National Deaconess Convocation and is visiting many points of interest before she returns to England.

While in western Carolina she visited Allen High School in Asheville, the Lake Junaluska assembly grounds and the Cherokee Methodist Center at Cherokee.

The members of the Brooks-Howell Board gave an informal tea on Sunday afternoon in honor of Miss Topping.

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Teacher Education Accreditation Given High Point College

High Point College—Dr. Wendell M. Patton, President of High Point College, announced this week that the teacher training program at High Point College has been accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. A team of educators visited the college campus last fall to inspect the teacher training program and this notice of full accreditation is a result of that investigation.

High Point College's accreditation brings the total number of colleges and universities within the state of North Carolina to be accredited by NCATE to 8. Other institutions so accredited include: University of North Carolina, East Carolina College, Western Carolina College, Appalachian State Teachers College, Duke University, Salem College and Lenoir Rhyne College.

This accreditation of the teacher training program at High Point College places the local institution of higher learning on par with the above mentioned institutions within the state as far as their respective teacher training programs are concerned. High Point College through its teacher training program is now qualified to prepare elementary and secondary teachers for all grades and the usual high school subjects.

Teachers graduating from college and universities accredited by NCATE, as High Point College now is, are accepted by twenty-one states for teaching positions within their state systems. This means that a teacher from High Point College, that is a person who has received a degree under the college's teacher training program, can now teach in twenty-one states without any further certification. The number of these states is increasing rapidly and in a very short time it is hoped will include all states. At present the states recognizing NCATE certification are: Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

This accreditation by NCATE gives national recognition to the teacher training program at High Point College and indicates a quality program with high standards. The college takes great pride in announcing this national accreditation of its teacher training program which is currently under the direction of Dr. Dennis H. Cooke, past president of the college. This accreditation is now added to those accreditations already held by High Point College which include accreditation by the North Carolina College Conference, the North Carolina State Board of Education, the University Senate of the Methodist Church and by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Wade M. Lowder Scholarship Fund Established at Pfeiffer

A scholarship fund in memory of the late Wade M. Lowder, Albemarle, has been established at Pfeiffer College by friends of Mr. Lowder.

Announcement of the scholarship fund was made by Pfeiffer president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II.

Mr. Lowder was associated with P. J. Huneycutt in Albemarle for more than half a century and was well known in the county.

President Stokes noted that individuals or institutions desiring to make gifts to the fund may do so by contacting the college.

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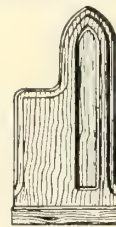
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Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, where sessions of the North Carolina Annual Conference will be held June 26-29.

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ MOVING DAYS for ministers of the Western N. C. Conference who are changing will be Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22.

¶ DR. JACK W. MOORE, dean of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, was the guest speaker for graduation exercises at South Edgemcombe High School in Pine-tops.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of N. C. Wesleyan College was guest evangelist for revival services at Union Methodist Church of the Elizabeth City District the week of June 5-11. Rev. W. Nelson Fulford is pastor of Union Methodist.

¶ THE REV. DR. DAVID BAXTER of High Point College preached at the Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, Sunday morning, June 11, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Lee R. Spencer, who is attending annual conference.

¶ REV. HIRAM K. KING, of Raleigh, preached the commencement sermon to the graduating class of 92 in the Smithfield High School Sunday night, June 4. Mr. King, who is retired, was formerly pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church of Smithfield.

¶ REV. E. RUSSELL STOTT, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Stott of Swepsonville, and a student at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., was the guest preacher at his father's church on June 11, as the church observed Methodist Student Day.

¶ FAIRGROVE CHURCH of the Thomasville District observed Homecoming Day Sunday, June 4. The message was delivered by Dr. Allen C. Best, vice-president of Greensboro College. In connection with the homecoming, a memorial service was also held for those who have died. Rev. Dwight Pyatt is pastor.

¶ FOUR CHURCHES of the Burlington District plan for a joint Youth Activities Week June 19-23. The co-operating churches are Swepsonville, Phillips Chapel, Salem, and Saxapahaw. The pastors and MYF presidents are planning for a fine week together. The pastors involved are Rev. J. D. Stott, Rev. J. D. Aycock, and W. D. Sabiston III.

¶ TODAY, JUNE 3, 1961, is my 88th birthday. I have been in the A.M.E. Church in Nashville, N. C. seventy-one years. Only two of us older ones living, Mrs. P. A. Richardson, 94 in July. We both joined there in 1890. I thank you very kindly for the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and thank the Lord for good eyesight and retentive memory. — MARTHA C. SILVER.

¶ VANN MASSEY, sophomore at North Carolina Wesleyan College and a native of Ahsokie, was recently elected to serve as president of the Student Government Association for the ensuing academic year. Other officers include John Alden of Stoneham, Mass., vice-president; Joan Lamberth of Longhurst, secretary, and Carolyn Moore of Bayside, Va., treasurer. Louis Womble of Rocky Mount was elected chairman of the Interfaith Commission.

¶ DR. C. EDWIN HARWOOD, chairman of the Humanities Division of the North Carolina Wesleyan College, was the speaker at graduation exercises for Middlesex High School and Red Oak High School.

¶ DR. WALT HOLCOMB, a native of North Carolina and founder of the "One Day Revival" and author of Sam Jones' books has a few of these copies on hand which can be obtained at a special price by contacting him at Box 73, Lake Junaluska, N. C. These books are sold out at bookstores. An advertisement appears in this issue of the ADVOCATE.

¶ ALBERT BOONE, of Rocky Mount, was elected to serve as president of the sophomore class at North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. Others elected to serve with him include Joe Ezzell of Rocky Mount, vice-president; Patsy Matthews of Nashville, N. C., secretary; and Barbara Williams of Route 3, Nashville, N. C., treasurer.

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St. Mark's Methodist Church, Raleigh, Is Very Active

St. Mark's Methodist Church, Raleigh, recently had Rev. George W. Ports, Sr., of the Tabernacle Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, Va., as guest evangelist. The Rev. George W. Ports, Jr., pastor of the church, led in the congregational singing. A spiritual enrichment was received by all, and there was the realization of eleven boys and girls, and four adults received on profession of faith. The WSCS held a luncheon in honor of Mrs. G. W. Ports, Sr., the pastor's mother. Mrs. Ports spoke on "My Experience as a Deaconess in the Methodist Church." She is a nurse, and has served as such in the slum areas of Baltimore, Md.

St. Mark's Sunday school observed its 5th anniversary with a Family Night Supper. Each family brought a wrapped gift and after lighting the cake and singing "Happy Birthday Dear St. Mark's," the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Bruce Ross, unwrapped the presents. Many useful gifts were received. Worship setting (cross and candle-holders), stuffed toys for the nursery, religious paintings, and also some birthday money. To close the evening, the pastor led in a fellowship sing and shared 90 of his color slides worked into a worship service, "The Earth is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof." The church family had a wonderful evening.

The Methodist Men of the church held their May meeting with supper and a business meeting. The program that followed was most enlightening and informative. A panel discussion was held followed by a question and answer period. On the panel was a representative of the Catholic Church and also one of the Jewish faith. The purpose of the meeting, of course, was to effect a better understanding among faiths and for ecumenical purposes. At their meeting the men elected their president, Morris Brown, and their pastor, Rev. Ports, to be delegates to the 3rd National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held at Purdue University. A good number attended the meeting with a fine fellowship for all.

Rev. James R. Hailey to Teach at Wesleyan College

Reverend James R. Hailey will become assistant professor of Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College in September, according to an announcement by President Thomas A. Collins. He will also serve as director of Student Life next year.

A native of Spray, Hailey was graduated from Elon College with honors in 1950. He earned the B.D. degree at Duke Divinity School in 1959 and is to receive his Ph.D. at Duke University this summer. His graduate work is in the field of Old Testament and Religion.

He is a ministerial member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Before entering graduate study he served churches in Orange and Person Counties.

He is a member of Pi Gamma Mu, learned society, Kappa Psi Nu, and Sigma Alpha Chi. He is a Mason and has been an active Rotarian.

He has worked for a period as assistant dean of men at Elon College. In graduate school he earned some experience as a graduate instructor. He has extensive experience working with youth groups and councils.

Mrs. Nellie Veach Hailey is a registered nurse and will serve as the resident nurse for Wesleyan. She has attended Elon College in addition to her nurse's training. For the past five years she has served as head nurse for the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham.

700 Emory University Graduates Hear Dr. Baker of Princeton

Over seven hundred Emory University graduates, the largest class since the bumper crop of World War II veterans in 1950, heard Dr. Carlos Baker of Princeton warn them of their continuing obligation to "take thought for the morrow of mankind" at commencement exercises at Emory Monday, June 5.

"Never let your education be interrupted for more than an hour or at most a day. Ignorance is not bliss. It is in fact our greatest enemy. If you take nothing else away from Emory University, take thought," the distinguished author and professor of English, told the students.

"The real joy of good living springs from a sharpened sense of quality. Whatsoever things are cheap and shoddy, vulgar and banal, loud and garish, false and presumptuous, cruel and abusive, evil and obscene—these we must judge, reject, and do our best to countervail."

Honorary degrees were presented to four Emory alumni: Dr. Thomas L. Gresham, Lt. General George W. Mundy, Dr. Henry King Stanford, and the Rev. J. Frederick Wilson, pastor of First Methodist Church of Albany, Ga.

Sixteen persons received Ph.D. degrees, the largest number yet awarded at one time at Emory.

Sunday at Glenn Memorial Church Bishop Arthur J. Moore warned the graduates against being the kind of man who ends in himself. The baccalaureate speaker said "If one is to come to the full measure of life, he must cherish some large and commanding interests in the welfare of mankind."

Receives God and Country Boy Scout Award

Charles Johnson recently received the God and Country Award in a special service of recognition at Murfreesboro Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, N. C., of which he is a member. Charles, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Murfreesboro, is an Eagle Scout and will be on the staff this summer at Philmount Scout Ranch in New Mexico, having graduated from high school this month. He is planning to enter Chowan Junior College in Murfreesboro this fall.

This award was earned by Charles under the former pastor of the church, the Rev. Owen Fitzgerald, as well as under the present pastor, the Rev. Harry Jordan, who presented the award to him. Local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, as well as other friends and relatives attended the service. The Boy Scouts recited the Scout Promise and Law, under the direction of Scoutmaster Bill Sowell, who is also a member of the local church. A challenging message was brought to the group by Mr. Leroy Hight, District Scout Executive from Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Wins Scholarship



Pictured above is Miss Linda Jane Adams, member of Trinity Church, Gastonia, who recently won the "Dollar For A Scholar" award at Ashley High School in Gastonia, worth \$1,200 toward her college expenses. Sponsored by the Key Club at Ashley, the scholarship is awarded to the student with the highest academic standing who is financially unable to attend college. Jane maintained a 97.1 average during her senior high school years. She was voted by her 350 fellow classmates as "most intellectual." During her junior high and senior high years at Trinity Church, she has been an officer each year in the church school, having completed a year as president of the Senior MYF in 1961. Because of her splendid record in church and school, she is also the recipient of a National Methodist Youth scholarship. Jane will use both of these awards at Brevard College in the academic year 1961-62. She is the daughter of Mrs. Louise S. Adams of Gastonia and the late Arthur W. Adams who, before his death, was church school superintendent. Mrs. Adams is head teacher in the Junior Department and served last year as a Circle chairman in the Woman's Society.

Open House at Pleasant Garden Methodist Parsonage



Open House for the new parsonage at Pleasant Garden was observed on Sunday, June 4, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Funds for this new home were started on June 5, 1960, and actual construction was completed May 1.

The house, a low, Colonial-type building, is constructed of early American brick, with 1800 square feet of floor space, including a dining and living room combination, a family room, three bedrooms, two baths,

kitchen, two porches and a double garage.

Greeting the guests were the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. Verne D. Walton; the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Phillip Pearce and Mrs. Pearce; the chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. J. O. Vickery. Officials of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and members of the Parsonage Committee received throughout the house. Approximately two hundred members and friends called during the afternoon.

Ministers' Conference at Lake Junaluska July 17-21

The role of pastors and district superintendents in recruiting for the ministry will be emphasized at the annual Southeastern Ministers' Conference at Lake Junaluska July 17-21.

Principal speakers for the program will be Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco, who is chairman of the Department of Ministerial Education, General Board of Education; Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., and Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S. C.

Workshops for pastors and for superintendents are scheduled throughout the conference on such subjects as finding and enlisting candidates for the ministry, counseling candidates and "conserving the committed." Leaders for these will include the Rev. William E. James of Madisonville, Ky.; the Rev. Robert N. Dubose, superintendent, Spartanburg, S. C.; the Rev. Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of Candler School of Theology, and the Rev. G. Ross Freeman, assistant to the dean; the Rev. Delma L. Hagood, superintendent, Decatur, Ga.; the Rev. J. A. McKenry, Jr., superintendent, St. Petersburg, Fla.; the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of Duke University Divinity School; the Rev. W. Thomas Smith, director of ministerial recruitment, General Board of Education.

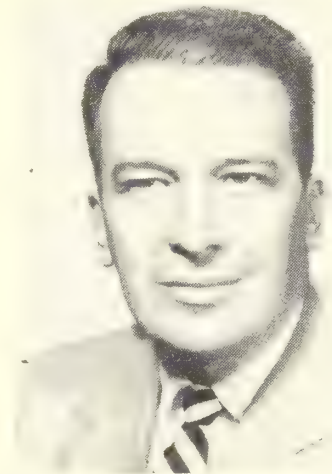
Meeting at the same time will be the district superintendents' wives, whose president is Mrs. Frank Porter of Johnson City, Tenn.

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Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, one of New York's better known ministers, has resigned, effective next January 31, from the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, which he has held for 26 years.

Lonisburg Alumni Luncheon

The North Carolina Conference Louisburg College Alumni Luncheon will be held at Harvey's Cafeteria in Durham, Monday, June 26, at twelve o'clock. Alumni and friends of the college are invited. They will go down the line and go to the room designated for this purpose. An interesting program is being planned. Rev. Charles H. Mercer is president of the group.



The Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Executive Secretary, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the speaker of the Commission on Christian Vocations at the N. C. Annual Conference at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, N. C., Monday, June 26th. The Conference will continue through Thursday, June 29th. Mr. Bauer will also speak and lead discussion at the supper meeting of the Commission on Christian Vocations at Harvey's Cafeteria, Durham, N. C., at 5:30 o'clock, Monday, June 26th. Commission members and friends are invited to this event.

EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

Bishop Cushman breathed a beautiful thought:

*"I'm in love with life,
And it must be
That life shall be in
Love with me."*

Annual Conference Time Is Here Again

North Carolina Methodists have become "conference-conscious" with the coming of June. For a good many years the annual gathering was associated with the fall season. However, both conferences decided their interests would be better served by holding their sessions during the summer rather than wait for the later date.

There were a number of considerations that brought about this decision. For one thing, the program of the church can be projected better in the fall than in the summer. Vacations for the most part are over and families are settled in the routine of things. Children are back in school, business operations are more normal, and co-operative programs are more easily carried on. Also, the matter of an uninterrupted school year for the children of ministers who were moving was a very strong factor. Even the matter of having to leave a good garden was a consideration for those fortunate enough to have a garden. The question of entertaining the conference was felt to be less of a burden for the host city. Then the question of co-ordinating the activities of the local conference with the general church program no doubt had its influence in reaching the decision to change the time.

So, ministers and laymen have adjusted themselves to a summer conference. Most of the delegates look forward with enthusiasm and real concern to these gatherings, when reports are made for the year closing and plans laid for the year ahead.

But an annual conference should be, and usually is, not only a time for attending to the necessary business of the church, as represented in reports and plans, but also a time of inspiration and spiritual challenge. It is our conviction that no consecrated minister or layman can attend an annual conference and not go away feeling a finer appreciation for the church and a stronger desire to be a

better Christian and a more useful servant of God.

Let us hope and pray as the delegates to the Western North Carolina Conference meet at Lake Junaluska June 7-11 under the leadership of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, and those of the North Carolina Conference meet at Trinity Church, Durham, June 26-29 under the leadership of Bishop Paul N. Garber, that these sessions shall be characterized by a spiritual warmth and co-operation that is contagious. May these sessions be far-reaching and influential for good.

Ballots or Bullets?

There is a danger that we American people, so accustomed to living in a democracy, may not realize how fortunate we are. Not every country is so blessed. As we read the daily press with reference to the assassination of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic last week, and then read of the gun slaying of retired General Juan Tomas Diaz and one of the accomplices in an effort to avenge the slaying of the dictator, we begin to realize how cheap and insecure life is in a country so ruled. Not too many years ago Castro and his followers led a rebellion in Cuba which brought them into power by use of arms. The world's history is dotted all through with revolutions which have changed the rule of nations through bloodshed and death. In this country we use the ballot to express our political choices. We may not always agree with the decision reached in this manner, but we insist on being good sports and accepting that decision and then abiding by it. It becomes a question of whether we prefer to make our decisions and declare our choices by the use of ballots or the use of bullets. For our part, we prefer the ballot. It is a lot safer and far more satisfactory. Intelligent people should be able to discuss differences of opinion, exercise the sovereign right of voting, and then accept the results. If the results are not satisfactory, we can continue to work for what we believe. We enjoy the privilege of exercising free speech and therefore of criticizing what we disagree with, but we do not have the privilege of murdering those who disagree with us. Under our system, our political differences may be resolved, and our physical safety is assured. This cannot be said for dictatorships. Ours is an intelligent democracy where everyone has the right to be heard. May it ever continue to be so.

New Methodist Church Organized in Charlotte

Charlotte's newest Methodist congregation has organized in the chapel of the Methodist Home.

The 20-member congregation has taken the name of Plaza Methodist Church. There are about 20 children also, and they meet for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Sundays, with worship at 11 a.m.

A group of young Methodist businessmen attending two other Methodist churches, but all living in the Plaza area, felt the need for a new Methodist congregation near their homes. They first met April 23, 1961, and were formally organized Sunday, May 28, 1961.

The age range of the congregation's adults is 22-40. A minister to serve the congregation will be named during the annual meeting for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference June 6-11, and he will preach his first sermon June 25.

Initial meetings of the congregation were in homes of the present congregation. These meetings were held Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, director of church extension for the Western North Carolina Conference, was speaker at several of the Sunday night services.

Dr. Walter J. Miller, superintendent of the Charlotte District, preached and officiated at the formal organization meeting May 28. These members of the board, and trustees, were chosen:

Clyde Bridges, charge lay leader and acting chairman of the board; Bobby R. Barrett, Banner Smith, Harold Deese, Paul Trull, Pete Smith, Robert Helms and Benny Barclift, members of the board. Ira Pearce, Ray Wilson and Mr. Helms, trustees.

Mr. Deese is the Sunday School superintendent. The congregation will continue worship in the Methodist Home until a church unit is built.

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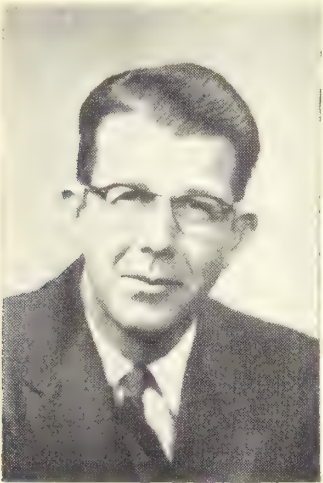
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Host Church Is 100 Years Old

In the spring of 1861 when the guns of Charleston were booming out the beginning of the bloodiest four years in American history, the Methodists of Durham did the best and most constructive thing they knew: they started a Methodist church at what was known as Durham's Station. It was a very modest beginning with thirty interested persons and a small frame church which had been contracted to William Mangum for the sum of \$650. Among the congregation were the names which were to become household names in North Carolina Methodism: the Dukes, the Cheeks, the Lyons, and the Barbees.

Immediately the church grew in membership and the members prospered along with Durham. Soon two other names were added which became well known: the Carr and the



REV. W. M. HOWARD, JR.
Pastor

Parrish families. One can see that the leaders of Durham industrial and business life were the leaders of Methodism also. The congregation, within a decade, was ready to build a new and more pretentious church. The second building on the same site was dedicated on the first Sunday in June, 1881. This enterprise was carried out during the pastorate of the sainted minister, Reverend Jesse A. Cunningham.

In a city which was a boom town by now, the need was felt for additional Methodist churches. In 1885 at the quarterly conference of Trinity Church, a committee was appointed and commissioned to proceed with the organization of two new congregations: one at the "west end of town" and one at the "east end of town." With the passing years more Methodist churches came into being, all with the backing and blessing of Trinity.

While the new churches were being established, Trinity was expanding also. The year 1893 saw the additions to the building which put it in the forefront of the Methodist churches of the state. During the pastorate of Dr. E. A. Yates, the Methodists of Durham made an offer of a site and considerable money to Trinity College, then in Randolph County, to locate in Durham.

On the morning of January 21, 1923, a disastrous fire destroyed the entire building of Trinity Church, consuming one of the finest church edifices of the south. The loss was three times the value of the insurance

carried. The next conference, W. W. Peele, later to become the beloved Bishop Peele, was appointed as the leader of the Trinity congregation and directed them in the building of the lovely church which today houses the congregation. It is singular that one of the ushers for the opening service of the new church on September 20, 1925, was a young professor of history at Duke, Dr. Paul N. Garber, who is today the bishop of this area of the church.

Trinity is acclaimed for its beauty. Built of granite and limestone, it represents Norman Gothic in its purest form. The church is cruciform. Simple lancet windows, devoid of tracery or design, but made of exquisite glass, give the effect of a million jewels. The graceful arches and carved chancel rail bear symbols of the Christian faith. The quiet and peaceful dignity of a cathedral embraces one as he enters this great church in the heart of a busy city. Those who built wrought well.

The greatness of Trinity Church, like that of every other church, lies in the great men and women who make up its congregation and in the devoted men who serve as its ministers. The names of many others could be added to those already mentioned.

Durham Methodism has an unbreakable tie with China Methodism in that Charles Jones Soong came to Trinity College and attended Trinity Church for a while. He was sponsored by Julian S. Carr, who was a leader in all good things for his community and his church.

And so on a spring day a hundred years later, a congregation came together in Trinity Church to commemorate a century of history and progress. The opening sermon was preached by Bishop Paul N. Garber on April 23. On April 25, Dr. B. G. Childs, long a leader in the conference as well as the local congregation, assisted in the program by persons whose roots are deep in the tradition of Trinity Church, gave the historical address. The climax to the commemoration came with four nights of preaching by Bishop Paul Hardin.

For the most part, those years have been years of signal triumphs and victory, although they have had their tragedy and vicissitudes. We praise God, who led the founding fathers to place here, where the



REV. LEON HALL
Associate Pastor



REV. C. D. BARCLIFT
Host Superintendent
Durham District

lines of busy trade run and streets of commerce converge, a house of worship. Out of poverty they erected a rude place but God smiled upon it. Ere long, it was the altar place of the lords of trade, and of a growing college, and of a devoted people.

This soil has been pressed by millions of feet; these floors have been wet with penitential tears; these walls have heard the requiem for the dead, the joyous wedding bells, and the quiet prayer from grateful lips as the cup of blessing has passed along the carved rail; these stones are hallowed by the stamp of immortal souls and a thousand memories are enshrined therein.

Through another century and more, may her arched columns point upward the eyes of loyal sons and daughters and may the radiating beams of her influence reach to the farthest ends of the earth. Trinity, Mother of Methodism in Durham, we hail thee and beseech the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: blessed Trinity.

—W. H. HOWARD, JR.

Emory Graduates From North Carolina

Among the 113 graduates from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity were the following from North Carolina:

Richard A. Lewis from the North Carolina Conference, and from the Western North Carolina Conference: Donald W. Ashe, H. W. Brittain, Ralph James, C. E. Simpson, T. Paul Starnes, Jr., Harlan E. Wilson, Jr.

Directors Plan SCA Program at Wesleyan

Reverend William Wells, state director of the Methodist Student Movement, and Reverend James Green, state director of the Baptist Student Union, were recent guests on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College. They met with college officials to plan the program for the Student Christian Association next year.

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† REV. AND MRS. R. T. COMMANDER of Faith Church, Burlington, announce the arrival on May 13th of a baby boy, Richard T. Commander, Jr., who weighed 10 lbs. 13½ ounces.

Program of the North Carolina Annual Conference

Trinity Church, Durham

June 26-29, 1961

Following is the program of the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, meeting at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, June 26-29, 1961. Presiding will be Bishop Paul N. Garber. The conference Secretary, the Rev. W. Carleton Wilson; Conference Lay Leader, J. Nelson Gibson, Jr.; District Superintendent, Dr. Chancie D. Barclift; Host Pastor, the Reverend W. M. Howard, Jr.

Monday Afternoon, June 26

1:15 P. M. Organ Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Mrs. Bert Cunningham, organist, Trinity Methodist Church, Durham.

1:30 P. M. Call to worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Hymn No. 402, "And Are We Yet Alive?" The Apostles' Creed. Prayer, Dr. Chancie D. Barclift. Duet, "Benedictus," Mrs. Maxine Johnson, Mr. Southgate Jones. Organization of Conference. Admission of Class into Full Connection. Address to Class, Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Decatur, Ga. Hymn No. 287, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Reports: District superintendents, district lay leaders, Committee on Publishing Interests, Commission on Christian Vocations. Address, Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Nashville, Tenn. Vote on Constitutional amendment. Ministers' Credit Union. Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. Benediction.

7:30 P. M. Call to worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Hymn No. 479, "Jesus Shall Reign." Prayer, the Reverend W. M. Howard, Jr.

5:30 P. M. Christian Vocations Dinner, Harvey's Cafeteria, 105 East Main Street.

Monday Evening, June 26

7:15 P. M. Organ Prelude: "Alleluia."

7:30 P. M. Call to worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Hymn No. 479, "Jesus Shall Reign." Prayer, the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr. Anthem, "Holy, Holy, Holy," Trinity Choir. Fraternal greetings from the Virginia Annual Conference, Mr. A. G. Jefferson, lay leader of Virginia Annual Conference, Lynchburg, Va.

Anniversary of Board of Missions, the Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., presiding. Hymn No. 465, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Report of Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary. Address: "The Factors That Confront Us In Our Mission Today," Dr. Darrell Randall, associate executive director, Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches, New York City. Report of the Board, the Rev. Clyde G. McCarver.

Reports: Board of Publications, Minimum Salary Commission, Deaconess Board, Board of Managers North Carolina Pastors' School, Commission on Worship. Benediction. Organ Postlude.

Tuesday Morning, June 27

8:15 A. M. Organ Prelude: "Gothic Suite No. 1."

8:30 A. M. Call to worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Hymn No. 7, "Now Thank We All Our God." Prayer, the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw. Words of Welcome, Dr. Herbert J. Herring, chairman, Committee on Conference Arrangements, Trinity Methodist Church. Response, Bishop Paul N. Garber.

9:30 A. M. Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel: Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

9:45 A. M. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council: Dr. James W. Sells, executive secretary, Atlanta, Ga.

10:00 A. M. Anniversary of the Commission on Town and Country Work, the Rev. Key W. Taylor, presiding. Leet Stewardship Revival: A Report, the Rev. L. O. Leet. Address: "The Work of the Town and Country Commission," Mr. Roy Turnage. Address: "The Rural Church Fund," Dr. F. Olen Hunt.

11:15 A. M. Report of Television, Radio and Film Commission.

11:45 A. M. Memorial Service, Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding. Organ Prelude: "Unfold Ye Portals." Hymn No. 531, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand." The Prayer, the Rev. Charles H. Mercer. Solo: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," Mrs. J. D. McCracken, Duke Memorial Methodist Church. Roll Call of our Honored Dead, the Conference secretary. Ministers who have died during the year; Ministers' wives who have died during the year. The Memorial Address: Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Decatur, Ga.

Hymn No. 165, "Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious." Benediction, the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr. Organ Postlude, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place."

1:00 P. M. Board of Lay Activities Luncheon, Epworth Methodist Church, Hope Valley Road.

1:00 P. M. Luncheon for the entire conference, Methodist Retirement Home, Erwin Road. (Use Conference Meal Ticket).

Tuesday Afternoon, June 27

2:15 P. M. Organ Prelude, "My Shepherd Shall Supply My Needs."

2:30 P. M. Annual Meeting of Conference Brotherhood, the Rev. K. R. Wheeler, presiding. Report of Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. J. M. Cline.

3:00 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Evangelism, the Rev. Leon Couch, presiding. Call to worship. Hymn No. 162, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Prayer, the Rev. Paul Browning. Report of Board, the Rev. C. Alison Simonton. Solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," the Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr. Presentation of speaker, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath. Address, Dr. Harry Denman, General Secretary, Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

Reports: Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information; Committee on Corporations Auxiliary to and Controlled by the Conference; Methodist Building Committee; Inter-Conference Commission on College and University Religious Work. Benediction. Organ Postlude, "Allegro-Maestoso."

5:30 P. M. Asbury College Alumni Dinner, Calvary Methodist Church, Trinity Avenue, East.

5:30 P. M. High Point College Alumni Dinner, Lakewood Methodist Church, Chapel Hill Road, SW.

5:30 P. M. Emory University Alumni Dinner, Duke Memorial Church, Chapel Hill Street, West.

Tuesday Evening, June 27

7:15 P. M. Organ Prelude, "No. II Allegro Goethique Suite."

7:30 P. M. Call to worship, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Anniversary of Board of Lay Activities, Mr. J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., presiding, Lay Leader, North Carolina Conference. Hymn No. 286, "Fight the Good Fight." Prayer, Mr. Paul Hardin, Jr. Special music by Men's Chorus, Warsaw Methodist Church, Warsaw, N. C., Mr. Aubine English, director. Report of Board of Lay Activities. Address, Dr. Robert M. Smith, Lay Leader, Western North Carolina Conference, Mount Airy. Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. Address, Dr. Edward H. Maynard, editor, Promotional Publications, Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, Chicago, Ill.

Reports: Duke Endowment; Ormond Fund; Conference Calendar of Work; Methodist Student Center, Greenville; Approved Supply Pastors' School; District Conference Records; Committee on Conference Entertainment; Committee on Conference Relations.

Wednesday Morning, June 28

8:15 A. M. Organ Prelude, "A Mighty Fortress."

8:30 A. M. Anniversary of Historical Society, the Rev. J. Paul Edwards, presiding. Hymn No. 533, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Prayer, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins. Address, Dr. B. G. Childs, Emeritus Professor of Education, Duke University, Durham.

9:30 A. M. Anniversary of Board of Education, the Rev. Leon Russell, presiding. Address, the Rev. Randle Dew, Associate Secretary, Division of the Local Church, Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

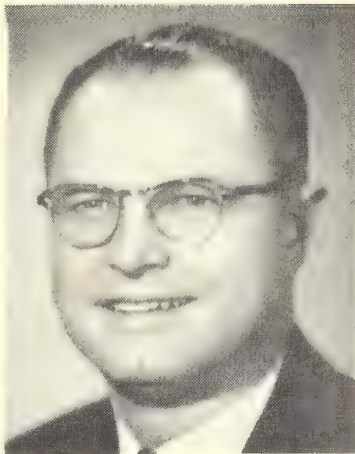
10:45 A. M. Report of Commission on World Service and Finance; Conference Treasurer; Methodist Foundation, Inc.; Board of Trustees.

12:00 Noon. Report of Commission on Higher Education, the Rev. Vergil E. Queen, presiding. Report of Commission, Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Executive Director, Commission on Higher Education, N. C. Conference. Address, Dr. Robert Parker, Executive Director, Commission on Education, the Virginia Conference. Benediction. Organ Postlude, "Ancient of Days."

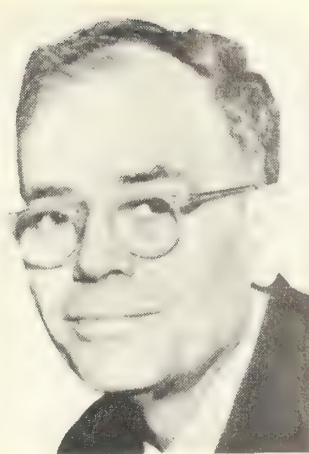
1:00 P. M. Association of Ministers' Wives Annual Luncheon, Jack Tar Hotel.



BISHOP WALTER C. GUM
Ordination Speaker



A. G. JEFFERSON
*Lay Leader
Virginia Conference*



DR. HARRY DENMAN
*General Secretary
Board of Evangelism*



BISHOP COSTEN J. HARRELL
Memorial Speaker

1:00 P. M. Retired Ministers' Luncheon, Methodist Retirement Home, Erwin Road.

1:00 P. M. Approved Supply Pastors' Luncheon, Asbury Methodist Church, Markham Avenue, West.

1:00 P. M. Directors of Christian Education Luncheon, Duke Memorial Church, Chapel Hill Street, West.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 28

2:45 P. M. Organ Prelude, "Trie A Notre Dame."

3:00 P. M. Anniversary of Board of Christian Social Concerns, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, presiding. Hymn No. 169, "Ye Servants of God." Prayer, the Rev. Vernon Tyson. Solo, "If With All Your Heart;" "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth," Mr. Henry Markot. Report of Board, the Rev. Charles S. Hubbard. Address, the Rev. Henry G. Ruark.

4:00 P. M. Report of Board of Pensions, presiding, Mr. Harold Staton, chairman. Report of Board, the Rev. Willis R. Stevens. Discussion: "Hospital and Medical Care Program," Dr. Edge W. Gamble, General Board of Pensions, Chicago, Ill.; "Group Insurance," Mr. Wyatt Dixon, Home Security Life Insurance Company, Durham. Benediction. Organ Postlude, "Postlude In C. Minor."

3:30-4:30 P. M. Tea for Ministers' Wives, Methodist Retirement Home, Erwin Road, West.

5:30 P. M. Duke Banquet, Duke University, Dining Rooms C and D.

Wednesday Evening, June 28

7:00 P. M. Organ Prelude, "Credo."

7:15 P. M. Ordination Service, Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding. Processional Hymn No. 401, "Lord of the Living Harvest." Scripture reading, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Prayer, Bishop Costen J. Harrell. Anthem, "Gloria In Excelsis," Trinity Choir. Ordination Sermon, Bishop Walter C. Gum, Louisville Area. Consecration of Ministers of Music. Consecration of Directors of Christian Education. Consecration of Deaconesses. Ordination of Deacons. Ordination of Elders.

9:00 P. M. Business session of Conference. Reports: Conference Long-Range Planning Committee; Bishop's Committee on Church Architecture; Sustentation Fund Committee; College Board of Visitors.

Thursday Morning, June 29

8:00 A. M. Organ Prelude, "Aria."

8:15 A. M. LOVE FEAST, presiding, the Rev. W. A. Cade; assisting, the Rev. L. M. Hall, the Rev. H. K. King, the Rev. B. O. Merritt, the Rev. B. B. Slaughter.

9:30 A. M. Greetings from Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Conference president.

9:40 A. M. Anniversary of Board of Hospitals and Homes, presiding, the Rev. Ben F. Musser. Chorus by Children from Methodist Home for Children, Inc., Raleigh. Report of Board, the Rev. Kermit R. Wheeler. Address, "Retirement At Its Best," the Rev. J. F. Coble.

10:40 A. M. Fraternal Message from the North Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction, the Rev. James T. Jones, Asbury Temple Methodist Church, Durham.

11:00 A. M. The North Carolina Council of Churches, the Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, Executive Director.

11:20 A. M. Reports: Parsonage Standards Committee: Conference Statistician; Committee on Resolutions.

12:00 Noon. READING OF THE APPOINTMENTS.

Hymn No. 557, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction, Bishop Paul N. Garber. Adjournment of the 1961 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference.

Registration and Home Assignment

Registration and home assignment will be made in the Educational Building. Since registration is the official roll of the conference, it is imperative that clerical and lay delegates register.

Your hostess has been notified that you are coming, but we insist that you go to the home where you will be entertained just as soon as you get the assignment, or as soon thereafter as possible. Please do not wait until after the adjournment of the evening session if you can avoid it.

Parking

We regret we cannot do more for your convenience about parking. You will find public parking lots on Rigsbee Street, north of the church; also to the rear of the Post Office. Our advice is that you park your car where it can remain all day. Delegates must abide by the city parking regulations of the zone where cars are parked.

Telephones

The telephones in the building are reserved for local calls. A public pay station telephone booth is located on Hollaway Street to the rear of the church about one hundred feet.

Church Offices

The church offices are located on the main floor of the Educational Building. Mrs. Hollaway, the church secretary, and Mrs. Shelton, the church hostess, will be happy to assist you.

Book Room

The Book Room is located in the basement of the Educational Building. You will find an interesting display of books, Bibles, church and church school supplies, and many other useful items available through our Methodist Publishing House.

Committee Rooms

All rooms to be used by the conference boards and other agencies are plainly marked and can be easily found. The floor on which each committee will meet is indicated on the bulletin board located in the hall of the Educational Building.

Supply Pastors' Luncheon

The Annual Supply Pastors' Luncheon will be held at Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, Wednesday, June 28, at 1 o'clock. All Supply Pastors are invited and urged to attend.

The Commission on Town and Country Work, counselors and friends who are helping with this program are also cordially invited. The program will consist of group singing, personal witness and testimony of fresh experiences with the Lord.

—J. C. PARKER, *Secretary
Approved Supply Pastors*

Appointments For The Western North Carolina Conference, 1961-1962

Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, last Sunday announced the following appointments of clergymen to churches in the Western North Carolina Conference.

He announced the appointments following the Annual Conference Sunday worship services at Lake Junaluska, to close the five-day meeting of laymen and clergymen from throughout the conference.

Here are the appointments:

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt
 Albemarle: Central—Cecil L. Heckard
 First Street—Harold C. Austin—
 Main Street—C. Harley Dickson
 Parkway-Pine Grove—E. P. Green
 Tabernacle—J. R. Morris
 Albemarle Circuit—James R. Faggart—
 Ansonville—Luther H. Lawing, Jr.
 Badin—J. B. Yarbrough
 Bethany—David M. Cowart
 Bethel-Palestine—F. R. Davis
 Bethesda (new church)—B. C. Russell
 Bethlehem—Fred A. Hill
 Camp Ground—Robert F. Nay
 Friendship—E. F. Kale (AS)
 Hebron—John Petty
 Indian Trail—Stallings—A. B. Bruton
 Lilesville—R. W. Hurley
 Locust-Oakboro—Richard Bowman
 Marshville—W. T. Ratchford
 Mineral Springs—J. W. Billings
 Monroe: Camp Sutton—To be supplied
 Central—Harley M. Williams
 North Monroe-Benton Hgts.—A. G. Perkins
 Morven—Melvin D. McIntosh
 New Hope (Union County)—To be supplied
 New Hope-Bethel—Claude J. Hartsell
 New London—To be supplied
 Norwood, First—Ralph Miller
 Norwood Circuit—Alvin G. Amick
 Peachland—Warren G. Hawks
 Polkton—Luther Melherson
 Prospect—Edwin G. Needham
 Salem—L. L. Sharpe
 Stanfield—John M. Ruffy
 Unionville—C. J. Winslow
 Wade—William M. Spake, Jr.
 Wadesboro, First—D. Moody Nifong
 Waxhaw—To be supplied
 Weddington—B. T. Myers—
 Wesley Chapel—Lloyd G. Hunsucker—
 Wingate—H. L. Creech, III

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—Rev. Robert G. Tuttle
 Acton—Glenn R. McCulley
 Asheville: Abernethy—R. T. Houts, Jr.
 Asbury Memorial—Leroy A. Scott
 Biltmore—M. V. Thum
 Central—Walter J. Miller
 Assistant—Henry F. Flowers
 Emma—M. M. Armstrong
 French Broad—Cecil Myrick
 Assistant—A. B. Dennis (RS)
 Groce—F. W. Kiker
 Haywood Street—John S. Jordan
 Assistant—Thomas M. Mason
 Oakley—J. M. G. Warner
 St. Paul's—L. R. Akers, Jr.
 Trinity—Paul W. Townsend
 Assistant—H. W. Brittain (P)
 Avery's Creek—Sardis—Mark F. Wimmer
 Azalea-Tabernacle—Gordon E. Keeler (AS)
 Bald Creek—Hubert D. Novlett
 Assistant—J. E. B. Houser (RS)
 Balfour—T. H. Swofford
 Bell—W. Stanley Baker, Jr.
 Bethel—Charles Vernon Hall (P)
 Bethesda—Richard Howle
 Black Mountain—John L. McWhorter
 Brevard—Courtney B. Ross
 Brevard Circuit—James B. Thomas, Jr.
 Burnsville—R. F. Hilliard
 Candler—W. S. Smith
 Candler—Ray Johnson
 East Flat Rock—Charles Milton Young
 Ecusta—Rush H. Smith
 Edgewood—Lennie Lewis Vancannon
 Elkwood—Hamilton C. Witter
 Fairview—Gary Guy Gregory
 Fanning's Chapel—Jack Waldrop
 Fletcher—James P. Hornbuckle, Jr.
 Francis Asbury—D. Bryce Parker
 Hendersonville, First—Abram J. Cox
 Hot Springs—Robert M. Brittain
 Assistant—E. H. Goode (AS)
 Laurel Hill-Davis Chapel—D. P. Grant
 Leicester—Jackson Kent Outlaw, Jr.
 Marshall—Wm. Claude Clark
 Mars Hill—James M. Thurman
 Mills River—Ralph E. Kayler
 Montmorenci—J. P. Greene
 Assistant—C. M. White (RS)
 Newdale—John R. Dawkins (AS)
 Oak Hill—Richard Jarrett

Oteen—E. V. Williams
 Piney Mountain-Pisgah—Budd Ellington
 Reeves' Chapel-Brown's Viek—A. W. Thompson
 Riverview—Harold Reeves
 Salem-Barnardsville & Director Weaver Group
 Ministry—Boyce Huffstetter
 Associate—J. E. B. Hauser (RS)
 Saluda—To be supplied
 Sandy—Edwin Chilton Gover
 Skyland—R. T. Young
 Swannanoa—Ben F. Stamey
 Tryon—M. Marion Workman
 Weaverville—L. B. Lave
 Weaverville Circuit—James Holt Madison

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

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 Asbury-Huntersville—W. David Argo
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 Belmont Park—C. C. Washam
 Big Spring—E. H. Nease, Sr.
 Calvary—John R. Hamilton
 Central Avenue—John Lowder
 Chadwick—F. R. Love
 Charlotte Meth. Church for the Deaf—
 C. Richard Brown, Jr.
 Christ—George W. Rudisill
 Cokesbury—George H. Winecoff
 Cole Memorial—E. H. Lowman
 Commonwealth—A. L. Maxwell, Jr.
 Dilworth—H. M. Robinson
 Assistant—Philip H. Gibbs
 Duncan Memorial—George M. Carver
 Epworth Lane—Luther M. Taylor (AS)
 Faith—Dennis Weaver
 First—P. L. Shore, Jr.
 Assistant—Russell N. Burson
 Assistant—Loy D. Thompson (RS)
 Assistant—Parks D. Armon Hunter, Jr.
 Gillespie—George E. Lyndon, Jr.
 Grace—C. G. Alspaugh
 Hawthorne Lane—Lee R. Spencer
 Assistant—J. Edwin Carter
 Assistant—J. E. Hawkins
 Hickory Grove—J. Leo Pittard
 Kilgo—Ivan A. Stephens
 Memorial—W. R. Brantley
 Morris Field—W. R. Ormand (AS)
 Mouzon—B. R. Fitzgerald
 Myers Park—Wilson O. Weldon
 Assistant—W. B. Bobbitt, Jr.
 Oak Grove—Fridmann Rossborg
 Plaza—F. D. Beaty
 Pleasant Grove—H. R. Jordan
 Providence—W. Douglas Corriher
 Purcell—E. A. Fitzgerald
 St. Andrews—Robert J. Ralls
 St. James—Ralph Reed
 St. John's—Fred W. Paschal
 St. Luke's—Richard Crowder
 St. Mark's—Kenneth R. Moore
 St. Paul—J. Bernard Hurley
 Spencer Memorial—V. A. Morton
 Tuckasee Road—Douglas R. Beard, Jr.
 Wesley Heights—Walter R. Kelly
 Davidson—R. T. Montfort
 Harrison-Marvin—Don G. Bridger
 Homestead—I. P. Rutledge
 Lowesville-Hill's Chapel—W. E. Fitzgerald
 Matthews—Joe W. Lasley
 Moore's Chapel—James E. Northington
 Mount Holly: Aldersgate—James Roberts (AS)
 First—Aubert M. Smith
 Mount Zion—J. C. Grose
 New-Salem-Field—Leonard T. Tharpe (AS)
 Pineville—John P. Spillman, Jr.
 Riverbend-Snow Hill—O. L. Hancock
 Rock Springs—P. V. Ridenhour
 Thrift—James M. Armstrong, Jr.
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 Park Street—Gilbert Miller
 St. Mark's—G. L. Wilkinson
 South Point—W. A. Kerr, Jr.
 Belwood—C. W. Dennis
 Bessemer City: Betha-Puett—E. O. Queen (AS)
 Odell Memorial—George C. Starr, Jr.
 Bethel-Crowell Memorial—Mrs. M. B. Lee
 Bethesda—Harry G. Long, Jr.
 Bethlehem-Bess Chapel—G. W. Dalton
 Boger City—John R. Silis
 Assistant—J. W. Combs (RS)
 Boiling Springs—To be supplied
 Casar—William C. Anderson
 Cherryville—E. Paul Hamilton
 Cleveland—J. S. Gardner (AS)
 Clover Hill—W. R. Doser
 Concord-Mary's Grove—H. O. Huss
 Cramerton: Cramer Memorial—Ray C. Stephens
 West Cramerton—E. L. Murphy (AS)
 Crouse—Henry Samuel Carter
 Dallas—George H. Needham
 El Bethel—Bruce A. Norwood
 Fallston-Clover Hill—J. Max Brandon, Jr.
 Gastonia: Bradley Memorial—W. C. Leonard
 Covenant—D. L. Stubbs, Jr.
 Faith—J. Leonard Rayle
 First—James C. Huggin

Assistant—Clyde E. Murray
 Maylo—G. Howard Allred
 Myrtle—W. F. Heffner
 Smyre—John W. Hoyle, Jr. (RS)
 St. John's—Doyle Freeman
 Trinity—E. Howard
 High Shoals-Iron Station—Harlan E. Wilson, Jr.
 York Road—Jack Hoover
 High Shoals-Iron Station—
 Kings Mountain: Central—H. D. Garmon
 Grace—N. H. Pusey
 Laboratory-Landers—D. D. Broome
 Lawndale—Milton G. Widenhouse
 Lincoln Circuit—R. L. Billings (AS)
 Lincolnton: First—J. C. Reichard
 Rhyne Heights—F. G. Bottoms
 Lowell—F. E. Blalock
 McAdenville—Thomas W. Weeks
 Northbrook—J. Herman Billings (AS)
 Oak Grove—St. Paul—N. V. Allen
 Palm Tree—Herman E. Beck
 Pisgah—Wade R. Bustle
 Polkville-Rehobeth
 Sharon—R. W. Walters
 Shelby: Aldersgate—Edgar C. Prince
 Central—A. M. Faulkner
 Hoyle Memorial—Kelly C. Brendle
 Lafayette Street—R. W. McCulley
 Shelby Circuit—R. M. Hauss
 Stanley—D. B. Alderman
 Sulphur Springs—Grady R. Barringer
 Toluca—E. R. Lynn
 Union—W. W. Pryor

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—Dr. J. Clay Madison
 Bethany-Glencoe—David A. Yount (P)
 Bethlehem—J. R. Duncan
 Draper, First—W. A. Rick, Jr.
 Flat Rock—L. P. Heafner
 Friendship—Larry Bumgarner (P)
 Gethsemane—Jack Ballard
 Gibsonville—J. J. Miller
 Greensboro: Bessemer—J. J. Houser
 Bethel—C. Moody Smith
 Calvary—J. J. Powell
 Carraway Memorial—A. Frank Phibbs
 Centenary—Roger W. Tucker
 Christ—C. G. Beaman, Jr.
 College Place—Dwight B. Mullis
 Glenwood—James E. Rink
 Grace—C. E. Shannon
 Assistant—H. L. Coleman
 Groometown-St. Andrews—Erman F. Bradley
 Hinchaw Memorial—G. E. Smith
 Joyner Memorial—T. J. Duncan, Jr.
 Mount Pisgah—E. W. Needham
 Muir's Chapel—D. A. Hamilton
 Newlyn Street—G. B. Culbreth
 Proximity—C. C. Murray
 St. John's—L. F. Strader
 St. Paul—Joel T. Key
 Trinity—Roy C. Putnam
 West Market Street—Charles P. Bowles
 Assistant—R. Harold Hipps
 Assistant—Thomas A. Summey
 Guilford College—W. T. Hawkins
 Haw River—O. E. Evans
 Hickory Grove—B. D. Brown
 Leaksville—H. P. Myers, Jr.
 Lee's Chapel—T. D. Adams
 Madison—Frank H. Edwards
 Mayodan—William R. White
 Meadow View—Raymond Endicott
 Moriah—Harold F. Schram
 Mount Carmel—O. C. Loy
 Mount Herman—S. G. Strader
 Mount Pleasant—Joe L. Ervin
 Mount Pleasant Circuit—Albert W. Wellons
 Assistant—W. George Jones (P)
 Oak Ridge—Morehead—John M. Burton
 Pelham-Hickory Grove—Lawrence E. Barden
 Pleasant Garden—Paul A. Bruton
 Rehobeth—W. H. Yokeley
 Reidsville: First—Thomas B. Stockton
 Main Street—D. E. Bradley
 Woodmont—Larry D. Wilkinson
 Reidsville Circuit—John J. P. Kincaid
 Rockingham Circuit—S. R. Ward
 Ruffin—Francis F. McFarland
 Sandy Ridge—A. D. Shelton (RS)
 Spray—James A. Allen
 Stokesdale—J. C. Grose, Jr.
 Stokesdale Circuit—Ronald Overcash
 Stoneville—J. C. Kendrick
 Assistant—Joe A. Law (P)
 Summerfield—Paul M. Dennis
 Tabernacle—H. L. Blackwelder

HIGH POINT DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—Dr. Ralph H. Taylor
 Archdale—Ernest D. Page
 Asheboro: Calvary—L. E. Mabry
 Brower-New Union—Brown T. McKinney (P)
 Central—N. C. Williams, Jr.
 First—Cecil G. Hefner
 Giles-Charlotte—Kelly Ray Jones
 Grace—G. S. Gammon
 West Bend—R. L. Hall
 West Chapel-West Side—James R. Williams
 Bethany-Gray's Chapel—O. Ray Moss (P)
 Bethel-Julian-Shiloh—Fred A. Carlisle, Jr. (P)
 Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge—B. V. Hunter
 Cedar-Central Falls—G. B. Nelson

Coleridge—John Oakley
 Fairfield—Hubert Clinard
 Fairview—Charles B. Walker (AS)
 Franklinville—Ray Hahn
 High Point—Calvary—C. W. Russell
 College Village—Dan P. Stowe
 First—A. C. Waggoner
 Highland—Earl C. Black, Jr.
 Lebanon—Kenneth D. Crouse
 Main Street—T. H. Swofford
 Mitchell's Grove—P. Dale Holcombe
 Montlieu Avenue—H. Glen Lanier
 Northwood—Herbert M. Jamieson
 Oakview—R. M. Hardee
 Rankin Memorial—J. S. Higgins
 St. Timothy—Billy W. Stamey
 Assistant—N. M. Harrison
 Ward Street—N. L. Oliver
 Welch Memorial—W. H. Benfield
 Wesley Memorial—C. C. Herbert
 Assistant—C. W. Buckey
 Assistant—R. Delbert Byrum
 Jamestown—R. P. Waugh
 Liberty, First—Walter R. Thompson
 Liberty Circuit—Douglas Cannon, III (P)
 Mount Shepherd—Everette Wright
 Mount Vernon—J. G. Allred
 Oakdale—T. L. Cassidy
 Old Union—Mt. Lebanon—John F. Edwards (P)
 Ramseur, Jordan Memorial—Worth Sweet
 Randleman, First—T. G. Madison
 Randleman Circuit—Coy L. Brown
 Seagrove—Foster R. Loftin
 South Randolph—Roy E. Eubanks
 Spring Hill—W. A. Jarrett
 Trinity Memorial—Robert L. Oakley
 Vickery—Burnett's Chapel—Wade G. Rogers

MARION DISTRICT

Dist. Supt.—Dr. Fletcher Nelson
 Alexander—T. B. Huneycutt
 Avondale—Henrietta—F. W. Dowd Bangle
 Bakersville—R. B. Forward
 Bethel—G. B. Tomlinson
 Broad River—Newell C. Bush
 Burke—McDowell—Benny Walters
 Caroleen—B. A. Haire
 Cliffside—Russell Young, Jr.
 Connelly Springs—C. R. McKinney
 Drexel—John H. Barnes
 Fairview—Arney Arelin Freshour
 Forest City—First—M. Teague Hipps
 Pleasant Grove—W. Grady Burgin
 Friendship—Shady Grove—Neil E. Smith
 Gilkey—James L. McKinney
 Glen Alpine—Earl K. Gibson
 Hildebran—Joe C. Davis
 Kona—Penland—Bethlehem—
 Associate—W. Reed Harris (RS)
 Marion: Clinchfield—B. S. London
 Cross Mill—Paul M. Cassell
 East Marion—J. C. Wakefield
 First—H. E. Bolick
 St. Mark's—To be supplied
 Marion Circuit—Morris J. Byers
 Mill Spring—R. Hal Finney
 Morganton: First—Earl H. Brendall
 North Morganton—P. F. Snider
 Assistant—Mrs. P. F. Snider
 Salem—Moir W. Edwards
 St. Luke—Robert L. Moore
 St. Matthews—Zion Memorial—V. P. Crowder
 Morganton Circuit—John W. Cole
 Mount Harmony—Carl A. Haire
 Mount Hebron—William L. Crowell
 Nebo—Murphy—R. H. Lickridge, Jr.
 Oak Grove—Salem—W. C. Sides
 Old Fort—Walter O. Cooper
 Old Fort Circuit—H. D. Jessup
 Red Hill—Tipton Hill—Collins Benfield
 Rutherford College—Ed Houk
 Rutherfordton—E. H. Nease, Jr.
 Spindale—S. B. Biggers
 Spruce Pine—O. L. Robinson
 Assistant—C. G. Graham (RS)
 Sunshine—David E. Hubbard
 Table Rock—E. E. Hiatt, Jr.
 Valdeese—Earl A. Haire

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

Rev. Herman F. Duncan—District Superintendent
 Alleghany—Grayson—W. Pleas Elder
 Antioch—Traphill—F. J. Rogers, Sr.
 Avery—John A. Duvall
 Blowing Rock—H. E. Spence
 Boone—M. Preston Hughes
 Boone Circuit—Ralph H. Ballard
 Boonville—Mitchell's Chapel—James B. McNeely, Jr.
 Creston—Green Valley—R. Clifton Summey
 Assistant—To be supplied
 Deerfield—To be supplied
 Elkin, First—J. H. Brendall
 Elkin Circuit—W. W. Woodward
 Elk Park—Ben T. Steele
 Helton—W. Ralph Surratt
 Hiddenite—McRae Crawford
 Jefferson—John H. Christy, Jr.
 Jonesville—W. H. Dyar
 Linville Falls—Phillip Nordstrom
 Miller's Creek—R. L. Clayton
 Moravian Falls—Haywood B. Hyatt
 Mount Bethel—W. N. Blanton, Jr.
 Mt. Park—Grassy Creek—A. Gayle Ford
 Nathan's Creek—E. E. Bingham
 North Wilkesboro, First—Robert H. Stamey
 Pisgah—Ben H. Ziglar
 St. Paul's—S. E. White
 Sparta—Gary H. Brown

Stony Point—Kenneth Horn
 Taylorsville—R. L. Wilkinson
 Todd—J. O. Fritchard (AS)
 Warrensville—C. C. Bell
 Watauga—A. A. Wilson
 West Jefferson—Charles A. Rhinehart
 West Yaddin—A. B. Pearce, Jr.
 Wilkesboro—Jesse L. Johnson, Jr.
 Yaddinville—Center—O. L. Brown

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Bethany—Franklin E. Brown
 Bethel—R. G. Wagoner
 Centenary—B. C. Adams
 Center Grove—C. D. Brown
 China Grove—First—M. C. Reese
 South—Ervin S. Cook
 Cold Springs—Charles E. Page
 Concord: Ann Street—Clark W. Benson
 Center—F. S. Starnes (AS)
 Central—Roy E. Bell
 Epworth—A. C. Kennedy, Jr.
 Forest Hill—J. B. McLarty
 Harmony—R. M. Varner
 Kerr Street—G. N. Dulin
 Westford—W. B. Penny
 Concord Circuit—J. W. Parker
 Elmwood—T. F. Pritchard (AS)
 Friendship—Earl A. Cook (RS)
 Gay's Chapel—J. C. Swain
 Gold Hill—Bethlehem—M. D. Seeborn
 Kannapolis: Bethpage—M. R. Howard
 Jackson Park—W. Q. Grigg
 Memorial—I. M. Brendle
 Midway—G. W. Bumgarner
 Mount Mitchell—Ray S. Cody
 North—J. D. Harris
 Royal Oaks—Wade Benson (AS)
 Trinity—Charles D. White
 Landis—Hubert A. Brown
 Long Street—Yaddin—Fred Shinn
 Midland—Frank B. Turner
 Mount Olivet—Joe M. Taylor, Jr.
 Mount Pleasant—Earl P. Crow, Jr.
 Oak Grove—Unity—R. E. Sides
 Providence—Terry L. Hammill
 Richfield—G. W. Clay
 Roberta—Earl Hansell (AS)
 Rock Grove—T. P. Starnes, Jr.
 Rockwell—Liberty—E. C. Simpson
 Rocky Ridge—V. R. Masters
 Rowan—Bobby Moody (AS)
 Salisbury: Coburn Memorial—Harold R. Simpson
 First—H. L. Creech, Jr.
 Assistant—F. W. Kiker, Jr.
 Main Street—J. L. Love
 Milford Hills—E. R. Freeman
 Park Avenue—J. G. Wilkinson
 Shiloh, Granite Quarry—J. W. Hoyle, III
 Shiloh (Cabarrus)—James Long
 Spencer, Central—W. B. Royals
 Woodleaf—Frank J. Stough
 Assistant—Mrs. Frank J. Stough

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

Dr. J. Elwood Carroll—District Superintendent
 Balls Creek—W. L. Harkey
 Catawba—M. C. Ellerbe
 Chapel Hill—D. H. Dennis (RS)
 Claremont, Bethlehem—James S. Bellamy
 Collier's—William C. Cockman
 Concord—Hopewell—Joseph E. Green
 Conover, First—Paul D. Lowder
 Cool Springs—E. D. Cantor, Jr.
 Fairgrove—Charles E. Bruce
 Fair View—W. E. Ruffy
 Grace Chapel—Dale Hilton
 Granite Falls, First—R. F. Swink
 Harmony—W. H. Key
 Harper's—G. L. Lovett
 Hickory: Bethel—J. C. Gilland
 First—J. Garland Winkler
 Assistant—R. Clem Goforth
 Highland—R. J. Barnwell
 St. Luke's—Jacob B. Golden
 Westview—Oscar L. Easter
 Hudson—Clegg W. Avett
 Lenoir: First—J. J. Holmes
 South—Mt. Olivet—William E. Walker
 Whithel—R. H. Strader
 Littlejohn—Gamewell—Tracy H. Streater
 Maiden, First—J. Alton Fitzgerald
 May's Chapel—St. Paul's—Dayle Groh
 McKendree—Levi E. Paschall
 Midway—Trinity—Lonnie W. Templeton
 Monticello—Rose Chapel—Fred L. Setzer
 Assistant—H. M. Wellman
 Mooresville: Broad Street—Robert J. Goldston
 Central—Thad L. McDonald
 Jones Memorial—Bryson C. Sweezy
 New Salem—Wm. H. Pheagin, Jr.
 Newton: Abernethy Memorial—O. Dewey Smith
 First—Brunson Wallace
 Olin—Donald W. Ashe
 (also) Powell L. Williams, Jr.
 Rhodhiss—T. C. McLean
 Shiloh—Preston L. Smith
 Shiloh—Wesley Chapel—James B. Lloyd
 South Fork—Ernest U. Stephens
 Statesville: Boulevard—G. E. White
 Broad Street—Walter Lee Lanier
 Race Street—John K. Miller
 Wesley Memorial—C. Marvin Boggs
 Terrell—C. Frank Pennigar
 Triplett—Donald K. Funderburk
 Troutman—Gilreath E. Adams

Union Grove—Zion—Donald W. Haynes
 Vanderburg—Homer A. Barker
 West Iredell—Byron Shankle

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

Rev. John H. Carper, District Superintendent
 Advance—Mocks—Fletcher Andrews
 Bethany—Cotton Grove—Calvin Clay Manning
 Bethesda—A. T. Tuttle
 Cid—C. L. Grant
 Coolemece—Joe T. Melton
 Davidson—John T. Frazier, Jr.
 Davie—J. S. White
 Denton, Central—Fred R. Barber
 Denton Circuit—G. A. Hovis
 Dulins—Dwight L. Mashburn
 Elbaton—M. A. Latham
 Eldorado—Jesse G. Scott
 Farmer—Wm. H. Dingus
 Farmington—Benny Bearden
 Good Hope—Arcadia—W. T. Forbis
 Greer's Chapel—Wm. G. Biggerstaff
 Hopewell—Clarence B. Smith
 Lexington: Erlanger—Carl Lain
 First—Julian A. Lindsey
 Trinity—Roy L. Grant
 Wesley Heights—St. Timothy—Harley Cecil
 Liberty—Concord—R. G. McClamrock
 Linwood—Tyro—A. J. Pearce
 Macedonia—Robert A. Clanton, Jr.
 Midway—Sam B. Moss
 Mocksville, First—W. W. Blanton
 Mocksville Circuit—Cameron M. Dodson
 Mt. Carmel—Ebenezer—J. O. Dowdle
 New Mt. Vernon—Shady Grove—W. C. Crummett
 North Davidson—E. A. Lamb
 Oak Grove—George E. Auman
 Pine Woods—Fairview—F. A. Wright
 Pleasant Grove—Herbert T. Penry, Jr.
 Prospect—Pleasant Hill—Frank A. Jeffers
 Reeds—G. A. Upton
 Shiloh—A. A. Kyles
 South Davidson—Wm. R. Frost
 Tabernacle—A. L. Disher
 Thomasville: Bethel—Bobby Joe Dennis
 Fair Grove—Dwight Pyatt
 First—Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr.
 Johnsonstown—R. C. Steed, Jr.
 Memorial—M. E. Harbin
 Assistant—Rodney C. Brown
 Trinity—A. R. Davis
 Unity—Barrett Wilson
 West End—Paul R. Barrier
 Welcome, Center—C. C. Phillips

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

Rev. Mark K. Tuttle, District Superintendent
 Andrews—Dorris P. Smotherman
 Bethel—David E. Bullins
 Bryson City—J. S. Johnson
 Canton, Central—J. W. Braxton
 Canton, First—Miles A. McLean
 Cherokee—T. G. Highfill
 Clyde, Central—R. P. Bunch
 Crabtree—William C. Clark
 Cullowhee—A. A. Ferguson
 Dellwood—R. G. Russell
 Fines Creek—Robert E. Boggan
 Franklin, First
 Director Group Ministry—Robert E. Early
 Franklin Circuit—Merrill G. Perkins
 Hayesville, First
 Director Group Ministry—W. R. Jacks
 Hayesville Circuit—C. W. Faulkner
 Haywood Circuit—Ivon L. Roberts
 Faith—Francis Cove—Mrs. M. D. Newell
 Assistant—C. O. Newell
 Highlands—Cashiers—John C. Vernon
 Junaluska, Long's Chapel—Marvin E. Hoyle, Jr.
 Macon Circuit—C. Garland Young
 Morning Star—Clarence E. Williams
 Murphy, First
 Director Group Ministry—C. F. Womble
 Murphy Circuit—C. A. Smith
 Assistant—Finley Orr
 North Macon Circuit—Raymond L. Himes
 Pigeon Valley—Harry Queen
 Robbinsville—C. W. Sartin
 Rockwood—Plains—L. Donald Ellis
 Shady Grove—C. B. Barr, Jr.
 Shooting Creek—Cletes A. Pope
 Sylva, First—W. B. A. Culp
 Sylva Circuit—J. Carl Sorrells
 Waynesville, First—R. Herman Nicholson
 Webster Circuit—Roger D. Pearson
 West Macon Circuit—J. C. Lane
 Whittier Circuit—Aubrey L. Brown

WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Rev. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent
 Concord—Sharon—John R. Little
 Danbury—Robert M. Smith, Jr.
 Dobson—P. T. Dixon
 East Bend—O. E. Merritt
 Forsythe—Stokes—Donald C. Davis
 Germantown—Oak Grove—J. Dwight Cartner
 Hickory Ridge—James M. Murr
 Kernersville:
 Cherry St.—Pine Grove—M. W. Heckard, Jr.
 Main Street—C. J. Caudill
 King—Joe C. Smith
 Level Cross—Tabor H. Wood
 Lewisville—James T. Ingram

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High School Students to "Rough It" in Great Smokies

Two dozen Methodist senior high school students, including five adult leaders, will "rough it" in the Great Smoky Mountains during a June 12-17 church-sponsored trip.

The group will sleep in family-type tents and cook meals over pits and campfires as they learn about life together in Christian community living.

The boys and girls are all in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades, and come from First Methodist and Hawthorne Lane Methodist Churches, Charlotte. This is the first of five camping projects the two churches will hold jointly. On this trip they will travel in cars and use a mobile kitchen.

Leaders for the trip will be the Rev. Kenneth Horn, associate minister of First Church; Barbara Cox, director of Christian education for Hawthorne Lane Church; David Myers, director of Christian education for Belmont Park Methodist Church; and Dick Jarrell, a layman of Calvary Methodist Church, who is constructing a mobile kitchen trailer for the trip.

The Rev. Don Bridger, pastor of Harrison Methodist Church and director of youth for the Charlotte Methodist District, will join the group during its tour through the Smokies.

Wesleyan Service Guild Will Meet July 7-9

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild will have its annual week-end meeting at Lake Junaluska July 7-9.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is for employed Methodist women. It is an auxiliary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Florence Hooper of Baltimore, Md., will speak Friday evening, July 7, on "South of the Border: Down Mexico Way."

Mrs. R. F. Foy, Richmond, Va., secretary of spiritual life for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society, will lead a period of prayer and meditation Saturday morning. Her theme will be, "Links with God."

"The Guild program will include workshops on ways of developing our mission and our faith," said Mrs. S. M. Harmon, Memphis, Tenn., Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild secretary.

Goes to Morehead City

Miss Anne Barnette, a rising junior at Greensboro College, came to the First Methodist Church in Morehead City June 5th, as director of Religious Education for the summer. Miss Barnette has an excellent background in Christian education. She has served as the president of the Durham District MYF, also as president of the subdistrict, and in various other capacities. Dr. Raymond Smith of Greensboro College stated that she is one of the religious leaders of their campus.

APPOINTMENTS

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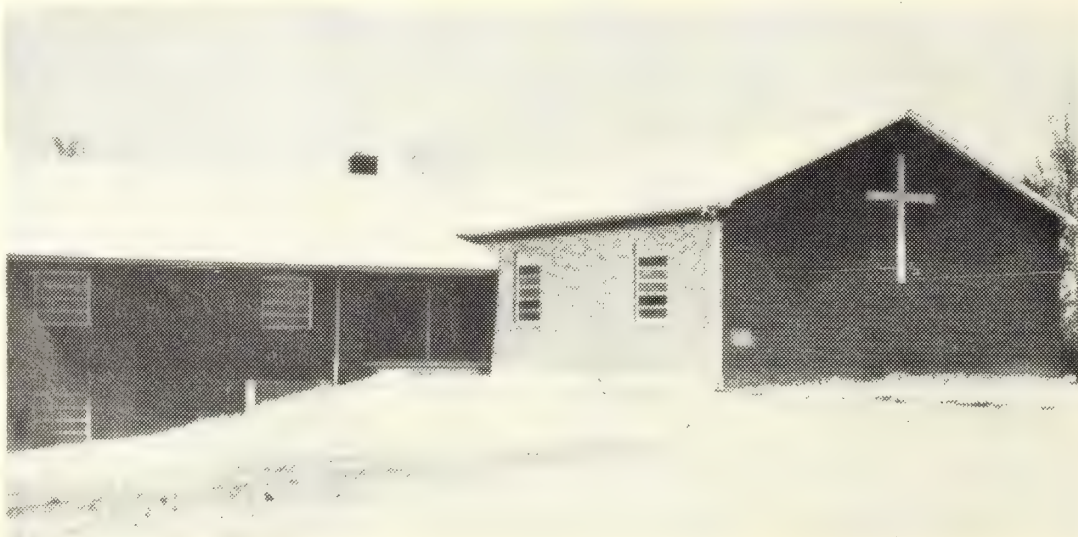
Mount Airy: Central—Frank C. Smathers
Franklin Heights—J. B. Tabor
Rockford Street—Giles O. Bowman
Salem—Paul Taylor
Mount Airy Circuit—Wallace Ryals
Mount Pleasant—Tabernacle—D. L. Fisher
New Hope Circuit—J. Marion Fulk
Oak Grove and Director
Greater Mt. Airy Parish—C. W. Randolph
Pilot Mountain—H. I. Ridenhour
Pine Grove—Clemmons—Donald E. Rollins
Pinnacle—Arthur R. Livengood

Rural Hall—Gene H. Little
Sedge Garden—H. C. Young, Jr.
Shiloh—Olivet—J. B. Davis (AS)
Shoals—Dewey Morrison
Smithtown—E. W. Mills
Stokesburg—Pine Hall—E. F. Pepper, Jr.
Surry Circuit—Forest Church
Virginia Circuit—M. Loy Kennedy
Walkertown: Loves—R. P. Crawley
Morris Chapel—George W. Thompson
West Forsyth—Kyle N. Smith
Winston-Salem: Ardmore—W. Harold Groce
Burkhead—Lee Barnett
Centenary—W. Kenneth Goodson
Associate—H. A. Justice
Minister of Education—R. R. Hanner, Jr.
Central Terrace—C. Jerome Huneycutt
Children's Home—A. L. Chamblee, Jr.
Crews—J. S. Gibbs, Jr.
Grace—E. M. Heath
Green Street—W. T. Medlin, Jr.
Hanes-Bethel—E. O. Temple, Jr.
Hiatt Memorial—Thomas J. Howard
Konnoak Hills—J. E. Cockran
Maple Springs—Jerry D. Murray
Marvin—H. A. Pruyn
Mount Carmel—D. W. Charlton, Jr.
Mount Pisgah—H. R. Wilkinson
Mount Pleasant—G. F. Houck
Mount Tabor—J. H. Coleman
Assistant—R. A. Hunter
New Hope—Reginald J. Cooke
Oak Summit—Kenneth M. Johnson
Ogburn Memorial—Clyde L. Collins
Trinity—Frank B. Cook
Union Ridge—Zane G. Norton
Wesley Memorial—R. J. Starling



WASHINGTON, D. C.—First copy of the history, "Air Force Chaplains," was presented by Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Terence P. Finnegan, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, to Eugene M. Zuchert, (right) Secretary of the Air Force. Looking on is the author, Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel B. Jorgensen, a Methodist minister who is a member of the Detroit Conference. He spent nearly three years in researching and writing the history. (Air Force Photo).

Pinnacle Methodist Church observed Open House and the laying of the cornerstone April 30, 1961. Services began with Sunday school and preaching at 11:00 o'clock. In the absence of Dr. Fletcher Nelson, the district superintendent, the Rev. V. P. Crowder assisted the pastor, Rev. E. F. Kale, in the message and the laying of the cornerstone. This is one of the most modern rural churches anywhere. The attendance has increased about thirty-five percent. The educational building has six large classrooms, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, and two rest rooms. The sanctuary will seat 250. The cost of the building is \$40,000, and we owe \$11,000 on our indebtedness.



Peachland Charge Shows Great Progress

Peachland charge has made great strides in the past few years, as is evidenced by the four beautiful buildings shown here. Rev. John Oakley has just completed his third year as pastor.

On the charge two churches have built educational buildings, one built a new church and one has remodeled. They have received 109 members during the past three years and at present have 113 subscribers to the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

PEACHLAND

The Peachland Church has built a new educational building at a cost of \$13,000.00. They owe only \$1,600.00 and Duke has promised the last \$750.00.

The work of Rollin P. Gibbs, director of field service and finance of the Conference, helped get the work started at two of the churches: Peachland and Mt. Moriah.

The churches have all enjoyed revival meetings with several outstanding evangelists doing the preaching. The financial reports have jumped by the thousands over the past three years as follows:

1958, \$8,384.00; 1959, \$15,786.00; 1960, \$24,740.00; 1961, \$36,578.00.

HOPEWELL

Repairs and painting on old building. New educational building at left of church near completion. Valued at \$20,000.00. We owe only \$2,000.00 on this new building. The church was built (organized) in 1808. Rebuilt in 1880, 1940. (Received \$1,500 Duke Endowment).

MT. MORIAH

This is a small church but they have a "mind to work." The beautiful new church in the picture is valued at \$35,000.00. They have received aid from the Mission Board, the Anson and Union Mission Society and Duke Endowment. The old church was one of the few one-room churches left in the conference. This is a "miracle!" Only 40 members, but they had a vision, and will grow.

FOUNTAIN HILL

Fountain Hill Church was built in 1825; rebuilt 1855, 1881, and 1937. Pews were refinished at a cost of \$378.00; new roof at a cost of \$262.10; new furnace at a cost of \$859.00; and repairs and painting at a cost of \$910.32.

THE PICTURES: →

Top to bottom: Peachland, Hopewell, Mt. Moriah, Fountain Hill.





Woman's Activities



WSG Has Special Interests

By MARY GARDNER

The Wesleyan Service Guild has a part in the support of all the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in home and foreign fields. Certain parts of this work are chosen each quadrennium as "Special Interests of the Wesleyan Service Guild." During this quadrennium we are thinking especially about Town and Country Work at home and Children's Work, including training programs for children's workers in other countries. From time to time there are articles in *The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook* describing the work done.

Places that have been chosen as typical and descriptive of Town and Country Work and Children's Work around the world and designated as "Special Interests" for the Wesleyan Service Guild are: Minga Baby Fold, the Congo, Africa, a home for babies whose mothers are patients in the colony for those who have leprosy. Also in Africa the Central Primary School in Southern Rhodesia, a school which provides educational opportunities for children in surrounding villages. In India and Pakistan the interest is on Christian literature, and the need is urgent; in Nishinomiya, the Seiwa Joshi Gakuin training school for kindergarten teachers and Christian education workers; in Korea are baby folds, day nurseries and kindergartens. In Latin America there is the Peoples' Central Institute at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; religious education needs and Christian literature needs at Mexico City. In Southeast Asia, China, and Malaya there is Shellabear Hall, a hostel for students in the Methodist Girls' School, and in Hong Kong the work with refugee children, including "Roof Top" centers.

In the home field the WSG's "special interests" is Town and Country Work. Often a deaconess or other workers of the Woman's Division serve in an area covering several churches. Guilds will be studying the following Town and Country projects in particular: Yuma Methodist Mission, Yuma, Arizona; Cherokee Methodist Center, Cherokee, N. C.; Maine Rural Work, West Washington Group Ministry, Machias, Maine; Scott's Run Settlement, Osage, W. Va.; and Central Texas Rural Work, Limestone County, Texas. — *Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook*.

Methodist Church Concerned For Handicapped

It has been discovered that approximately one out of every ten children of school age is handicapped. Because of the Methodist Church's concern for the nation's handicapped children, a conference was recently called at which the church's ministry to the handicapped was considered, according

to Mrs. J. S. Henneger, secretary of children's work, N. C. Conference WSCS.

Out of this conference three tangible actions by the church to aid the handicapped child were emphasized. These are (1) give attention to the family of the child enrolled in the church school; (2) a teacher having such a child in her class should consult the social worker in her community; (3) create a climate in the class that will enable the child to feel welcome and become one of the group.

Mrs. Henneger has also announced that the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society summary report on children's work reveals that the N. C. Conference holds first place in the number of secretaries of this line of work teaching in additional sessions. The conference is second in the number of local secretaries of children's work reporting; in number of local secretaries; in number of additional sessions, and the number of secretaries of children's work working in church schools.

Conference Officers to Attend School

Methodist women from nine southeastern states will converge on Lake Junaluska June 29-July 6 for the Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS Annual School of Missions and Christian Service. The school's theme is "In Thee Our Life Is One."

The courses of study and instructors will include Churches for New Times, the Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Leonard, Philadelphia, Pa.; The Christian Mission in Latin America, Miss Florence Hooper, Baltimore, Md., and the Rev. Dr. Howard W. Yoder, New York City. Also, The Christian and Responsible Citizenship, James A. Hamilton, Washington, D. C., and Miss Thelma Stevens, New York City; and The Meaning of Suffering, the Rev. Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo, Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. Dr. Charles M. Laymon, Lakeland, Fla. The Bible Hour leader will be the Rev. Dr. Ronald R. Meredith, Wichita, Kansas.

Among other features of the school will be clinics for officers' training.

N. C. Conference officers expected to attend are Mrs. H. C. Turlington, president; Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, vice-president; Mrs. H. W. Doub, recording secretary; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, treasurer; Mrs. T. S. Newbold, secretary of Christian social concerns; Mrs. Harold Braswell, missionary education and service; Mrs. C. H. Boyd, secretary of promotion. Also, Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, spiritual life; Mrs. J. S. Henneger, children's work; Mrs. L. S. Thompson, supply work. A number of district officers will also attend.

The N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild's representatives at the school will be

Miss Juanita Scott, conference Guild secretary; Mrs. J. M. Carraway, chairman Christian social relations; Miss Agnes Gunter, spiritual life, and the chairman of missionary education and service (to be named).

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MISS KELLY WRITES FROM AFRICA

"As one door closes, another *wide* one opens," says Miss Lorena Kelly in a recent letter to her friends at home. Miss Kelly has been a Methodist missionary in Africa for the past 26 years, having served in the Congo until January when all missionaries were evacuated to a Center in Northern Rhodesia.

The letter, written in March, described a short stay at her former school, M.M.C.C. in Lodja, Republic of Congo. It was a great disappointment to all of the missionaries when conditions forced them to leave their stations a second time.

She said in part, "Although our stay was short, we felt that it was well worth the effort. We were able to renew contacts, and give some assistance to the work. The Home Economics School was opened, and a 'movie star' appointed directress—you who have seen *Congo Journey* have seen her, Mademoiselle Georgette Dembo. We left her showing excitement in her new responsibility as leader of her alma mater.

"In many areas we saw some of this same spirit of acceptance of responsibility. The matron of the Girls' Home, Mama Adiete, handed me a report of all funds received and disbursed since July. The local school director was adding to his work schedule participation in church-wide responsibilities as he operated the station broadcasting system to talk with other stations about church matters.

"Mr. Michael Lumbu, former medical worker in charge of the dispensary at Lodja, had become the administrator of the Lambuth Memorial Hospital at Wembo Nyama. Pastor Pierre Ashema, district superintendent, headed the station council in assuming the responsibility for all station matters and the protection of all property on the station. Our local pastor was taking up his duties as assistant to Bishop Booth. Pastor John Wesley Shungu, legal representative, handed me my legal papers of departure, which he had secured from local government authorities. Similar acceptance of responsibility was taking place all over the Conference."

Miss Kelly shows a deep longing for the people of her mission when she says, "There are some wonderful people in the Congo, and we pray for them every day. You get the news of the tragedies of the country as quickly as we do, I am sure. You, too, are praying for them. We believe that the powers of evil are great; but we believe that the power of God is greater. Let us pray more earnestly that His power will reveal itself and save those wonderful people for His kingdom."

Then, looking toward the future, she says, "Recognizing this evacuation time as an excellent opportunity for the development of literature of a general type for our people, our bishop has appointed a number of

missionaries to give a part of their time to the production of it. Next week, the Literature Committee will meet here at Kitwe to make plans for this work.

"As we look to the future, beyond this pause of missionary activity in the Central Congo Conference, we recognize the challenge for accelerated participation in the strengthening of the church, and the training of leaders for the future. And we share some of Miss Dembo's excitement when we think of what the future holds for those who are given the power of God!

"We are grateful for your continued love, interest and prayers. Let us be diligent in our united effort to take Congo for Christ!"

Winston-Salem Meeting

A playlet, "Going Around in Circles," was presented by the members of the Ardmore Methodist Church at the Officers' Training Day of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Winston-Salem District held on May 16th at Centenary Church in Winston-Salem.

There were two training sessions, one from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the other from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Classes for every line of work were held. Panel discussions, lectures, questions and answers and skits were used in each group.

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, district president, presided at the meeting and Mrs. A. L. Smith, district spiritual life secretary, gave the devotional message.

One hundred eighteen were present for each session.

Remembered Quotations

"One loving heart can set another heart on fire."

"The power and the impact of the written word can be invaluable in advancing the kingdom of God."

"The Methodist Woman is the Wall Street Journal of Methodism."

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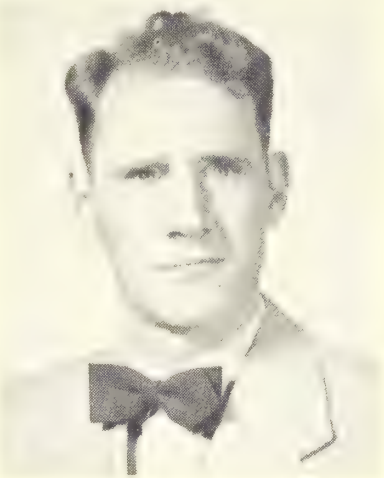
—MRS. ARNOLD KIRK

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Mineral Springs Methodist Church in Mineral Springs, met in the church sanctuary Sunday morning, May 28, where our beloved pastor, the Rev. Norwood Montgomery, conducted an installation service for the incoming officers.

Mrs. F. T. Laney, the president, then presented Adult Life Membership Certificates and pins expressing appreciation from the Woman's Society for their many years of service and devotion to our president, Mrs. L. B. Doster, and Mrs. Vaid L. Helms, our first treasurer. Each has been a faithful and loyal officer since the Society was organized in 1940.—MRS. F. T. LANEY.

Scarritt Professor to Work with Clay County Group Program

The Reverend Gene Holdredge, assistant professor of Church and the Community at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., will be assisting in the Clay County Group Ministry program this summer. The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church has secured Mr. Holdredge to visit districts in



REV. GENE HOLDREDGE

the Holston, North Carolina, North Georgia, and South Carolina Conferences for the purpose of giving information concerning facilities available at the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, and to solicit their interest in the Center as an Advance Mission Special. Mr. Holdredge plans to discuss with the leaders in the Methodist churches in the county a program through which the Center can serve more effectively and he will be available to work with the Group Ministry staff and the Council in planning and carrying out co-operative programs among the churches in the county.

Mr. Holdredge and his family will be residing in Hayesville during the summer months.

Big Spring Church Honors Name of George Paige Asbury

The Men's Bible Class of Big Spring Methodist Church recently changed its name to the "Asbury Memorial Bible Class" in memory of George Paige Asbury, who died in Charlotte on February 26, 1961. Mr. Asbury was a faithful member of the Big Spring Methodist Church, a trustee, and former teacher of the class that now bears his name.

The Asbury Memorial Class and the Senior Youth Class, taught by Mr. J. B. Faulkner, meet in the Fellowship House which was formerly the parsonage. Besides these two classes, the pastor's study and a guest room are in this building.

The Fellowship House is also used for many small group meetings such as the official board, circles, and the like. The kitchen has been kept intact, making the building useful for feeding small groups. Thus it has become one of the most useful and mose used buildings of the church.

The present parsonage was completed in June, 1959.

Council of Evangelism at Black Mountain June 30-July 5

The annual meeting of the Council of Evangelism of the Methodist Church will be held June 30-July 5 at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.

The council is an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which promotes the Methodist Church's total evangelistic program.

Among those attending will be secretaries of evangelism for Methodist annual conferences and districts and others especially interested in the total program of evangelism. They will discuss how the church can evangelize more effectively "in every conference, district, and local church."

The Rev. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio, president of the council, will give the opening address.

Morris Chapel, Walkertown, Dedicates Fellowship Hall



Shown above is the Fellowship Hall of the Morris Chapel Church at Walkertown, which was dedicated Sunday, June 4. The building has been in use for two years and nine months. The debt is now paid. The service took place on the lawn in front of the building. It was presented for dedication by Miss Carolyn Westmoreland, chairman of the Commission on Education. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, superintendent of Winston-Salem District, and Rev. C. W. Faulkner, a

former pastor, took part in the dedicatory services. The building committee was composed of Mr. O. E. Dillon, Mr. Faulkner, Lloyd Swain, Frank Vogler, and Robert West. The brick building is 40 x 80 feet, and contains a kitchen, large fellowship room which can be made into three smaller rooms, pastor's study, one classroom, furnace room, and rest rooms. The cost was \$25,000. Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor.

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Boys and Girls

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HENRY'S FATHER

Mrs. J. A. Doyle

Henry was glad when his mother called him to come home. He had sat for more than thirty minutes on the curb, not far from his home, listening to the boys talk. It had been the habit of the boys in the neighborhood as far back as Henry could remember (he was fourteen now) to gather at this place when there was nothing else to do. They would talk about whatever was of the most interest to them at the time. Sometimes it was football, basketball or baseball, or perhaps picnics, hikes or circuses.

But whatever they talked about, they always got around to their fathers. Each boy would take his turn boasting of something his father had done or was doing. When it came Henry's time they would all look at him, and someone would say, "Oh, you don't have a father!"

When each lad had his say about his father, someone would boast a little of an older brother, and how he was going to be like him. Again they would look at Henry, and one of them would say, "Oh, you don't have a brother!"

At first his heart had been filled with self-pity and loneliness, but as the years had gone by, the self-pity and loneliness had turned to anger, resentment and hatred. That was why he was glad his mother called him. He immediately arose from the curb and, walking quickly down the sidewalk toward his home, called back over his shoulder, "So long, boys!"

His mother held the door open until he reached the house. Henry went in and straight to his room. His mother touched him lightly on the shoulder as he passed, trying to show him that she understood. Her own heart was heavy, and she, too, wanted his father so much. Henry was so angry that he resented even her smile. He wanted his father, and not knowing who to blame, he blamed everyone.

He went in his room and closed the door with such force that the windows rattled and a picture fell from the wall. He reached to pick it up, and realizing it was his father's picture (or so they said), he kicked it across the room. It hit the wall with a thud, but he didn't care. He looked at the books on the book shelves, but he didn't want to read. His bed was white and soft, but he wasn't sleepy,

either. He slouched down on the bed and turned on his radio. A voice clear and calm, but so convincing, came over the air, and said, "I want to talk to you about your father." Henry straightened up to listen, then angrily turned it off.

Politeness demanded that he listen to the boys on the corner as they boasted of their fathers, but no one could come into the privacy of his home and do it. Then he remembered the voice had not said, "my father," but "your father." Was that not what he wanted to know? Something about his father? He had asked his mother to tell him about his father, but she knew so little. She had met him, and in two months they had married, and his father had hurried off to fight for freedom in the First World War.

Henry was so hungry to know something about his father that he snapped the radio back on, and the same clear voice was saying, "Yes, I want to talk to you about your father." Henry thought, "Does this person know anything about my father? Does he have a brother?" The voice was that of a minister. There in the quietness of his room Henry listened to the voice explain the love of God and the saving power of Jesus, and how God wanted to be his Father and Jesus his Saviour.

Presently he got down on his knees and accepted God as his Father and Jesus as his Saviour. He was happy now—he had a Father that he could boast about, a Father who would walk and talk with him, and a Saviour that he could pattern his life after.

Henry was no longer lonely when he met the boys on the corner, and when it was his turn to talk of his Father his head was high and his shoulders squared. He was proud of his wonderful Father and of his Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and never missed a chance to tell about them. And his influence didn't stop with the boys on the corner, but spread throughout the entire community. For Henry had found his Father!

A Father's Prayer

O God, who art our Father, take my human fatherhood and bless it with Thy Spirit. Let me not fail this young son of mine. Help me to know what Thou wouldst make of him, and use me to help and bless him. Make me loving and understanding, cheerful and patient and sensitive to all his needs, so that he

may trust me enough to come close to me and let me come very close to him. Make me ashamed to demand of him what I do not demand of myself; and help me to be the kind of man that he might pattern after. This I ask in Thy name. Amen. — *Clipped.*

Daddies and Laddies

Oh, the world is full of daddies—
Not a place but has its share;
And they're loved by little laddies
Here and there and everywhere.
And each little laddie's daddy
Thinks him better than the rest,
And each daddy's little laddie
Loves his own dear daddy best.

Oh, there are so many daddies,
Plain and handsome, poor and rich,
'Tis a wonder little laddies
Can distinguish which is which.
But at picking out his daddy
Every laddie stands the test,
For each daddy's little laddie
Loves his own dear daddy best.

—*Selected*

As They Say It in China

Some years ago a missionary, teaching in a Christian school in China, was standing in the door of her studio talking to her Chinese pupil who had just finished her piano lesson. They were watching a group of laughing girls coming toward them down the long hall.

Suddenly the music pupil began laughing, and excitedly pointed to one of the girls in the group (who was quite pigeon-toed), and exclaimed, "Look! She walk, her feet as embrace one another."

Chuckle

Dickie ran excitedly into the house. "Mama," he said, "there's the funniest man in front of the house."

"Is that so?" asked his mother. "What is he doing?"

"He's just lying on the sidewalk, yelling at a banana peel I left there."

Bible Quiz

1. What wicked king ordered the murder of John the Baptist during a birthday feast? _____
2. When Jesus healed ten lepers, how many came back to thank Him? _____
3. When God created the world, what did He do on the Sabbath? _____
4. How many years did a Hebrew slave have to work for his master? _____
5. Who worked seven years to win his wife, and then was cheated? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. David—I Samuel 16:23
2. The Tumbrell—Exodus 15:20
3. A Choir of Angels—Luke 2:13-14
4. A Trumpet—Exodus 19:19
5. The Jews in exile—Psalm 137

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JUNE 25

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THE FRUITS OF FAITH

Background Scripture: James 2; 5;
Galatians 5:22-25.

Lesson Scripture: James 2:8-17.

This lesson brings to a close the long unit on "Biblical Wisdom and Ethical Problems" which we began April 9. We have pointed out that there is much sound sense to be found in the reflections of the wise men of Old Testament times. In recent lessons we have been contrasting the Old Testament point of view with that of the New Testament.

There was a man in the early church named Marcion. He was a wealthy ship owner, and a man of intense religious convictions. He came to believe the Christian community should disown the Jewish scriptures completely and use only the writings which we have come to call the New Testament as their Bible. Had he been able to convince his fellow-Christians that he was right the history of the Christian Bible would have been very different. However, the early church saw that it could not erase its origins in Judaism and, therefore, did not follow Marcion's lead. On the contrary it kept the Jewish scriptures as a part of its Bible—about fourth-fifths of it, as a matter of fact.

One of the things the Bible student has to learn is that the Bible is not all on the same level. To prove this, all you have to do is to take a look at the well-worn Bible of a devout Christian. You will observe that parts of it are clearly much more worn than others. What does this mean? It means this person has found certain parts of it to be more helpful in his Christian life than others. Using this test, it might be found that the Psalms show as much use as much of the New Testament; perhaps even more than some parts of it.

A careful study of the wisdom writings we have considered this quarter will reveal that much of it is on the level of the "prudent." By that term we mean it has fine and helpful things to say about avoiding evil thoughts and ways. It urges upon the reader the desirability of such basic virtues as honesty, sobriety, industry, charity, thrift, chastity, kindness, etc. But it calls for no great leap of faith, no daring commitment to a cause which may be very unpopular, and the championship of which may bring scorn, and even suffering.

Now the book of James is one which clearly sets forth these familiar and practical virtues. We owe a great deal to it because it has no patience at all with sham and pretense. It calls upon us to "put up, or shut up." This emphasis comes out strongly in James 2:8-17, our Scripture for today.

Some think that the writer of the book of James had been exposed to a one-sided view of Paul's great doctrine of salvation by faith, and wanted to write a message that would correct this over-emphasis on faith by stressing the undeniable importance of good works. Chapter 1, verse 22, might be taken as a sort of theme for the book: "Be ye doers of the word, not hearers only." But with all its emphasis on works, James

does not say faith is unimportant. In 2:18 he says: "Show me your faith apart from your works, and I *by my works will show you my faith.*" In James' experience the good works were the certain fruit of a good faith.

There was a recent period in American religious thought which was inclined to favor the idea that "it doesn't matter what you believe; it is what you do that counts." We have become somewhat wiser now. We know it does make a tremendous difference what men believe. The New Testament emphasizes the importance of attitudes, motives, intentions, commitments. In short, it argues that our behavior is a direct outgrowth of our faith. F. Olin Stockwell, the last Christian missionary to leave Red China, recounts his experience of listening to the commander of a Communist military detachment "preaching" to his soldiers on the importance of believing with passion the teachings of Karl Marx. Stockwell then pleads for a greater knowledge of and commitment to the basic beliefs of our faith on the part of Christians, arguing that the future belongs to those who know what they believe and why they believe it. If we accept the proposition that real Christian living comes only from those who believe profoundly in it, and then look around at what we see, must we not come to the conclusion that something has gone wrong with many persons' belief? That's a good question for your class discussion.

New Commission to Make Its First Conference Report

The new Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information of the North Carolina Conference, set up at the conference of 1960, will present its first report to that body at its meeting in Durham June 26-29. Mr. Dallas Mallison of Carolina Beach is chairman of the commission, and a report has been prepared which calls for the setting up of a Conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information similar to some in operation elsewhere in Methodism. Statistics on the number of news media, such as newspapers, radio, and television in the bounds of the conference are cited, and it is said the opportunities for spreading Methodist information of interest are very great. The proposal is made that an agency be set up from which news stories of interest would be sent out to these media. It is proposed that a director be employed to operate the agency on a part-time basis and a suggested budget approved. The length of the report forbids that it be carried in full because of a lack of space. It contains about thirty pages. The full report will be carried in the Book of Reports which delegates to the conference will receive. All reports to be acted upon by the conference are carried in this book.

Samuel Lindsay Hall Joins Wesleyan Faculty

Samuel Lindsay Hall will become an instructor of mathematics at North Carolina Wesleyan College in September, according to an announcement by President Thomas A. Collins.

Hall is completing the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching at Duke University this summer preparatory to his teaching assign-



SAMUEL L. HALL

ment this fall. He was graduated from Lehigh University with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering.

He comes to Wesleyan from a distinguished career in the Ordnance Corps of the U. S. Army, entering as a first lieutenant in 1940 and retiring recently as Colonel. For three years he served as assistant professor of military science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is teaching algebra and calculus at Duke University at present.

In addition to his college service, Hall served overseas in Panama, Korea, and Japan. A native of New Jersey, he worked in the Smith, Kline, and French Laboratories prior to entering the service.

He is a member of Theta Xi, Scabbard and Blade, and American Ordnance Association. Among his hobbies are tennis, golf, and photography.

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Interesting Methodist Matters

The North Central Regional Church Music Institute will be held July 9-14 at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

Dr. Dennis V. Snapp, Paris, Ky., retired June 1 after 42 years as executive secretary of the Kentucky Conference Board of Education and its predecessor organizations. This is the longest record of service in the Methodist Church as executive secretary of an annual conference board of education. A layman, Dr. Snapp has also edited and published conference organs and is a former secretary-treasurer of the Methodist Press Association.

Wesley Comes to Wesley

On the anniversary of Aldersgate, May 24, a bronze equestrian statue of John Wesley was dedicated at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C. The date commemorated the heart-warming experience of Methodism's founder in 1738. The life-size statue came from England as the gift of Lord J. Arthur Rank to American Methodists, on behalf of British Methodists. It is an exact copy of a statue in Bristol, England, believed to be the only one of Wesley on horseback.

NAFOMM to Meet in West

The biennial meeting of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians will be held August 6-11 at California Western University, San Diego. About 400 church directors and ministers of music and other church musicians are expected to attend.

Retired Bishop W. Earl Ledden, now professor of Christian worship at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be one of the principal speakers.

New officers will be elected, and their installation and consecration will be led by the Rev. Dr. Bliss Wiant, Nashville, Tenn., director of the ministry of music of the Board of Education and executive secretary of NAFOMM.

It's a Methodist Fact

Two out of the five largest private universities in the U. S. are Methodist-related. Boston University, with 18,977 students, ranks fourth after N. Y. University, Columbia, and Temple. The other Methodist school—Syracuse University—is fifth with 18,195 students.

Bishop Gerald Kenedy of Los Angeles has named two Southern California pastors to churches in Honolulu, Hawaii. Rev. Lawrence A. Hinshaw, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Encino, goes to First Church, Honolulu, and Rev. Lester D. Cleveland, pastor at Eastmont Church, Los Angeles, will become minister of Aldersgate Church in Honolulu.

After one year of operation, the church's newest institution of higher learning, Alaska Methodist University, already has three alumni. The first three graduates, who had completed all but their senior year elsewhere, received their degrees at AMU's first commencement exercises May 14 in Grant Hall at Anchorage. The degrees were conferred by President Fred P. McGinnis. Dr. H. Conwell Snoke of Philadelphia, general secretary of the Division of National Missions, gave the commencement address.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant of the Portland Area, who heads the board of trustees, gave the baccalaureate sermon. There were 160 students enrolled during the first year. The school now has 17 full-time and 11 part-time teachers.

First-Hand Touch of Missions

Four work camps and a travel seminar will give about 70 Methodist college students an opportunity to participate first-hand in the mission of the church this summer.

As in past summers, students will combine physical work with study, worship, and recreation. The work will range from helping to build a Methodist church in Brasilia, the booming new capital of Brazil, to renovating a social center in El Paso, Texas. The summer service projects are sponsored jointly by the Methodist Student Movement and the Methodist Boards of Education and Missions.

New Record of Distribution

A record distribution of 23,210,485 Bibles, testaments and other portions of scripture during 1960 was reported at the recent annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York. This was 32 percent greater than in any other year of the society's 145-year history. It exceeded by more than five million volumes the previous all-time high set in 1959.

New publications during the year brought to 1,165 the total number of languages in which at least one complete book of the Bible is known to have been published—an increase of 14 over the number reported at the end of 1959.

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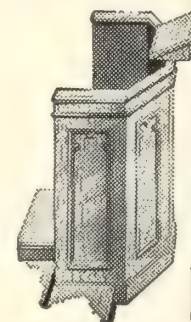
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★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ THE REV. RUSSELL MONTFORT, pastor at Davidson, was granted the Doctor of Divinity degree by Davidson College at its graduating exercises Sunday, May 28.

¶ MR. T. BARKER DAMERON, of Goldsboro, was elected recently to life membership on the official board of St. Paul Church, in recognition of his fine churchmanship and constant loyalty in community service.

¶ MISS LINDA JONES, Mount Airy, and Darrell Ayers, Rock Hill, have been named to head the Women's and Men's Student Government Associations, respectively, at Pfeiffer College for the 1961-62 year. Both are rising seniors.

¶ REV. VIRGIL QUEEN, pastor of First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, delivered the God and Country Award in Scouting to Lawrence Jennette Dunstan and Walter Frederick Cohoon at the close of worship services on Sunday, June 4.

¶ DR. G. RAY JORDAN, professor in the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., and member of the Western North Carolina Conference, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at Central Methodist Church, Asheville, Sunday, June 11.

¶ THE EDITOR of the ADVOCATE had the delightful privilege of preaching at Central Methodist Church, Canton, at 8:30 Sunday morning, June 11. Rev. J. W. Braxton is pastor. A good congregation was present for the early service.

¶ THE PELHAM METHODIST Church began revival services last Sunday, June 18, with Rev. James Miller, pastor at Gibsonville, as the visiting preacher. Services are being held each evening at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is pastor at Pelham.

¶ ANY MINISTER desiring to trace his ordination back to its beginning in Methodism may do so by contacting Mrs. Louis Stahl, librarian, at World Methodist Council headquarters, Lake Junaluska, N. C., for information.

¶ DR. HORACE MCSWAIN, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 12, to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Myers Park Church, Charlotte. Dr. McSwain's subject was "Home for the Homeless."

¶ REV. MAX BRANDON, SR., preached at First Methodist Church, Morganton, Sunday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Brandon served for a number of years in the pastorate of the Western North Carolina Conference, retiring in 1960. He and Mrs. Brandon live near Morganton.

¶ PLANK CHAPEL CHURCH, Raleigh District, organized in 1780 by Bishop Asbury in his missionary journeys through the Carolinas, observed Homecoming Day Sunday, June 11. Rev. B. O. Merritt, who was pastor of the church from 1933 to 1937, was the speaker for the occasion, and picnic lunch was served following the service. Rev. Charles E. Owens is the present pastor.

¶ THE CHESTNUT RIDGE Methodist Church, near Effland, dedicated the new church and educational plant at 11:00 o'clock June 18. This was the climax of a seven-year effort to provide better facilities. The new plant is valued at \$50,000. Gayle T. Alexander is the pastor.

¶ MISS JOAN MORRIS, of Rocky Mount, was awarded the \$200 Pilot Club Scholarship to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. Miss Morris was graduated with honors from Benvenue High School. She was a Beta Club member at Benvenue and is active in Bethlehem Presbyterian Church.

¶ REV. VERNON TYSON, who is associate pastor at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service last Sunday morning. Mr. Tyson plans to leave his present position and assume a full pastorate of a church at the forthcoming annual conference.

¶ THE REV. J. L. SMITH, retired member of the North Carolina Conference now living in Kannapolis, preached at Trinity Methodist Church in Kannapolis on Sunday, June 11, in the absence of the Rev. Charles D. White, who was attending annual conference at Lake Junaluska.

¶ REV. M. C. ELLERBE, pastor at Catawba, was the breakfast speaker at an 8:00 o'clock meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at the Triplett Methodist Church, Mooresville, on Sunday, June 18. Rev. Mr. Ellerbe was pastor of Triplett Church when the Methodist Men's Club was organized.

¶ DR. HARRY DENHAM, executive secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, spent the week-end of June 10-11 in Wilmington, under the sponsorship of the Christian Business Men's Committee. He spoke at a breakfast meeting at Friendly Cafeteria Saturday morning at 7:45; at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, and at First Presbyterian Church Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock.

¶ DR. NAT M. HARRISON of High Point spoke to the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Central Church, Asheboro, Monday evening, June 12, at 7:30. Dr. Harrison spoke of the Cuban refugee situation in Miami, and told what the churches and civic groups are attempting to do to meet the needs there. Recently Dr. Harrison secured and delivered 22 truck-loads of food and clothing for these refugees.

¶ IT WAS GOOD to see and fellowship with so many friends during the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska. Through the years in college, the pastors' school, and otherwise we have known and loved the brethren of our conferences in North Carolina. And we repeat here what we said to the conference when speaking of the ADVOCATE, and that is that we have in North Carolina as fine cross section of Methodism as can be found anywhere. It is a high privilege to be a part of this great church and be engaged in serving our Lord and His kingdom as we work together.

¶ REV. M. G. ERVIN, who retired at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, is now living in Yancey County. His address is Route 5, Burnsville, N. C.

¶ MINISTERS who are moving to new charges should send their new address, along with the old address to the ADVOCATE, so changes can be made and they will not miss an issue.

¶ ALBEMARLE DISTRICT will hold a district set-up meeting Sunday afternoon, July 9, at 3:00 o'clock at Central Church, Albemarle. The district stewards will meet to make the apportionments to the charges of the district for the new year.

¶ FRIENDS of DR. W. A. KALE, professor of practical theology in the Duke Divinity School, who underwent an operation on June 13, will be glad to know he is improving nicely and expects to be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

¶ REV. H. L. HENDRICKS, retired member of the North Carolina Conference now living in Tarboro, entered Duke Hospital, Durham, June 7. He expects to remain there for several days more for observation and treatment.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Mt. Olive, completed the 10-week Every Member Canvass recently with 63% increase in the total amount of pledges over the previous year and a revival of interest in the church and its program.

¶ THE REV. J. F. MINNIS, pastor of Lucama Methodist Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the senior class of Lucama High School on Sunday morning, May 28. Mr. Minnis was formerly a missionary in India and for the past year has been in Lucama.

¶ REV. ED E. SNOW, who was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference from 1924 to 1943, was retired at the recent session of the Florida Conference and is now making his home at 6 Cassia Lane, DeBary, Florida.

¶ MISS PATRICIA GORHAM of Rocky Mount was awarded the \$450 Junior Guild Freshman Scholarship to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College. She was a member of the National Honor Society of Rocky Mount Senior High School and is an active member of First Baptist Church.

¶ PLEASANT GREEN CHURCH, Durham District, held homecoming services last Sunday, June 18. The editor of the ADVOCATE, a former pastor, preached. A large congregation was present, and it was good to enjoy again the fine fellowship and the good food for which this church is so well known. Rev. W. P. Weaver is closing his third year as pastor, and is in fine favor with his people.

No Advocate Next Week

It has been a custom of long standing to skip one issue of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE near July Fourth. Therefore there will be no ADVOCATE published next week, June 29. This date was selected in order to enable us to carry the appointments of the North Carolina Conference in the issue of July 6, which will be our next issue.

Special Appointments for Western N. C. Conference

The list of pastoral appointments for the Western North Carolina Conference was included in last week's *ADVOCATE*, but for lack of space the "Special" appointments had to be omitted until this week. We are carrying them here. Ministers may desire to clip this list and preserve it for future reference until the Conference Journal is printed.

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EDITORIALS

When Religion and Reason Are Applied

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, speaking recently at the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, set forth a sane and reasonable attitude toward the question of integration when he said that if a person of another race came to a church of which he was pastor and sought membership he would ask the question, just as he asked the question of all who came for the same purpose: "Why do you come? Is it to worship or to demonstrate?" He said every church should be open to every person for worship, but he was opposed to demonstrations. "There are two aspects of the problem," said the bishop. "One is the aspect of public citizenship. Every man who is a citizen ought to enjoy equal rights in all public places and facilities. But when you touch on voluntary associations, that is something else. Public rights are one thing, but there are private rights also. The Protestant church is a voluntary association, and I believe that in time people will provide the answer to their problems if force is kept out of it." The bishop continued by saying, "If I had a brother of another race who wanted to join my church, I think I would meet him privately, just as I meet privately with all people who want to join the church, and if I found that he was not really anxious to join a real fellowship, but, really to break down the barrier that our social mores has had established for generations, I would suggest he join a fellowship of his own race."

The bishop, no doubt, was expressing what many people feel. The whole difficulty seems to spring from the effort to use force or to coerce people and groups to yield to a desire of a few who want to dominate. People are usually willing to be led, but are inclined to be rather stubborn when they feel they are being pushed around. Back in the preceding century the races worshiped together satisfactorily, but it was on a voluntary basis. There would probably be very few church people who would want to deny anyone the right and privilege of worship in their church if they felt the desire was genuine. In fact there are churches where that condition prevails. It is our belief that if outside influences were not at work, local groups could solve their problems much more quickly. We have many fine people in each race in the southland, and each of these groups has the right to form voluntary associations, and quite naturally, each group would also be inclined to resent some other group forcing its way into

THEME FOR THE WEEK

*"Better is a little with righteousness,
than great revenue without right."*

—Proverbs 16:8.

that fellowship with ulterior motives. It becomes a matter of which foot the shoe is on. Religion and reason can solve any problem that needs to be solved.

North Carolina Has Quality Education

North Carolina colleges and universities, along with hundreds of others throughout the nation, are conferring degrees upon many thousands of young people at their graduating exercises. High schools also have turned out many thousands of graduates during the past few weeks. With the increased emphasis upon education, coming both from the church-related and state institutions this speaks well for our great state. With the tremendous advance in social and industrial life, perhaps never before was an education so essential. Every young person needs to be trained for some specific task. If they are not so trained, then their existence becomes a hand-to-mouth, hit-or-miss proposition. But the quality of education is very important. The fact that one has spent several years in advanced study does not always mean one is well-educated. The late Dr. William Preston Few, when president of Duke University, and handing out diplomas to the graduates would say, "Welcome to the fellowship of educated men." But no one knew better than he that one is not necessarily educated just because one receives a diploma. Education involves the training of the mind, the development of character, and the mastery of the spirit. North Carolina is fortunate to have educational institutions second to none, and the young men and women graduating from them should be able to take their place in society and help make that society better, for after all, it is what we do with our education that counts. We have the potential for great things if we have the necessary commitment to achieve them.

Now Is The Time To Do It

We suggest that every pastor see that the *Advocate* goes into every home possible at the beginning of the conference year. This will help the preacher in his work and make the program of the church more effective. Wherever there is information, it will generate inspiration.

Rev. Paul Bruton Presents 13 "God and Country" Awards

On Sunday, June 4, at the morning worship, the Rev. Paul A. Bruton presented God and Country Awards to thirteen Boy Scouts who have completed the study with him. These boys were Larry Smith, David Walton, Lindley Smith, Cecil A. Boren III, Donald McDaniel, Jr., Rives Kistler, Wayne Gibson, Billy Shields, Douglas Curtis, Richard Dominick, Allen Graham, Tommy Laws, and Dane Melvin.

Mr. Bruton has for many years been interested in the program of God and Country work with Boy Scouts, and has assisted eighteen boys in achieving the award in his former pastorates. These thirteen boys from Troop 337, Pleasant Garden, have raised the total to thirty-one. A new class will begin in the fall for other boys who are interested.

Tri-County Preaching Mission Was Fine Success

The Tri-County preaching mission held by Dr. Harry Denman at Plymouth June 3-6 was a very successful undertaking, according to information we have received. Services were held in the school auditorium, and more than 3000 attended. There were more than 600 decision cards turned in, some for first decisions, some for rededications. The 100-voice choir did a good job of furnishing music for the occasion, with Dr. Morris Husted singing the solo at each service. Many people served in arranging for the services, aside from the "Committee of 50" which planned it. The ministers in charge expressed their gratitude for the co-operation of everyone involved. Dr. Denman's preaching made a strong impression on those who attended, and it is felt much lasting good was accomplished.

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W. N. C. Conference Has Fruitful Session at Junaluska

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding over the session of the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska, set the tone of the conference by giving a very fine devotional address at the opening session on Wednesday evening, the first day of the conference. The conference was organized by electing certain committees and commissions. Dr. Charles D. White, secretary, and Rev. Paul Hamilton, statistician, made nominations for their staffs. The Rules Committee made its report, the official program was adopted, the bar of the conference fixed, and other routine matters attended to as the conference prepared for its five-day session. Among other things, Bishop Harmon in his message reminded the ministers that the laymen are not looking for an interpretation of the current news, nor an authoritative statement concerning business conditions, nor an evaluation of economic trends, but they are looking for a message from the Lord. The minister is charged with the sacred responsibility of speaking to men about their relation to God.

Reports by the conference statistician showed much progress in many fields. For one thing the number of members increased by 2,770, giving a present conference membership of 260,369; church school members to 224,139; members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service 47,227; members Methodist Men's Club 12,005; value of church buildings jumped \$9,000,000 to \$84,547,965. Value of parsonages was listed at \$11,006,041. Other church properties were valued at \$6,591,776. Salaries paid pastors totaled \$2,525,000. The statistics showed that members increased their giving to all causes by \$1.3 million. Monies paid for all purposes reached a grand total of \$16,804,371. Charlotte District, with the largest number of members, led also in most of the figures for the districts. There are now 1,108 churches in the Conference. Rev. E. Paul Hamilton, of Cherryville, is the conference statistician.

Dean William R. Cannon of the Candler School of Theology, speaking on Wednesday evening at the historical society, reminded the delegates that it was not the Georgia mission of John Wesley that was outstanding. There were many things in connection with that undertaking that were regrettable, but Methodism was really born with the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley after he returned to England. And Dr. Cannon reminded his hearers that Methodism has given major emphasis to the doctrine of experience, reminding them that everyone must be born again.

A class of thirty-six fine young men was admitted into full connection in the conference at the Wednesday evening session. On Thursday evening a class of forty-one was ordained deacons, and on Friday evening a class of forty was ordained elders. Included in this group was Mrs. G. G. Adams, Sr., widow of a former member of the Conference.

The registrar reported that 1346 were registered as delegates, to say nothing of the many who were attending as visitors.

Many important decisions were made during the conference, and much debate at

times preceded the vote. The delegates were given ample time by the presiding bishop to be heard on any subject before the conference. A report from the Board of Social Concerns opposing federal aid to privately-operated schools was passed. A resolution to end segregation at Lake Junaluska as early as possible was adopted after a motion to set a specific date for such action had been denied. The superintendent and board of trustees of the assembly grounds were commended for the progress made in handling the difficult situation which has confronted them. The resolution said, "Be it resolved that the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, in its 1961 session, commend the considerable progress made in recent years toward operating the facilities of the Lake Junaluska Assembly without discrimination in regard to race. And be it further resolved that this Conference recommends and requests that the process of ending discrimination in the use of facilities by any bonafide guest at Lake Junaluska be completed at the earliest date, and that the Board of Christian Social Concerns be asked to work with the trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly and the local community on this matter in order that continued progress may be made."

The Commission on Higher Education reported it had collected \$1,590,000 since the start in December of 1958 of a drive for \$3 million over a four-year period.

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Charlotte and Dr. Fletcher Nelson of Marion, chairman and director, respectively, of the commission, reported this distribution of capital expansion funds thus far received:

Brevard College, Greensboro College and High Point College, about \$377,000 each, and Duke University Divinity School and Wesley Foundation, \$76,380 each.

The conference adopted a recommendation of the commission that Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, which was admitted Thursday as a conference affiliate, be equally financially aided when other income sources available to Pfeiffer are considered.

A breakdown on college situations was reported as: Greensboro College, 508 regular and 27 special students, and average faculty salary of \$6,296; High Point College, 1,023 regular and 21 special students, and average faculty salary of \$5,226; Brevard College, 381 regular and 72 special students, and average faculty salary of \$4,376; and Pfeiffer College, 815 regular and 40 special students, and average faculty salary \$5,525.

The conference voted, by a margin of 355-66, to raise the minimum pay of preachers by \$200 a year. This doubled the raise recommended by the Commission on Finance, and brought about a realignment of financial apportionments among the churches. Under the \$200 increase, single ministers will have a minimum salary of \$3,600 and married ministers \$3,800. The \$200 increase will apply also to probationary and supply ministers. In addition, conference members and probationers can get an extra \$100 for each four years of service up to 24 years, or they can get \$100 for each dependent child up to six children. They are to receive whichever of these "extras"

is the greater amount, but cannot receive both. The salaries of the 13 district superintendents were also raised from \$8,800 to \$9,000. The delegates also voted to pay transferred preachers 50 cents a mile when they move. Heretofore ministers have had to pay all of their moving expenses. Moving days for ministers who are being transferred to new appointments were set Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22.

A resolution which had been presented to the conference asking approval of a bill now before the North Carolina legislature outlawing the sale on Sunday of general merchandise was given overwhelming approval by the conference in its Saturday session. Telegrams to the Speaker of the House and Lt. Governor asked the law-makers "to vote for this bill, so important to the spiritual life of our state." The law, if enacted, would become effective October 1, 1961.

Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte led out in the discussion of the proposed Amendment 12 handed down from the General Conference last May and being voted on by the annual conferences. The amendment proposed a change in membership to the General Conference from approximately 900 to approximately 1400; that the jurisdictional conferences be held at the seat of the General Conference the week preceding the meeting of the General Conference; that bishops elected by the jurisdictional conferences all be consecrated at the General Conference. This was viewed as an effort eventually to destroy the jurisdictional conference system. After some discussion the delegates voted overwhelmingly against the Amendment, 678 to 70.

Mr. R. H. "Red" Bond, conference lay leader for the Memphis, Tenn., Conference, thrilled the large audience on Friday night when the anniversary of the Board of Lay Activities, under the direction of Mr. Robert M. Smith of Mt. Airy, conference lay leader, was observed. His message, interspersed with a bit of wholesome humor, was a challenge to the laymen for a more consecrated service and a finer loyalty to the church and its program and a closer fellowship with the living Christ.

A memorial service was held on Saturday morning for ministers and widows of ministers who have died during the year. Included in the list of ministers were Rev. Jesse Armon Baldwin of Charlotte, Rev. Walter Brownlow West of Asheville, and Rev. James Ernest Yountz of Marion. Widows included Mrs. D. W. Brown, Mrs. J. J. Eads, Mrs. J. S. Folger, Mrs. R. F. Hilliard, Mrs. J. H. Robertson, Mrs. S. A. Stewart, Mrs. L. C. Stevens, Mrs. P. L. Terrell, Mrs. C. B. Way, Mrs. Charles D. White, Mrs. B. Wilson. Dr. G. Ray Jordan, professor in the Candler School of Theology and long-time member of the conference, delivered the memorial address.

The conference at its Saturday business session adopted a resolution commending Methodist ministers of the Statesville area for their efforts toward preventing, through a recent referendum, establishment of liquor stores in Statesville.

The delegates voted overwhelmingly to hold the 1962 session at the Lake. There

had been some suggestion that the conference rotate its sessions between the larger cities of the state. Speaking in favor of meeting at Lake Junaluska the Rev. Robert M. Hardee humorously said, "This whole county is air-conditioned, and I like this air-conditioning." A large majority of the members of the conference seemed to agree that the facilities at the Lake were very inviting and much to be desired.

One of the highlights of the entire conference program was the great evangelistic rally held on Saturday night. Dr. E. H. Blackard, president of the Board of Evangelism, presided. "This," said Dr. Blackard, "is the church's greatest business." A choir of between 150 and 200 persons, under the direction of Mr. Edwin Easter, minister of music at Central Church, Asheville, rendered a very fine program of music in which the congregation joined in singing many of the great hymns of the church. The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Lacour, of the General Board of Evangelism, of Nashville, Tenn., brought a challenging message to the crowded auditorium setting forth the responsibilities and privileges of evangelism in the church. While the conference showed a net increase for the year of 2,770 new members, it was emphasized that there are many people who are the responsibility of the Methodist church and who should be won through a

continued program of evangelism.

At the 10:30 service on Sunday morning Bishop Harmon delivered the sermon on the subject: "Christ Our Lord." A large choir representing the host churches, West Market Street, Greensboro, and Central Church, Monroe, and under the direction of Mr. Tom Nichols of the West Market Street Church, furnished a program of sacred music and led the congregation in singing. Mrs. Zeb Jones presided at the organ. Mr. Glenn Draper, who is in charge of the musical program at Lake Junaluska during the summer, also participated in directing the singing. The Albemarle and Greensboro Districts served as host districts, and West Market Street Church and Central Church, Monroe, served as host churches. Taking part in the morning worship service were Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District and Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt of the Albemarle District; also Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of West Market Street Church, and the Rev. Harley M. Williams, pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Monroe. At the conclusion of the worship service Sunday morning, Bishop Harmon read the long list of appointments stationing the ministers in their respective churches for the coming year, and the conference was adjourned. Dr. J. Clay Madison preached Sunday night.

Louisburg College Wins FBLA First Prize on National Level

The Future Business Leaders of America chapter at Louisburg College won first prize on the national level for the most original project, according to Miss Adelaide Johnson, sponsor, who returned on June 15 from the National FBLA Convention held in Washington, D. C., June 11-13.

The project, done during the academic year in connection with National Education Week, was set up in a store window in downtown Louisburg and featured a study nook with FBLA officers and members studying. The purpose of the project was to impress upon the public, and parents, in particular, that one of the most important things in the educational setup is for students to have a definite time and place for study. Placards were used to ask if parents provide a definite study time and place for their sons and daughters.

Also attending the national convention from the Louisburg College chapter was Linda Dail, daughter of Mrs. Catherine Dail of Kinston.

Around 25 FBLA members from North Carolina were among the 750 delegates from all over the United States and Puerto Rico.

Methodist Youth Workshop at Brevard College July 20-27

Some 200 Methodist Youth Fellowship members and adult leaders are expected to attend the 1961 Southeastern MYF Workshop July 20-27 at Brevard (N. C.) College.

The cooperative leadership training enterprise will include leadership training, worship, and fellowship, designed to strengthen understanding of the Methodist Church and its youth work.

The workshop will be sponsored by the annual conferences in the Southeastern region and the Youth Department of the Methodist General Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

Each conference may determine its own representatives, usually selected from conference MYF officers or council members, conference directors of youth work, district directors of youth work, and secretaries of youth work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The workshop will be limited to 200 persons, including the staff.

Notice to W. N. C. Ministers

We secured enough members of Hospital Care Group No. 398-05 during the 1961 Annual Conference to provide full waiver of all waiting periods for previously-existing conditions. Effective June 15, 1961, all ministers who paid their additional fees either in April, 1961, or at Junaluska (and members of their families) are fully covered for the extended benefits. Those purchasing this coverage in June will receive their new endorsements and wall cards within three to four weeks, from the Home Office of Hospital Care in Durham. Ministers who desire to purchase the extended benefits in October, 1961, will be required to fill in a health certificate as furnished by the Home Office. All inquiries regarding the W.N.C. Blue Cross Group should be addressed to: Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., P. O. Box 227, Troutman, N. C.

Megills Commissioned Missionaries to Brazil at Goldsboro



The Reverend and Mrs. George C. Megill were commissioned as missionaries of the Methodist Church to Brazil in an impressive service on June 4, at St. Luke Methodist Church in Goldsboro. Mr. Megill was pastor of St. Luke until January of this year. Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, a retired bishop of Brazil who spent 42 years in that country, commissioned the missionary candidates before a capacity congregation. The Megills were presented for commissioning by Rev. M. W. Lawrence, superintendent of the Goldsboro District. Prior to the commissioning, Bishop Dawsey preached on "The Unfinished Task in Brazil." He told something of the country, its people, and its religious background. He pointed out that Brazil needs the Bible and a religion of experience, one that presents a living and not a dead Christ.

The Senior Choir sang as a response to the benediction, "God Be With You," composed for this occasion by Mrs. Robert Buckner, director of the choir.

The entire congregation enjoyed a picnic lunch immediately following the service.

The Rev. and Mrs. Megill have spent the past four and one-half months in missionary training at Stony Point, N. Y. Mr. Megill showed slides of this training to the MYF groups of the church and at the evening worship service. He also preached at the evening worship on "God's Mission and Ours." The Megills will sail for Brazil on August 24.

Shown here, left to right, are Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, Rev. Megill, Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Megill, and Rev. James H. Miller, Jr., present minister of St. Luke.

North Carolina Conference 1961 Youth Caravan



Immediately following the consecration service at Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, on June 4, the North Carolina Conference Caravaners, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Page, boarded an Atlantic Coast Line train for New York, where they sailed for Europe to spend some ten weeks in

Christian service and fellowship with European Christians. Shown here are, back row, left to right: Jimmy Howie, J. W. Page, Ward Page, Allen Fisher, John Dorsey. Front row, left to right: Miriam House, Mrs. J. W. Page, Joan Hayes, Jackie Ward, and Becky Johnson.

In Memoriam

MRS. J. B. GARDNER, SR.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Proximity Methodist Church, Greensboro, wishes to pay tribute to a dearly beloved and ever-faithful member, Mrs. J. B. Gardner, Sr., who passed away April 11, 1961.

Mrs. Gardner joined the Proximity Methodist Church in 1909 and was a charter member of the WSCS. Active in all phases of church work, she was serving as president of the Hardin Bible Class at the time of her death. To honor her for her never-failing support of the church and the WSCS, she was presented a life membership in the society and one of the circles was named for her, being known as the "Callie Gardner Circle."

Mrs. Gardner's family, all of whom are members of and active in the support of our church, are testimony to the influence of a truly Christian wife and mother.

Our church, society, and her countless friends will long mourn her passing, but her philosophy of life—to acquaint one's self with God and acquiesce in His will in all things—will remain forever an inspiration to us all to strive toward more dedicated service for our heavenly Father.

—MRS. MARY MARSHALL, *President*

The Rev. Dr. Harold Paul Sloan, 79, died May 22 in Camden, N. J. He had served as pastor and district superintendent of New Jersey churches and was one time an editor of the *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*.

New Parsonage for Norman Charge, Fayetteville District



On Sunday afternoon, June 11, this spacious parsonage for the Norman Charge was dedicated by the Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

The parsonage, with a value of \$25,000, was built and paid for in three years. It consists of nine rooms and has a floor space of 23,000 square feet.

New Hope Methodist Church Opens New \$65,000 Building

New Hope Methodist Church, Goldsboro, during the past year has planned and built a new \$65,000 building. The church was begun as a mission in 1956, and met in one of the metal buildings furnished by the Board of Missions. Architect for the new building was Mr. Billy Griffin of Goldsboro, and Mr. Ben R. Boyette, Sr., one of the members of the church, was the contractor. The building was completed in six months after its beginning. New Hope now has a membership of 123 members, and 198 on the church school roll. The Methodist Men's Club numbers 38. The church is supporting the total program of the Methodist church.

Rev. C. R. Hollowell, pastor, has led the group in the building program. This small group has raised some \$15,000 in the past two years. The Conference Board of Missions has given its assistance through the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary. Through the Ten Dollar Club \$15,000 has been realized, and the Duke endowment gave \$6,000. A loan of \$30,000 was made possible through Dr. H. L. Johns. This new church is grateful for all the assistance it has received in getting started, and the pastor and congregation feel the future outlook for its growth and development is bright. The formal opening was held Sunday, June 11, with the Rev. O. L. Hathaway as the preacher.

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DID YOU KNOW . . .

That if you do right, it will gratify some people and astonish the rest?

That a good sermon helps people in two ways—some rise up from it strengthened, and others wake from it refreshed?

W. N. C. Methodist Youth Fund Report for 1960-1961

ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Central, Albemarle	\$ 340.00	\$ 340.00
First, Albemarle	30.00	31.00
Main St., Albemarle	35.00	35.00
Pine Grove, (Pine Grove-Parkway)		5.00
Stony Hill, Alb. (Cir.)	15.00	30.00
Ansonville		10.00
Palestine		17.00
Bethel, New London	10.00	10.00
Bethlehem	60.00	61.00
Union (Union-Camp Ground)	25.00	15.00
New Mt. Tabor (Friendship)	15.00	15.00
Friendship (Friendship)	15.00	5.00
Oak Grove (Friendship)	5.00	10.00
Bethel (Hebron)	10.00	6.00
Hebron (Hebron)	6.00	15.00
Indian Trail, (I. T.-Eta)	15.00	5.00
Stallings (Stallings)	5.00	10.00
Lilesville	10.00	2.50
Olivet (Lilesville)		16.00
Marshville	16.00	5.00
Gilboa (Marshville)	5.00	60.00
Mineral Springs	60.00	125.00
Central, Monroe	100.00	15.00
Benton Hgts. (N. Monroe)		5.00
North Monroe	15.00	4.00
Morven (Morven)	5.00	14.00
Pleasant Hill (Morven)		24.00
Sandy Plains (Morven)		24.00
Shiloh (Morven)	24.00	12.60
Shiloh (Morven)	12.60	3.00
Bethel (New Hope-Bethel)	2.00	5.00
New Hope (New Hope-Bethel)	5.00	5.00
New Hope	5.00	43.34
New London		15.20
Norwood	15.20	15.00
Norwood, Jr. High	15.00	35.00
Mt. Zion (Norwood Cir.)		2.50
Green Memorial, (Nor. Cir.)	2.50	6.00
Fountain Hill (Peachland)	6.00	12.00
Hopewell (Peachland)		6.00
Mt. Moriah (Peachland)	6.00	6.00
Peachland (Peachland)	6.00	6.00
Polkton (Polkton)		5.00
Prospect	20.00	20.00
Salem	30.00	30.00
Salem, Jr. High		15.14
Loves Grove (Stanfield)	16.60	6.00
Loves Chapel & Loves Grove	6.00	16.20
Stanly Subdistrict		7.75
Union County, Jr. High		20.00
Get-Together		25.00
Mill Grove (Unionville)		10.00
Zion (Unionville)	25.00	10.00
Wade (Wade)	10.00	10.00
Grace (Wade)	10.00	10.00
First, Wadesboro	80.00	100.00
Waxhaw (Waxhaw)	40.00	10.00
Wesley's Chapel		17.00
Wingate	12.00	
Totals	\$1,336.23	\$1,366.23

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Acton	15.00	60.00
Abernethy	50.00	
Asbury Memorial	25.00	9.25
Bethesda	25.00	25.00
Biltmore	40.00	15.60
Central	50.00	50.00
Central, Jr. High	50.00	50.00
Elkwood	20.00	
Sardis (Elkwood-Sardis)	10.00	
Emma	10.00	
French Broad	10.00	20.00
Groce	40.00	24.77
Hawwood Street	50.00	31.80
Oakley	20.00	25.00
St. Pauls	50.00	50.00
St. Pauls, Jr. High	30.00	150.00
Trinity	150.00	55.65
Azalea	8.85	10.00
Tabernacle (Azalea-T)		15.00
Bald Creek	15.00	17.95
Balfour	15.00	30.00
Moore's Grove (Balfour)		15.00
Bell	15.00	
Bethel	63.00	32.83
Black Mountain	30.00	48.65
Brevard	100.00	62.00
Etowah (Brevard Cir.)	5.00	5.00
Selica (Brevard Cir.)	5.00	5.00
Burnsville	15.00	20.00

Pleasant Hill (Candler)	40.00	80.00
Snow Hill (Candler)	10.00	10.00
Dana	20.00	19.25
East Flat Rock	10.00	10.00
English Chapel (Ecusta)	20.00	20.00
Edneyville (Fruitland-Ed)	50.00	50.00
Fannings Chapel	5.00	
Fletcher	25.00	25.00
Francis Asbury	25.00	25.00
Hendersonville	150.00	100.00
Laurel Hill (L. H.-Davis)		7.00
Leicester	50.00	19.79
Marshall	10.00	10.00
Mills River	10.00	10.00
Montmorenci	10.00	10.00
Celo (Newdale Cir)	16.00	16.00
Martin's Chapel (Newdale)	5.00	5.00
Oak Hill	50.00	16.00
Oak Hill, Jr. High	15.15	15.15
Piney-Mountain (Pisgah)	10.00	10.00
Pisgah (Pisgah)	10.00	10.00
Reeve's Chapel-Brown's View	10.00	10.00
Salem (Salem-Barnardsville)	25.00	25.00
Weaverville Group Ministry	5.00	
Saluda	36.00	18.60
Skyland	20.00	25.00
Savannah	10.00	10.00
Tryon	60.00	60.00
Weaverville		
Totals	\$1,659.00	\$1,314.78

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT

Asbury (A-Huntersville)	25.00	35.00
Huntersville	25.00	25.50
Blair Road	15.00	15.00
Aldersgate	15.00	15.00
Pelmont Park	100.00	80.00
Belmont Park, Older Youth	20.00	20.00
Big Springs	50.00	50.00
Calvary	166.00	116.65
Central Avenue	100.00	100.00
Chadwick	20.00	20.00
Christ	4.00	4.00
Cokesbury	10.00	10.00
Cole Memorial	100.00	100.00
Commonwealth	100.00	100.00
Dilworth	150.00	100.00
Duncan Memorial	35.00	35.00
Epworth Lane	20.00	20.00
First, Charlotte	150.00	150.00
Gillespie	10.00	20.00
Grace	35.00	37.40
Hawthorne Lane	150.00	150.00
Hawthorne Lane, Jr. High	150.00	150.00
Hickory Grove	100.00	113.85
Kilco	50.00	50.00
Memorial		75.00
Morris Field	25.00	25.00
Mouzon	10.00	10.00
Myers Park	500.00	500.00
Oak Grove	30.00	50.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00	75.00
Pleasant Grove, Jr. Hi	15.00	15.95
Providence	150.00	150.00
Purcell	75.00	125.13
St. James		35.00
St. Lukes		10.00
St. Marks	20.00	20.00
St. Pauls		58.69
Spencer Memorial	25.00	25.00
Tuckaseegee Road	10.00	9.90
Wesley Heights	75.00	41.05
Harrison	73.75	83.76
Homestead	80.00	50.00
Hills Chapel (Lowesville)	25.00	25.00
Matthews	30.00	25.00
Moore's Chapel	50.00	35.00
Aldersgate	25.00	25.00
First, Mt. Holly	100.00	150.00
Mt. Zion	100.00	94.95
Mt. Zion, Jr. Hi		13.00
Salem (New Salem-Field)		58.90
River Bend-Snow Hill		35.00
Rock Springs		10.00
Thrift	10.00	25.00
Trinity	50.00	50.00
Davidson	20.00	22.65
Totals	\$3,149.75	\$3,441.32

GASTONIA DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Asbury	50.00	50.00
Ebenezer, Belmont	20.00	20.00
First, Belmont	50.00	50.00
Park St., Belmont	100.00	100.00
St. Mark's, Belmont	20.00	20.00

South Point, Belmont	30.00	30.00
Knob Creek (Belwood)	20.00	20.00
Kadesh-St. Peters	51.00	100.00
Betha, Bessemer City	12.00	12.00
Puett (Betha-Puett)	10.00	30.00
Odell	10.00	35.00
Crowell Memorial (Bethel-Crowell)	35.00	30.00
Bethesda		10.00
Bess Chapel (Bethlehem-Bess Chapel)	10.00	10.00
Bethlehem (Bethlehem)		35.00
Boger City	100.00	100.00
Casar	5.00	5.00
Kistler's Union (Casar)	5.00	8.00
First, Cherryville	50.00	25.00
Cleveland	25.00	15.00
Cramer Memorial	15.00	15.00
West Cramerton	15.00	15.00
Crouse (Crouse Cir)	10.00	11.60
Pleasant Grove (Crouse Cir)	25.00	50.00
First, Dallas	50.00	10.00
First, Dallas, Jr. Hi	5.00	50.00
El Bethel	50.00	55.00
Friendship (Fallston-Clover Hill)		60.00
Bradley Memorial	60.00	69.00
Covenant	69.00	50.00
Faith	50.00	10.32
Faith, Jr. Hi	10.32	40.00
First, Gastonia (O. Y.)		250.00
First, Gastonia	40.00	115.00
First, Gastonia, Jr. Hi	250.00	25.00
Maylo	25.00	30.00
Myrtle	50.00	45.00
St. John's	45.00	28.00
Trinity	28.00	15.00
Trinity, Jr. Hi	15.00	5.00
Hebron (Toluca)		15.00
Zion (Union Cir)	15.00	20.00
High Shoals (Iron Sta)		75.00
Central, Kings Mtn.	75.00	20.00
Grace, Kings Mtn.		15.00
Laboratory (Laboratory-Landers)	15.00	45.00
Landers Chapel		116.46
Lawndale	112.00	60.00
Palm Tree	60.00	65.00
Ivey Memorial (Lincoln Cir.)	20.00	20.00
McKendree (Lincolnton Cir.)	25.00	35.00
First, Lincolnton	60.00	60.00
Rhyme Heights, Lincolnton		30.00
Lowell	30.00	32.00
Keeps Grove (N. Brooks Cir.)	30.00	30.00
Pisgah	35.00	35.00
Polkville-Rehobeth	25.00	25.00
Sharon (Sharon-Boiling Springs)	17.00	50.00
Aldersgate, Shelby	50.00	50.00
Central, Shelby	120.00	119.00
Central, Jr. Hi, Shelby	111.80	112.00
Friend		5.00
Hoyle Memorial	50.00	50.00
Lafayette Street	50.00	75.00
Stanley	50.00	50.00
Sulphur Springs	25.00	25.00
Totals	\$2,545.12	\$2,952.73

GREENSBORO DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Greensboro District Youth Rally Donation	\$ 20.26	
Greensboro Subdistrict	111.46	10.00
Bethlehem	10.00	54.35
First, Draper		12.00
Gethsemane		57.48
Gibsonville	57.48	75.00
Bessemer		20.00
Bessemer, Jr. High	60.00	75.00
Bethel	18.18	20.00
Bethel, Jr. High		75.00
Calvary	75.00	43.00
Centenary	25.00	10.00
Centenary, Jr. High		85.00
Christ	85.00	45.98
College Place	50.00	7.60
College Place, Jr. Hi	7.60	90.20
Grace	59.80	13.00
Grace, Jr. Hi		16.50
Mt. Pisgah		71.19
Muir's Chapel	50.00	14.00
Muir's Chapel	14.00	45.42
Proximity		15.00
St. John's	15.00	10.00
St. John's Jr. Hi	10.00	375.00
W. Market Street	500.00	50.00
Guilford College	50.00	

Leaksville	75.00	25.00
Lee's Chapel	5.00	16.00
Madison	25.00	25.00
Moriah	5.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant		13.50
Mt. Pleasant Circuit		26.50
Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge-Morehead)		5.00
Hickory Grove	20.00	20.00
Pleasant Garden	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Garden Jr. Hi		12.50
First, Reidsville	30.00	30.00
Main St., Reidsville	146.49	146.49
Bethlehem, Lowes and Salem (Reidsville Cir.)	10.00	10.00
Rehobeth	50.00	50.00
Sandy Ridge (Sandy Ridge)		20.00
Spray	100.00	100.00
Stokesdale	20.00	20.00
Mt. Tabor, Stokesdale		8.89
Stoneville	65.00	65.00
Matthew's Chapel (Stoneville)		10.00
Sandy Ridge		5.00
Snow Hill (Sandy Ridge)		10.00
Tabernacle		5.00
Totals	\$1,670.14	\$2,052.43

HIGH POINT DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Archdale	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.00
Archdale Jr. Hi	50.00	56.95
Browsers Chapel (Browsers-New Union)	15.00	15.00
Central, Asheboro		212.50
First, Asheboro	100.00	110.00
First, Asheboro, Jr. Hi		221.00
Giles Chapel (Giles Chapel-Charlotte)		1.10
West Bend	25.20	27.65
West Side Chapel		8.00
Bethany (B-Grays Chapel)		25.00
Bethany, Jr. Hi		10.00
Gray's Chapel, Jr. Hi		10.00
Bethel (Bet-Julian-Shiloh)	15.00	15.00
Bunker Hill (Sandy Ridge)		15.00
Cedar (Cedar-Central F)	20.00	20.00
Central Falls	20.00	
Concord-Maple Springs		60.00
Coleridge Charge)		18.00
Fairfield	18.00	50.00
Franklinville	50.00	50.00
Calvary	25.00	55.46
First, High Point		5.00
Highland		4.00
Lebanon		50.00
Main Street		15.00
Montlieu Avenue		5.00
Montlieu Avenue, Jr. Hi		35.00
Northwood		27.00
Oak View		69.50
Rankin Memorial		25.00
Ward Street		125.00
Wesley Memorial		65.00
Jamestown		33.30
First, Liberty	25.00	1.25
Bethany, Liberty Cir.	10.00	25.00
Mitchell's Grove		10.00
Mt. Pleasant (Mt. Vernon)		43.00
Mt. Vernon		15.00
Oakdale		32.25
Mt. Lebanon (Old Unino-Mt. Lebanon Cge)	15.00	
Old Union	31.25	
Ramsaur, Jordan		75.00
Memorial		50.00
First, Randleman		54.40
New Salem (Randleman Cir.)		3.15
Rankin Memorial, Jr. Hi		22.00
Seagrove		25.00
Mt. Zion		20.02
Flag Springs (South Randolph Chg.)		60.00
New Hope		25.00
Springhill		60.00
Trinity Memorial	60.00	20.00
Vickrey (Vickrey-Burnetts Chapel)	45.00	15.00
Burnett's Chapel	15.00	
Totals	\$ 900.35	\$1,868.03

Caroleen	25.00	25.00
Caroleen, Jr. Hi		10.00
Cliffside	50.00	50.00
Connelly Springs	10.00	
Bethel (Drexel)		12.00
Zion (Drexel)		20.00
First, Forest City	85.00	100.00
First, Forest City Jr. Hi		
	50.00	50.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00	10.00
Friendship (F-Shady Grove)		
	10.00	10.00
Shady Grove (F-Shady Grove)		
	15.00	15.00
Glen Alpine	30.00	35.00
Gilkey	12.00	
Hildebran	15.00	
Marion: Clinchfield	100.00	86.00
Clinchfield, Jr. Hi	50.00	100.00
Cross Mill	75.00	62.50
Cross Mill, Jr. Hi	23.50	12.50
West Marion (Cross Mill)		20.00
East, Marion	55.00	46.00
First, Marion	50.00	55.00
First, Marion, Jr. Hi	30.00	30.00
Pleasant Hill (Marion Circuit)		
Pr. Hi		15.00
Providence, Jr. Hi	24.00	24.00
First, Morganton	50.00	50.00
First, Morganton, Jr. Hi		
	40.00	40.00
N. Morganton		11.40
Salem	170.00	150.00
St. Matthews	50.00	44.00
Zion Memorial (St. Matt.)		25.00
Mt. Pleasant (Morganton Circuit)		10.00
Burkes Chapel (Mt. Harmony)		
	5.00	5.00
Oak Grove (Oak Grove-Salem)		25.00
Salem (Oak Grove-Salem)		39.00
Old Fort		14.77
Ebenezer (Old Fort Ct)		
	50.00	50.00
Rutherford College	20.00	20.00
(Abernethy Memorial)		
First, Rutherfordton		
	100.00	175.00
Spindale	75.00	75.00
Spruce Pine	10.00	10.00
Hopewell (Sunshine Chg.)		
	5.00	5.00
Table Rock Charge	15.00	25.00
First, Valdeese	40.00	5.00
First, Valdeese Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Totals	\$1,493.50	\$1,597.17

NORTH WILKESBORO DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Alleghany-Grayson	\$	30.00
Antioch	15.00	
Avery (Avery Creek)		18.00
Minneapolis (Avery Creek)		25.00
Mt. Zion		20.00
Boone		10.65
Boonville (Mitchells C-Boonville)	20.00	20.00
Mitchells	30.00	25.00
Creston (C-Green Valley)		5.00
First, Elkin	87.00	87.00
Charity (Elkin Cir.)	10.00	10.00
Maple Springs (Elkin Cir.)		20.00
Ashley Chapel & Lansing (Helton Charge)	5.00	5.00
Grassy Creek (Helton Chg.)	5.00	5.00
Helton Charge		2.50
Hiddenite	50.00	
Jefferson	5.00	5.00
Bethany (Jefferson Cge.)	5.00	5.00
Jonesville		5.00
Altamont-Linville Falls	36.50	36.50
Linville Falls		14.00
Jonas Ridge, Linville Falls	20.00	20.00
Concord, Linville Falls	5.00	5.00
Arbor Grove (Millers Crk)		20.00
Millers Creek (Millers Crk)	30.00	32.00
Union (Millers Crk)		30.00
Ebenezer (Mt. Park-Grassy Creek)	5.00	5.00
Grassy Creek	5.00	10.00
North Wilkesboro	80.00	97.00
Pisgah (Pisgah Charge)	15.00	5.00
South River (Pisgah Chg.)	15.10	15.10
Sprata		15.00
Stony Point		8.00
Calvary (Todd Cir.)		
Langtown (West Yadkin)	15.00	15.00
West Jefferson	15.00	15.00
West Jefferson, Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Wilkesboro	50.00	50.00
Wilkesboro, Jr. Hi	25.00	50.00
Yadkinville	45.00	45.00
Totals	\$ 528.60	\$ 860.75

SALISBURY DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Bethany	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Bethel	40.00	60.00
Centenary	15.00	30.00
Center Grove	25.00	25.00
First, China Grove	25.00	25.00
First, China Grove, Jr. Hi		
	15.00	15.00
South China Grove	15.00	15.00
Cold Springs	18.75	28.90
Cold Springs, Jr. Hi	32.75	25.00
Ann Street	100.00	100.00
Center	52.20	54.30
Central	125.00	41.45
Epworth	70.00	
Forest Hill	85.00	55.35
Forest Hill, Jr. Hi	12.90	12.90
Harmony	83.20	51.05
Kerr Street	59.70	16.12
Westford	75.00	
Mt. Carmel (Concord Ct.)		
	10.00	15.00
Ebenezer (Elmwood Cge)		
	10.00	10.00
Friendship (Cab)	30.00	30.00
Gays Chapel	25.00	25.00
Pethlehem	10.00	25.00
Shiloh (Granite Quarry)		
	50.00	50.00
Liberty (Gold Hill)	20.00	20.00
Bethpage, Kannapolis		
	25.00	25.00
Jackson Park	155.00	166.94
Memorial	20.00	12.40
Memorial, Jr. Hi	34.00	39.75
Midway	80.00	50.00
Midway, Jr. Hi	25.00	25.00
Mt. Mitchell	60.00	37.50
N. Kannapolis	50.00	47.16
Royal Oaks	45.00	45.00
Trinity	240.00	243.21
First, Landis	20.00	20.00
Yadkin, Long St.-Yadkin		
	20.00	27.00
Long St. (Long St.-Yadkin)		
	25.00	60.00
Midland	25.00	25.00
Mt. Olivet	110.88	108.23
Mt. Olivet, Jr. Hi	50.00	56.98
Mt. Pleasant, Jr. Hi	31.50	50.00
Oak Grove (Oak G-Unity)		
	10.00	10.00
Unity (Oak G-Unity)		
	15.00	20.00
Mt. Tabor (Providence Charge)	20.00	20.00
Providence	25.00	25.00
Zion (Richfield Cir)		10.00
Roberts	75.00	100.00
Rock Grove	25.00	25.00
Rocky Ridge	62.40	76.20
Rocky Ridge, Jr. Hi	36.00	45.20
Rowan	40.00	40.00
Coburn	50.00	91.35
First, Salisbury	300.00	319.00
Main Street	50.00	75.00
Milford Hills	32.00	32.00
Park Avenue	40.00	40.00
Shiloh (Cabarrus)	25.00	25.00
Central, Spencer	10.00	10.00
Woodleaf	35.00	45.00
Totals	\$2,881.28	\$2,802.89

STATESVILLE DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Center (Balls Creek)	\$\$\$	30.00
Friendship (Balls Creek)		
	25.00	40.00
Catawba		25.00
Bethlehem, Claremont		
	25.00	30.00
Colliers	39.70	40.00
Cedar Valley (Colliers)		5.00
Concord (Con-Hopewell)		
	12.40	41.65
Hopewell (Con-Hopewell)		45.25
First, Conover		25.00
Cool Springs	50.00	59.79
Providence (Cool Springs)		
	30.00	40.00
Fairgrove	35.00	72.68
Sairview	40.00	40.00
First, Granite Falls	20.00	15.00
Harmony	25.00	15.75
Mt. Bethel (Harmony) Jr. Hi		20.00
Mt. Bethel (Harmony)		
	30.00	30.00
Harper's Circuit	5.00	5.00
Bethel, Hickory		12.00
First, Hickory	225.00	226.56
First, Hickory, Jr. Hi		
	128.00	186.57
Highland	40.00	40.03
Highland, Jr. Hi		28.24
St. Luke's	10.00	10.00
Westview		85.00
Hudson	59.00	59.50
First, Lenoir	60.00	50.00
First, Lenoir, Jr. Hi	40.00	25.00
South Lenoir (S. Lenoir-Mt. Olivet)		30.00
Whitnel	20.00	20.00
Gamewell (Littlejohn-Gamewell)		15.00

Littlejohn (Littlejohn-Gamewell)	15.00	
First, Maiden	50.00	50.00
Mays Chapel (St. Paul's)	35.00	35.00
St. Paul's (St. Paul's)		
	5.00	5.00
Rocky Mount (McKendree)		
	3.00	3.00
Williams Chapel (McKendree)	25.00	25.00
Midway (Trinity)	5.00	5.00
Trinity (Trinity)		20.75
Rose Chapel (Monticello-Rose Chapel)	20.00	20.00
Monticello (Monticello-Rose Chapel)	20.00	20.00
Broad St., Mooresville	60.80	
Broad St., Mooresville Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Jones Memorial	25.00	25.00
Abernethy Memorial	75.00	75.00
Ebenezer (Rhodhiss)		35.60
Wesley Chapel (Shiloh-Wesley Chapel)		15.00
Ebenezer (South Fork)	60.00	60.00
Plateau (South Fork)		
	50.00	50.00
Wesley Chapel (South Fork)	43.90	25.79
Boulevard, Statesville		
	30.00	30.00
Broad Street, Statesville	300.00	279.00
Race Street, Statesville	250.00	342.23
Rehobeth (Terrell)	40.00	40.00
Mt. Pleasant (Terrell)		20.00
Trinity (Midway-Trinity)	20.75	
Triplett	25.00	40.00
Troutman		25.00
Union Grove (Union-Grove-Zion)	13.00	13.00
Friendship (Union Grove-Zion)	24.00	24.00
Mountain View (U. G.)		8.50
Vanderburg		10.00
Bethlehem (W. Iredell)		18.50
Marvin (W. Iredell)		13.92
Totals	\$2,013.75	\$2,775.11

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Advance (Advance-Mocks)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Mocks (Advance-Mocks)	10.00	10.00
Bethany (Beth-Cot-Grove)	35.00	35.00
Cotton (Beth-Cot G)	10.00	
Bethesda	50.00	50.00
Bethesda, Jr. Hi	25.00	25.00
Cooleemee	23.00	18.01
Centenary (Davidson)		15.00
Mt. Olivet (Davidson)		50.00
Center, Davie	25.00	
Central (Denton Cir)		
	50.00	50.00
Canaan (Denton Cir)		15.00
Clear Springs (Denton Cir)		10.00
Bethlehem (Dulins)	20.00	20.00
Dulins (Dulins)	40.00	40.00
Smith Grove (Dulins)		5.00
Elbaton Charge	15.00	30.00
Elbaton Jr. Hi	10.00	10.00
Macedonia (Eldorado)		
	5.00	5.00
Farmer	10.00	10.00
Oak Grove (Farmer)	7.00	7.00
Wesley Chapel (Farmington)		36.30
Good Hope (Arcadia)		
	30.00	30.00
Arcadia (Arcadia)	15.00	30.00
Greers Chapel	5.00	5.00
Hopewell	35.00	35.00
Erlander, Lexington	10.00	10.00
First, Lexington	500.00	510.25
Trinity, Lexington	7.50	7.50
St. Timothy (Wesley-St. Timothy)	15.00	15.00
Wesley Heights (Wesley-St. Timothy)	30.00	30.00
Wesley Hgts. Jr. Hi	20.00	20.00
Concord (Liberty-Concord)	14.00	36.00
Concord (Liberty-Concord) Jr. Hi	11.00	
Liberty (Liberty-Concord)		
	10.00	50.00
Linwood (Lin Tyro)	25.00	25.00
Tyro (Lin Tyro)	30.00	30.00
Macedonia	3.00	3.00
Midway	50.00	50.00
First, Mocksville	60.00	100.00
First, Mocksville Jr. Hi		
	50.00	50.00
Bethel (Mocksville Cir)	3.60	10.00
New Union	20.00	20.00
Ebenezer (Mt. Carmel-E)		10.00
Mt. Carmel (Mt. Carmel-E)	15.00	15.00
New Mt. Vernon (New Mt. Vernon-Shady Grove)	26.75	
Shady Grove (New Mt. V-Shady Grove)	5.00	5.00

Canaan (N. Davidson)		
	70.00	41.00
Canaan, Jr. Hi		6.00
Mt. Pleasant (N. Davidson)		10.00
Pine Woods		50.80
Fairview (Pine Woods-Fairview)		15.00
Pleasant Grove	10.00	10.00
Prospect (Pleasant Hill)		
	15.00	15.00
Pleasant Hill	25.00	2.00
Shiloh	110.00	10.00
Chapel Hill (S. Davidson)		10.00
Lineberry (S. Davidson)		
	10.00	10.00
Pleasant Grove (S. Davidson)		
	10.00	10.00
Piney Grove (Tabernacle)		10.00
Tabernacle	10.00	10.00
Thomasville Dist. Donation		12.65
Bethel, Thomasville		23.90
Fairgrove	91.68	105.64
First, Thomasville	65.00	65.00
Johnsontown, Thomasville		20.00
Memorial, Jr. Hi	100.00	100.00
Memorial	100.00	100.00
Trinity	60.00	60.00
Unity	50.00	50.00
West End	150.00	113.00
West End, Jr. Hi	25.00	25.00
Center, Welcome	33.50	35.00
Center, Welcome, Jr. Hi		
	24.25	38.25
Totals	\$2,288.53	\$2,805.75

WAYNESVILLE DISTRICT

	Pledged	Paid
Andrews	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Bethel	10.00	40.00
Bryson City	36.00	36.00
Central, Canton	100.00	76.64
Central, Jr. Hi	50.00	53.33
First, Canton	100.00	130.00
Cherokee	20.00	20.00
Clyde, Central	36.00	36.00
Crabtree	20.00	20.00
Cullowhee	25.00	25.00
Dellwood Jr. Hi	24.00	24.00
Maple Grove (Delwood)		
	25.00	25.00
Elizabeth Chapel (Dellwood)		
	15.00	18.58
Elizabeth Chapel Jr. Hi		
	15.00	10.00
Franklin	36.00	36.36
Clark's Chapel (Franklin Circuit)	12.00	12.82
Hickory Knoll (Franklin Circuit)	10.00	15.00
First, Hayesville-Oak Forest		
	15.00	35.00
Hazelwood, Jr. Hi	24.00	
Beaverdam (Haywood Circuit)	50.00	50.00
Cashiers (Highland-Cashiers)		
	15.00	15.00
Highland, Cashiers	20.00	10.00
Long's Chapel	60.00	70.00
Long's Chapel, Jr. Hi		
	36.00	36.00
Asbury (Macon Cir)	10.00	10.00
Morning Star	34.00	34.00
First, Murphy	150.00	150.00
Snow Hill (N. Macon)		
	15.00	15.00
Long's (Pigeon Valley)		
	25.00	25.00
Robbinsville	30.00	30.00
Rockwood, Jr. Hi	10.00	14.00
Maggie (Shady Grove)	15.00	
First, Sylva	54.00	54.00
Loves Chapel (Sylva Circuit)	10.00	10.00
Wesley Chapel (Sylva Circuit)	10.00	10.00
Wesleyanna	10.00	10.00
First, Waynesville	84.00	84.00
First, Jr. Hi	30.00	34.00
Webster	12.00	12.00
Speedwell	12.00	12.00
Whittier	20.00	15.00
Totals	\$1,345.00	\$1,358.73

John Wesley: The Lord's Gardner

John Wesley was a life-long lover of gardens and gardening. The interests stemmed, as with others, from early days. Gardens played a significant part in his days at Frederica and Savannah in Georgia and at Stanton, Wroote and other places in his native country. Through well-ordered gardens and lovely lanes he strolled alone, or with friends, sometimes to pray, to meditate, to read scriptures, and on occasion to plan itineraries. Could a man of sensitive soul and tastes, cultivated and refined travel the lands, through every season, and be unresponsive to beauty spots provided by nature and hands of men? Of his actual success with daffodils, lilies, pansies, periwinkle and primroses we may not have immediate detailed knowledge, but references to nature and scenery are recurrent in his journals. His keen and sustained interest in plants and herbs and their medicinal uses was indeed manifest in his book *Primitive Physic* which came out in numerous editions.

In a real sense, Wesley was the Lord's gardner, as surely as he was the Lord's horseman, so termed by the late Dr. Humphrey Lee, through the title of a biography of Wesley three decades ago. Where chill, bitter winds of sin and temptations steadfastly gripped the land, Wesley went forth to clear the land. Where leaves of decay of spirits and souls abound, Wesley skillfully used the spade to remove the refuse. Where limbs of ignorance prevailed, he and his co-workers set to work, letting in the rays of God's mercy, light and salvation. With lay preachers he turned up

and spaded sins of retarded growth and accompanying unrealized potential, and sought to transplant men's souls to better spiritual climate in classes and societies. Where mobs and rioters threatened to overrun and rule society, like flood waters covering soils, Wesley looked the leaders in the eyes and advanced to possess the land.

As long as lush weeds and thick undergrowth of sins and enslavement sprang up, Wesley labored with patience, unflinching hope and inspiration. The wayside flowers, of little importance to bishops and clergy of the Established Church, under Wesley, were nurtured and came to have honored places in the gardner's favorite gardens. The Established Church might have claimed these souls, but through neglect and unconcern it did not. That church has rightly been called "The church of lost opportunities" by Bishop Paul N. Garber in his book, *That Fighting Spirit of Methodism*.

Wesley was the sower in Jesus' parable of the sower, in eighteenth century garb. To him each shire, figuratively, was a row in the Lord's vineyard worthy of careful cultivation. He refused to be restricted by any hedgerows. While flowers bloomed in London, Bristol and Manchester, focal points in his itinerant ministry, he journeyed forth to stimulate plants by proclaiming the Word in Camborne and Cornwall, Stony Stratford and Swansea. Essayist and philosopher Francis Bacon of Elizabethan days took all knowledge to be his province; similarly, Wesley took all England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland to be his province. Scarcely a locality failed to hear at least

once or many times "a hurry of hoofs in a village street," for few localities remained beyond the realm of his influence.

The seeds multiplied manifold, for at the close of a life that spanned or touched every decade of the eighteenth century, 70,000 souls had been gathered in. Perhaps that same number had passed from the scene in the course of the Evangelical Revival, as Bishop Francis G. Ensley has indicated in his little book, *John Wesley: Evangelist*. The spiritual dimensions of the land had been taken; morality was restored as a major ingredient in the life of the nation. Repentance, forgiveness and righteousness he caused to bloom gloriously, men's souls became as trees planted by the rivers of water spoken of by the psalmist in his first psalm. Again, as in the days of St. Paul's preaching, God gave the increase. The nation took favorable note of the little clergyman with warm heart to whom church doors had been closed.

As the Archbishop of York has been termed the Primate of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury has been called the Primate of all England, so John Wesley was the Lord's gardener of the realm.

Should not every Methodist, every Christian be a gardener, preparing the soils, sowing the seeds and cultivating the flowers and fruits, that the Divine Gardener might reap the harvest of souls He would have as His own?

—GRADY L. CARROLL
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Future Fishers of Men



Nine members of the Sunday school class of Mr. Thurston Gaskill, United Methodist Church, Ocracoke, stand before their catch of four Cobia (over 100 lbs. of fish) landed this week when their Sunday school teacher took the day off from his fishing business and held an outing for them in Pamlico Sound.

Mr. Gaskill cancelled all engagements for the day to take his Sunday school class on this outing. While they fished for Cobia it is their teacher's prayer that soon they will be fishers of men.

Class members, back row, left to right, are: J. C. Lewis, Ronnie O'Neal, Martin Garrish and Leroy Wahab. Front row, left to right: Virginia Wahab, Sandra Garrish, Hettie Tolson, Sandra Howard and Mack Tolson. David Ballance, another class member who caught one of the fish, was not present for the photo.

Rev. Richard D. Shinkle is pastor of the church at Ocracoke.

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Bethel (King)	35.00	35.00	Morris Chapel, Walker-		
Trinity (King)	25.00	25.00	town)	129.60	117.00
Lewisville (Lewisville)			Morris Chapel Jr Hi	50.72	42.50
	27.00	27.00	West Forsyth Cge	36.00	36.00
Brookstown (Lewisville)			Ardmore	300.00	155.00
	20.00	31.00	Burkhead	85.00	103.50
Union (Lewisville)	10.50	10.50	Burkhead, Jr. Hi	50.00	30.00
Mt. Airy, Central	150.00	140.00	Centenary	500.00	500.00
Franklin Heights	5.00	20.00	Centenary, Jr. Hi	100.00	
Rockford Street	10.00	5.95	Central Terrace	50.00	25.00
Salem	15.00	10.90	Children's Home	7.50	7.50
Mt. Herman (Mt. Airy			Children's Jr. Hi	7.50	7.50
Circuit)	5.00	5.00	Crews	25.00	25.00
Pleasant (Mt. Airy			Grace	33.60	33.00
Circuit)	5.00	5.00	Green Street	78.00	95.20
Mt. Pleasant (Mt. Pleasant-			Konnoak Hills		10.00
Tabernacle)	5.00	5.00	Maple Springs	130.00	140.00
Oak Grove & Greater Mt.			Marvin, Jr. Hi	5.00	5.00
Airy Parish	15.00	15.00	Mt. Carmel	25.00	25.00
Pilot Mountain	50.00		Mt. Piskah	25.00	25.00
Pine Grove	16.00		Mt. Pleasant	10.00	10.00
Bethel (Pine Grove Cge)		49.20	Mt. Pleasant, Jr. Hi	50.00	43.30
Pinnacle (Pinnacle Circuit)			Mt. Tabor	290.00	
	50.00	50.00	New Hope	75.00	88.61
Rural Hall	70.00	34.75	Oak Summit	150.00	150.00
Sedge Garden	50.00	50.00	Ogburn Memorial		18.00
Shiloh (Shiloh-Olivet)			Trinity	28.60	41.00
	10.00	10.00	Trinity Jr. Hi	72.00	12.00
New Home & Prospect MYFs			Union Ridge	32.00	32.00
(Smithtown Cge)	35.00	35.00	Union Ridge, Jr. Hi	18.00	18.00
Pine Hall (Stokesburg-Pine					
Pine Hall)	20.00		Totals	\$3,491.52	\$2,804.51
Stokesburg (Pine			MRS. J. E. YOUNTZ, Treasurer		
Hall)	100.00		Methodist Youth Fund		
Love's, Walkertown	70.00	70.00	W. N. C. Conference		

DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Goal	Pledged	Paid
Albemarle	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,336.23	\$ 1,366.23
Asheville	1,600.00	1,659.00	1,314.78
Charlotte	3,400.00	3,149.75	3,441.32
Gastonia	3,000.00	2,545.12	2,952.73
Greensboro	3,000.00	1,670.14	2,052.43
High Point	1,850.00	900.35	1,868.03
Marion	1,650.00	1,493.50	1,597.17
North Wilkesboro	950.00	528.60	860.75
Salisbury	2,800.00	2,881.28	2,802.89
Statesville	2,300.00	2,013.75	2,775.11
Thomasville	3,000.00	2,288.53	2,805.75
Waynesville	1,500.00	1,345.00	1,358.73
Winston-Salem	3,000.00	3,491.52	2,804.51
	\$29,250.00	\$25,302.77	\$28,000.43

Special Appointments For
W. N. C. Conference

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Polio Victim Attends Church
For First Time in 13 Years

Asbury Church, near Lincolnton, has built a ramp which enables persons who cannot climb steps for any reason to attend services, even if they have to use a wheel chair. Homecoming day was observed June 4, and Miss Juanita Shidal, who was stricken with polio at the age of 14 and who had been unable to attend her church for thirteen years, was present and all smiles (and tears of joy) at the prospect of being able to attend services once more. She said, "I am very fortunate and happy. I can never put into words what this means to me. I feel that through the prayers of my many friends and my faith in God I have been able to accomplish this." She recently was taught the method of "frog breathing" at the Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., which means that she is now able to breathe without mechanical assistance for as long as eight or ten hours. She has recently attended several social gatherings, and is now able to attend her church. Miss Shidal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shidal.

Asheville District Made Much
Progress Past Year

1960-1961

ROBERT G. TUTTLE

The Asheville District received 546 on profession of faith; 767 were received from other churches, making a total of 1,313 new members this conference year. The total membership of the district now stands at 18,598. Having Dr. Harry Denman present for District Conference and present for an all-day spiritual retreat with the ministers has been helpful in the total program of evangelism.

The Commissions on Missions have been growing in effectiveness. They worked toward a far-off goal of each charge supporting a missionary family. Through the work of the District Vocations Commission, and the preaching of the sermon on "The Call to Preach," I believe that more of our youth will be responding to full-time service to the church at home and abroad. Our churches have assumed and paid the very large increase in World Service requested of them this year—\$54,320 (\$12,000 increase over last year). We have 75 Woman's Societies of Christian Service, with 3,393 members which, of course, includes the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guilds. Our churches have shown splendid response to the Chilean emergency and the Congo emergency appeals, \$2,966. The churches of the Asheville District gave this year in Mission Specials \$19,118, added to this approximately \$18,000 for District Mission Specials, and we have a total of \$37,118 (a \$2,000 increase).

In the area of church extension, we are seeing real progress within the district. At a recent conference we presented a brand new congregation just organized at Oteen. Here we have a beautiful five-acre lot at the center of a new 170-unit housing development. The congregation is off to a good start. The Asheville District Mission Society working with the Duke Endowment and the Conference Board of Missions has made this possible. The District Mission Society with the help of the Hendersonville Methodist Church is in the process of purchasing a four-acre plot of ground next to the Balfour School for relocation of the Balfour Church. It is the plan of the district to divide the Brevard Circuit at the 1962 conference so that one minister will serve

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Woman's Activities



Spiritual Life Retreat – Pfeiffer College

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Spiritual Life Retreat for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at Pfeiffer College on August 12-13, with Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Charlotte in charge.

The leader for the retreat will be Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, former Conference secretary of spiritual life.

The theme will be "The Patterns of Meditation and Prayer." The program will open at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and will close on Sunday evening with the communion service. Registration will be held from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Anderson says, "Many times during the life of Jesus, He sought a quiet place to pray and commune with his heavenly Father. He went apart, on the mountain-top to seek God's guidance and ask that His will be done in His life. He went apart for strength and courage to face the tasks that were before him.

"Let us come with hearts and minds open and expecting great things from God, and great things will be accomplished."

The retreat is planned as mountain-top experience for all, and it will prove to be a step forward in one's spiritual growth.

Wesleyan Service Guild News

Seventeen hundred Guilders heard the message of mission work in Japan told by Miss Ethel Bost at the district Guild meetings held recently throughout the Conference. Miss Bost spoke at nine district Guild meetings.

The Guilders are planning to give their love offering at Lake Junaluska to Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer. Miss Mary Bright, assistant treasurer, is asking that any Guild not sending a representative to the Guild Weekend, please send their love offering directly to her.

The Salisbury District Guild is earning special recognition for having organized three new Guilds in recent weeks—one at South River, one at Unity, and another at Kerr Street.

The officers of the Unity Guild, Kannapolis, are Mrs. David Edwards, president; Mrs. Edd Craft, vice-president; Mrs. Jimmy Register, recording secretary; Mrs. Lonnie Williams, promotion; Mrs. William L. Ludwick, treasurer; and Mrs. Robert Sides, coordinator.

The report of the Guild treasurer for the 4th quarter showed that \$37,701 has been given through the Guilds for the preceding three months. This included \$7,787 for mission pledge, \$1,480 for special memberships, \$566 for supply work, \$754 for missionary salaries, \$641 for Pfeiffer College, and other funds for conference work.

Marion District Executive Meeting

The Woman's Society of the Marion District has established a memorial fund in honor of Mrs. R. I. Corbett, former district officer, to be called "The Corbett Memorial Fund," and to be used on a project at Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Workers in Asheville.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, district president, paid tribute to Mrs. Corbett for her work in missionary personnel, saying that "she has laid the good groundwork which will enable her successor to fulfill her obligations with greater ease."

Three new officers were chosen at the meeting. Mrs. Verna Bowman of Morganton was named secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. J. H. Randall of Alexander Station, Forest City, Rutherford County subdistrict leader; and Miss Una Edwards as a member of the nominating committee for the district.

Mrs. Harold LeFevers of Valdese presented a meditation on "Deepening Our Christian Experience."

As we move into the new quadrennium, there will be no time or place for things which separate us as children of God. We must move forward in unity of witness and service, not contending for small things, but striving for great issues. It is aptly said, Today, the frontier of Christian witness is not mainly in the church building, but it is in the places where the Christian is in social contact with others, sharing the same burden and suffering. — *21st Annual Report, Woman's Division of Christian Service.*

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



ANNUAL SCHOOL OF MISSIONS SCHEDULED

The invitation to attend the Fifteenth Annual North Carolina Conference School of Missions and Christian Service is extended to every woman who is interested in the development and growth of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, especially district and local officers for whom clinics will be held. The school will be in session at Duke University, August 7-11, under the theme, "In Thee Our Life is One." It will follow a Spiritual Life Retreat on August 6-7, with Miss Mary Douglas Finch as the leader.

The four approved courses of study to be offered at the school and their instructors



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include Churches for New Times, Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, and Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke University; The Christian Mission in Latin America, Dr. Leslie C. Sayre, and Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston, both of New York City. Also, The Christian and Responsible Society, Mrs. William C. Smith, Portsmouth, Va., and The Meaning of Suffering, Dr. George M. Schreyer, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, and Dr. Ethel Tilley, Meredith College, Raleigh.

Also included on the school's program will be a Daily Bible Study, taught by Dr. Herbert Sullivan, of Duke University, clinics for officers' training, and evening programs.

Registration fee for the School of Missions is \$2.00; the Retreat, \$1.00, to be sent to Mrs. Shelton Boyd, registrar, 400 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C., by July 30. Early registrations are most helpful, and no registration should be sent to Duke University. Other fees to be paid upon arrival at Duke are room, board and insurance, Retreat, \$6.30; school, \$14.85. Registration for day students, full time, \$2.00; part time, 50 cents per day.

Mrs. Harold Braswell of Whitakers, conference secretary of missionary education and service, is the school's general chairman

and Mrs. E. G. Cothran of Raleigh is serving as dean.

WSG Weekend of Study

The North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild's Third Annual Weekend of Study at Duke University will convene on August 11-12, following the WSCS Schools of Mission and Christian Service.

The Courses of Study and their instructors will be The Meaning of Suffering, Dr. George M. Schreyer; The Christian and Responsible Citizenship, Mrs. William C. Smith; The Christian Mission in Latin America, Dr. Leslie Sayre, and Churches for New Times, Dr. W. A. Kale.

Clinics for officers' training will be held for presidents and secretaries of promotion; vice-presidents and chairmen of literature and publications; treasurers, chairmen of spiritual life, chairmen of Christian social relations, chairmen of missionary education and service, and district WSG secretaries.

The Guilders will attend the 11:00 a.m. worship services at the Duke University Chapel.

A social hour will be held on Saturday evening.

Registration for the WSG Week-end is \$1.50. Other expenses for the event will include room rent for one night, meals (Saturday lunch through Saturday dinner), and insurance, \$4.50. The registration fee should be sent before August 12, the name and address of the registrar to be announced.

WSCS in Pakistan

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has provided many a goal for Christian service in Pakistan and has grown gradually to about a score of societies in towns and villages.

In the villages the members pay their pledges often in the fruit of their fields, especially at harvest time; wheat in the spring and cotton in the autumn. These products are sold and the money realized goes into the treasury. In the cities, funds are raised by the use of the mite boxes (little earthen jars), bazaars, and annual pledges. The money is divided according to the rules of the Woman's Society of India and Pakistan. Since the opening of Nepal Mission contributions have been sent there. Scholarships are provided in schools and United Christian Hospital in Lahore receives a contribution.—from brochure: *Pakistan, Land of the Pure*.

Pfeiffer Elects New Officers

Miss Mary Jo Moore, a Christian education major from Forest City, has been named president of the Pfeiffer College Christian Life Council for the 1961-62 academic year.

Other officers named were Janie Nichols, Waynesville, vice-president; Don Heafner, Crouse, secretary; and Rick Neal, St. Petersburg, Fla., treasurer.

The Council co-ordinates student religious life activities on the Pfeiffer campus.

Also elected for the 1961-62 academic year was Miss Carolyn Allen, a rising sophomore from Chesnee, S. C., who was named president of Pfeiffer College's "Le Cercle Francais."

Serving with Miss Allen will be Kenneth Storey, Albemarle, vice-president; Judy Smith, Oakboro, secretary; and Mary Ann Shoemaker, St. Petersburg, Fla., treasurer.

Four Women Receive Life Membership Pins at Monroe



Shown in the above picture the Rev. Harley Williams, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Monroe, is presenting Life Membership pins to four ladies whose character and devoted service to the Woman's

Society of Christian Service was recognized at the morning worship June 4. The women receiving this recognition are, left to right, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. A. M. Lee, Mrs. James Belk, and Mrs. Kermit Starnes.

Thomasville Area Methodists To Meet June 25th

Officials and ministers of the Methodist churches of the Thomasville District will meet in a called district conference on Sunday, June 25. The meeting will be held at First Methodist Church, Lexington, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

The conference has been called by Rev. J. H. Carper, district superintendent, to authorize the district trustees to secure funds to renovate the district parsonage.

Action will be taken at this time also to absorb the Davidson and Davie County Methodist Builders Clubs into the conference-wide program set up by the recent session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference meeting at Lake Junaluska. The Rev. A. G. Lackey, Conference director of Church Extension, will be present to assist in this change-over.

Those ministers who have been newly-appointed this month to serve churches within the Thomasville District will be presented to the district conference.

The wives of the ministers of the district will meet during this session to get acquainted and to organize for their activities to be conducted during the coming months.

The district stewards, representing each

church in the Thomasville District, also will meet concurrently with the district conference to make proper allocation of conference and district askings to each local church.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



TOM UNDERSTOOD By Susan Hubbard Martin

It was Polly's birthday good little Polly, with her thought always for others.

She arose a bit early, for birthdays seem like holidays, even if they really aren't. Mother had been ill for several weeks, and for the last month Polly had been in charge at home, planning the meals and cooking and cleaning.

Though it was her birthday, Polly did not start out by thinking of herself. Father was especially fond of bran muffins for breakfast, and she would make a pan of them for him. She would have bacon and eggs, too, and oranges.

Father and Tom looked at the neatly spread table with approval, and Father put both arms around her when she came in.

"My good little daughter," he began, as he gave her an affectionate kiss. "I trust you will have many, many more birthdays—each one happier than the last."

And then he put into her hands a small package.

Polly's face, flushed from the heat of the kitchen, lighted up. "Thank you, Dad," she said happily. "You know how much I appreciate any gift that you give me."

The package contained gloves—a sensible gray pair that Polly especially needed. But she couldn't help feeling just a little disappointed. On one's birthday one sometimes wants a gift that isn't quite so sensible.

Mother's present was material for a new dress. This was a sensible gift, too, for Polly needed the dress—a dark blue serge. But still in Polly's heart there was that same disappointed feeling.

By ten o'clock Aunt Louise came in bringing her gift—two pairs of hose. It was nice having all these sensible birthday gifts, but because she was a beauty-loving girl, she longed for something different.

The day passed. At five o'clock a knock sounded on the door, and Polly went to open it. There on the front steps was a boy from the florist's shop, and he held in his hand something very carefully wrapped up.

"Are you Miss Polly Maxwell?" he asked.

"Yes, I am," she replied, with wonder in her eyes. Then with a smile, the boy handed her the package.

Polly, filled with excitement, went into

the living room and very carefully took off the wrappings. And there before her astonished eyes was a blue and silver basket filled with chrysanthemums, pink rosebuds, fern and laurel.

"Oh!" she cried breathlessly, "oh, oh!"

And then she noticed a card lying among the flowers. With fingers that trembled she picked it up, and read these words, "To the best little sister in the world on her birthday, from an affectionate brother Tom."

Polly laid her cheek on the fragrant blossoms. As she did so she whispered a little prayer of thankfulness. Tom had made it all right. He knew that she needed something just that lovely to set off her sensible birthday gifts.

"To the best little sister in the world on her birthday," she whispered the words softly.

Tom knew. Dear old understanding Tom!

—The Presbyterian Advance

What Is a Church?

By SONJA BUFFKIN
Age 12

I like churches because of their belief in Christ, and their pretty stained glass windows. I like churches to be places of worship.

I think a church should be a lovely church. I think it should be a place where you take your troubles. I like the choir as it sings. I like the friendly people. I think that if things go wrong, you should have help from the church. When you're in trouble I think you should read the Holy Bible. I think you should pray to our loving Father who art in heaven. I think you should love and trust the church.

I think everyone should obey and trust God. Most of all, you should love your friends. A good verse is "love your neighbor as yourself," and be good, loving, trusting, gentle, friendly to everyone you meet, even though he is a stranger.

You should never talk in church, because you are supposed to listen to your pastor. Often your pastor has a word to say for the week, and you should try to follow it.

I think you should mean what you preach.

(Sonja Buffkin lives at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh. The above composition was written during the Home's Vacation Bible School last summer.)

How Old Ought I to Be?

"Dear Mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me—
Before I am a Christian
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
Before you can love me?"
"I always loved you, Mommie mine,
Since I was tiny wee.

"I love you now, and always will,"
The little daughter said,
And on her mother's shoulder hid
Her golden curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be
Before you trust my care?"
"Oh, Mother dear, I do, I do,
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too;
Don't wait till you are grown.
Tell Jesus now you come to Him,
To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down
And said, "Lord, if I may,
I'd like to be a Christian now."
He answered, "Yes, today."

—Author Unknown

Chuckles

"Oh, what a lovely cow," said the cute young Miss from the city. "But why hasn't it any horns?"

"There are various reasons," replied the farmer. "Some cows do not have horns until later in life. Others have them removed, while still others are born without them. This one doesn't have horns because it's a horse."

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"Mother," said little Toby, "today our teacher asked me whether or not I had any brothers or sisters, and I told her I was an only child."

"And what did she say?" asked his mother.

"Thank goodness!"

Bible Quiz

1. How long did the children of Israel wander in the wilderness? _____
2. What great giant was killed by young David with his slingshot? _____
3. Who was the first Old Testament missionary? _____
4. What wicked queen was devoured by dogs? _____
5. What did the man who was given one talent do with it? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. King Herod—Matthew 14:6
2. Only one—Luke 17:12-19
3. He rested on the Sabbath. Genesis 2:2-3
4. Seven years—Exodus 21:2
5. Jacob—Genesis 29:15-26

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 2

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MARY: CONSECRATED MOTHERHOOD

Background Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25;
12:46-50; Luke 1:26 through 2:52;
John 2:1-10; 19:25-27; Acts 1:14.

Lesson Scripture: Luke 1:26-31; 2:41-49;
John 19:25-27.

With this lesson we begin a new quarter of studies. Our general theme is "Personalities of the New Testament." We shall have thirteen lessons, each dealing with a separate character. The aim of this series is to help us get better acquainted, especially with some of the lesser known figures of the New Testament story. We are sometimes inclined to think that the entire credit for the amazing advance of the faith was due to a few towering persons, such as Peter or Paul. Such is far from the truth. There were hundreds of enthusiastic evangelists working all over the Mediterranean world. Surely these deserve a share of the credit.

Our first subject for study is Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is not easy to write an essay on Mary as a person in her own right. In nearly every reference she is mentioned in connection with Jesus who, of course, occupies the center of the stage. Furthermore, there are six different Marys in the New Testament. The casual reader may easily get these confused. One further problem in connection with this sort of study is the fact that three fifths of the Christians in the world have been taught to think of Mary as an object of worship. This attitude does not necessarily encourage a great deal of interest in her as a human mother.

It appears that Mary was a Judean maiden who was steeped in the religion of her people. Like many of those closely related to Jesus' family, she shared in the hope of a Messianic Savior. The One who was to come would, according to their beliefs, be identified with the common people. He would share their life and would champion their cause. This thought is clearly expressed in the Magnificat (or Song of Mary) found in Luke 1:46-55. If the reader will now turn to 1 Samuel 2:1-10 the similarity of Mary's song to that of Hannah will be apparent. Hannah was to be the mother of Samuel, great judge and prophet and leader of the people. Mary must have known this song about Samuel.

When Jesus was born he was named Jesus (or Yeshua, the Aramaic form of the Hebrew word Joshua, meaning "one who saves"). The Hebrew people liked to give their children names that had a religious meaning. The child Jesus was no exception to this custom. We have only one story of Jesus' childhood in the New Testament. We are indebted to Luke for this story which is found in chapter 2, verses 40-52. Luke probably heard this story from Mary herself. We re-tell it here to illustrate the relationship between Jesus and Mary. When Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem and was lost from his parents for three days they were naturally greatly disturbed. When his mother finally found him in the temple discussing religious problems with the teachers she gave him a gentle reprimand

for having caused his parents so much anxiety. In Jesus' reply to her we have the first suggestion of his unique character: "What made you search? Did you not know that I was bound to be in my Father's house?" (New English Bible rendering). We are told that the parents did not understand what he had said to them, but that "his mother treasured all these things in her mind." Mary, like a mother who does not understand her son, could only wonder and hope.

It is interesting to observe that Jesus never addressed Mary as "mother," but on two recorded occasions addressed her simply as "woman" (see John 2:4 and 19:26). Matthew 12:46-50 tells of an incident when Mary was on the edge of the crowd that had assembled to hear Jesus preach. She sent word she wanted to see him, and someone said "Your mother wants to see you." Whereupon Jesus replied "Who is my mother?" and then added "Whosoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." At first glance Jesus' attitude seems to suggest a bit of indifference to family ties. But what he is saying is that spiritual kinships mean much more, in the long run, than physical ones.

That Mary finally came to realize the significance of Jesus is seen in a reference in Acts 1:14 where we read: "All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and *Mary the mother of Jesus.*"

Perhaps this discussion has served to remind us that even when parents cannot understand their children they can still believe in them and love them. At any rate, Mary, the mother of Jesus, seems to have fully met this test of parenthood and has thus become a model for us.



FOR JULY 9

ANDREW: BRINGING MEN TO JESUS

Background Scripture: Matthew 4:18-20;
Mark 3:14-19a; John 1:35-44; 6:8-9;
John 12:20-22.

Lesson Scripture: John 1:35-42; Matt. 4:18-20; John 6:8-9.

We have today the second in the series on "Personalities of the New Testament." Our subject is Andrew, whose name suggests "manliness." Tradition says he preached in ancient Scythia (a part of Russia). That is why St. Andrew has been the patron saint of the Russian Orthodox Church through the centuries, and the name "Andreyev" a favorite Russian name for a man.

In the brief sketch on Andrew in Hastings' Bible Dictionary David Smith refers to Andrew as "the first missionary of the kingdom of heaven" because he introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. Like nearly all the other disciples he is said to have died a martyr's death. The story is that he was crucified in the province of Achaia and hung alive on the cross for two days, all the while exhorting spectators to believe on his Lord.

Andrew has been one of John the Baptist's disciples (see John 1:37f). Now John was a flaming evangel of righteousness who first attracted crowds of farmers, fishermen and shepherds, and later the aristocracy of Jerusalem whom he greeted with the words: "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to

escape from the wrath that is coming? Then produce fruit that will be consistent with your professed repentance!" (Matthew 3:8). We may assume, then, that Andrew was not content with orthodox Judaism as represented by its leaders, but found himself attracted to a man who was challenging their leadership. In other words, he was a seeker; always looking for the highest and best. Furthermore, when he found the best he was willing to give himself completely to it. Though he admired and followed John the Baptist, he was willing to leave John's group and become a disciple of Jesus. That was partly because, according to the record, John himself did not hesitate to acknowledge the superiority of Jesus (see John 1:35).

Notice that Jesus did not accept new followers merely to build up numbers. He said, when approached by Simon and Andrew, "What do you seek?" That's still a good question, even after two thousand years. An examination of the motives of those who ally themselves with Christ's church would reveal a mixture of alleged reasons. Some wish to be identified with a group of solid, respectable citizens among whom are to be found many good business prospects. Some look upon the church as a congenial club where they may find delightful associations. But we need to ask ourselves again "What are we seeking?" We have reason to believe that Andrew would not have turned back, even if he had been able to see that Achaian cross looming up before him. We modern comfortable Christians need to remember that it was dangerous to be a Christian for the first three hundred years!

Matthew's account gives us a slightly different view of Andrew's entry into the circle of Jesus' followers (see Matthew 4:18-20). Jesus sees them in the act of fishing and says to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." This could mean that whereas before they had been admirers of Jesus, and possibly part-time followers, now they were to go "all out" and cast their lot in with him. This meant giving up a paying business and following a man who "had not where to lay his head." The writer knows of men today, men with established businesses and families, who have heard the call and have been willing to undergo the discipline of study and sacrifice in order to become preachers of the gospel. They are the modern Andrews. May God bless them!

There is one final personal characteristic of Andrew that should not go without being mentioned. Being a man of limited ability he could have said "I can't speak with the persuasion of my brother Simon, therefore I'd better stay out of this and stick to the business." But instead Andrew gave everything he had to the best that he knew. What more can any man do than that? Someone has said "It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian but it takes all there is of him." Andrew seems to be a good example of one who did just that.

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Asheville District

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the Etowah and the Horse Shoe Churches, and the other minister the Rosman, Selica and Toxaway Churches. New parsonages are now being built.

A new educational building has been completed at Skyland. The new educational building at Mills River has just been dedicated and new educational facilities will be built at Moore's Grove and Fruitland. New sanctuaries have been completed at Bethesda, Laurel, and Montmorenci, and the sanctuaries at Celo and Etowah have just been dedicated. Sanctuaries are now being built at Windom, Black Mountain, and Antioch, and one soon to be started at Emma. The Avery's Creek Charge has completed its new parsonage and East Flat Rock is now in the process of building. Dana and River View and Sharon have greatly improved their sanctuaries and Hendersonville is in the process of a complete renovation of its parsonage. The total value of churches, educational buildings and parsonages in the district now stands at \$6,694,510.

We feel that the level of work done in Christian education is being steadily improved. Our reports this year show a total church school membership of 14,160; 3,128 were enrolled in our Vacation Bible School during the year; 425 church school members came into the church on profession of faith. This year the Asheville District has paid for College Sustainment and Christian Higher Education \$48,023.

The financial progress of the churches of the district is strengthening. Salaries paid this year in the district totaled \$225,032. Salaries are being increased next year by a total of \$12,750. We have 1,277 persons reported as known tithers. The total raised for all purposes by the churches of the district during the year was \$1,051,490.

The certified lay speakers of the Asheville District, under the direction of Mr. Carl Hyatt, district lay leader, and his associate lay leaders have supplied each vacant pulpit each Sunday over a nine-months' period.

There are 25 chartered groups of Methodist Men with 915 members in the district. Four times a year these men come together for an official district meeting.

We now have 1,081 subscriptions to *Together*.

Our two Group Ministry projects are rendering a splendid service to the Weaverville and Burnsville areas, respectively. Mrs. Tilly Brooks is particularly effective as our full-time rural worker in the Burnsville area.

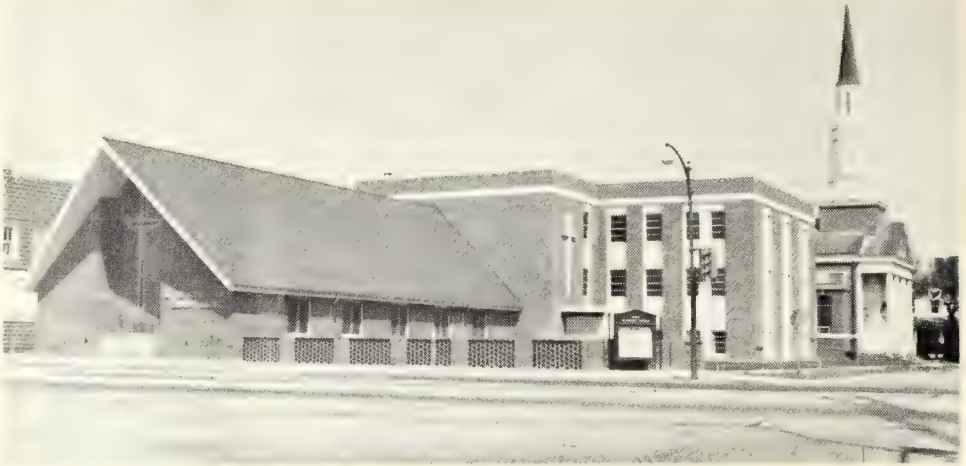
Much is left to be done in future years of progress and growth, but we do feel that the churches of the Asheville District are becoming more effective instruments for the building of the kingdom of God, the touching of individual lives, and the redemption of human relationships.

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New Fellowship Hall and Educational Building at Morehead



Pictured above is the new fellowship hall and remodeled education building of First Methodist Church, Morehead City. Open House for the new buildings will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 25, at 3:00 o'clock.

These new facilities are among the finest to be found in any church in our state. All buildings are air-conditioned and complete in every respect. The new fellowship hall is very beautiful and unusual. A stained-glass cross set in polished granite square lends

itself to a most unique and worshipful atmosphere. A new modern kitchen is being used to the fullest by different groups of the church.

Another unique feature is the 'bishops' walk' and garden, designed and landscaped by Mr. Louis Howell, who is in charge of the Tryon Place Gardens in New Bern.

The plans were begun and completed during the pastorate of Dr. Furman Herbert. At that time, approximately \$50,000 was raised, which was used to purchase a lot and make certain repairs to the sanctuary. Under the present pastor, Rev. Barney L. Davidson, a building fund drive was conducted and the building and remodeling begun. The entire program cost \$250,000. Mr. Archie R. Davis, A.I.A. of Durham, was the architect.

Former pastors, former members of the church, and all friends are extended a special invitation to be at the Open House on June 25 at 3:00 o'clock.

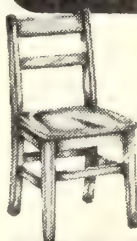
New Methodist Church Mission Begins Services

Under the sponsorship of the Methodist churches of Stanly County, the first service of a new Methodist church for the Aquadale Road section just south of Albemarle was held Sunday night, June 6. Dr. Bernard C. Russell of New London, a minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, is the minister in charge. The new church is to be organized to serve the growing residential area on the south edge of the Albemarle city limits, centered on the Aquadale Road.

The Stanly County Methodist Mission Society, under the leadership of Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District of the Methodist Church, has purchased a plot of ground amounting to approximately three and one-third acres on the Aquadale Road as a site on which a church building will be erected in the future.

For the present, services will be conducted in a building on the Old Aquadale Road.

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The above pictures shows only about half of the 32 young men ordained elders. Others were not available when the photographer made the picture. Reading Left to Right: First Row: James Frederick Thompson, Jr.; Clyde McGee Creech, Oscar Shelton Williams, Robert Morgan, Henry W. Gventer, J. C. Alexander, Jr. Second Row: Samuel Duncan McMillan, R. W. Ponder, Robert Pullman, L. C. Bissette, R. L. Ossman. Third Row: Kermit Lee Braswell, J. L. Hobbs, F. R. Randolph, G. W. Cooke, H. L. McLaurin.

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ Miss Elzora Stupe was presented a Life Membership in the WSCS by Mrs. S. R. Mabe, President of the WSCS of Antioch Methodist Church, King Charge, on June 22, 1961.

¶ Mrs. FLORENCE (DON) UNDERWOOD, recent graduate of Greensboro College, has accepted a position as Educational assistant at College Place Church, Greensboro. She has had two years experience in this work while pursuing her college course.

¶ Miss Pat Peterson of High Point College, and Alan Clark, of the University of North Carolina, have begun their work as interns in the Department of Christian Education at Centenary Methodist Church for the summer. They have responsibilities in the Junior High Department and the Children's Division.

¶ Miss BETTY CAROL SPAIN, of Rocky Mount, was awarded the John R. Bennett Award, of \$200, to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. Miss Spain was graduated with honors from Benvenue High School. She was a Beta Club member at Benvenue and is active in Calvary Baptist Church.

¶ Mr. Jerry Bryan, who has been working as assistant to the pastor and educational assistant at Trinity Church, Wilmington for the past several months, is giving up his work there to take a student appointment in the North Carolina Conference. He and his wife and children greatly endeared themselves to the people at Trinity.

¶ OPEN HOUSE was held Sunday afternoon, June 25, at the new parsonage of the Mt. Tabor Church in the Durham District. The parsonage was built under the leadership of the Rev. R. H. Lewis, pastor of the Banama charge. The new parsonage was constructed at a cost of \$12,850. Mt. Tabor became a station work at the recent North Carolina conference.

¶ Members of the Myers Park Methodist Church of Charlotte during the last year contributed for all purposes \$444,620, a per capita \$177.08, which is more than three times the average per capita giving in The Methodist Church. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon and The Reverend William B. Bobbott, Jr., are the ministers. Dennis E. Myers was chairman of the Official Board and Arthur P. Harris was Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Commission last year.

¶ The Wesley Foundation in Winston-Salem is having weekly Fellowship Suppers on Tuesday evenings for college students home for the summer and students enrolled in summer school at Wake Forest College, Salem College, and the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Susan Lutz, Director at Ardmore Methodist Church, Rev. Richard R. Hanner, Jr., Minister of Education at Centenary Methodist Church, and Rev. Bob Yountz, Director of the Wesley Foundation, are sponsoring the program.

¶ HER FRIENDS will be glad to learn that Mrs. F. S. Love is improving in Duke hospital, where she was taken following a fall at Lake Junaluska several weeks ago. Mrs. Love will remain in the hospital for some time.

¶ Dr. H. E. Spence, member of the North Carolina Conference, and formerly a member of the Duke University Divinity School faculty, has for fourteen years served as summer pastor of the church at Blowing Rock, N. C. In this position he has the opportunity to preach to many visitors in North Carolina's beautiful mountain section, as well as to the local residents.

¶ R. W. Blanchard, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, comes back from the Bahamas to accept an appointment in Florida Conference. The station church is Taft, just five miles from the home of the Blanchards, and while an office will be maintained at the church the Blanchards will live at home.

¶ Miss ALICE KOVARCO and Mr. Joe Whaley, of Rocky Mount, were awarded the Exchange Club Scholarship, of \$100 each, to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. Both Miss Kovarco and Mr. Whaley were graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School in the top 25 per cent of the senior class. They rated above average in their personal and social assets.

¶ AMONG VISITORS from the Western North Carolina Conference to the sessions of the North Carolina conference in Durham last week included Dr. J. Clay Madison, of Greensboro, Dr. Charles P. Bowles, of Greensboro, Dr. Harold Hutson and Dr. Allen Best of Greensboro College, Dr. Ralph Taylor of High Point, Rev. John H. Carper of Thomasville, Dr. Clifford Peace of Winston-Salem, Rollin P. Gibbs of Statesville.

¶ REV. ROBERT S. BAREFIELD, pastor of the Kenly-Buckhorn charge, delivered the commencement address to the senior class of the Kenly High School at the recent commencement exercises.

¶ DR. PIERCE HARRIS of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., is the guest preacher in the Highlands Methodist Church, Highlands, N. C., July 3 through the 7th. Rev. Harry Armstrong and his wife are in charge of the music. Rev. Mr. Armstrong is director of music of the First Methodist Church in Atlanta. This is the sixth summer that Dr. Harris has helped in these services. The services begin each evening at 8 o'clock.

¶ REV. AND MRS. GARLAND R. STAFFORD were honored at tea from 3 to 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon, June 25. Mr. Stafford has just completed six years as district superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District and is now conference executive secretary of Town and Country Work. The tea was sponsored by the WSCS of the church, and the Staffords were presented a silver service set from the district.

¶ THE MEMBERSHIP of Central Church, Asheville, presented Dr. and Mrs. Embree H. Blackard a new automobile equipped with air conditioning, power steering and power brakes as a parting gift. After a twelve-year pastorate Dr. Blackard was transferred to the superintendency of the Charlotte District.

¶ REV. AND MRS. JOHN H. CARPER have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Ruth, to the Rev. Thomas Reid Conway, Rt. 1, Pelham. The wedding will take place August 13 at Main Street Methodist Church, Reidsville, where Miss Carper is director of Christian Education. She is a 1958 graduate of Greensboro College. Mr. Conway is the pastor of the Cobb Methodist circuit in Caswell county.

¶ It was a real pleasure for the Editor to preach at the historic and attractive Bethlehem Methodist church on the Dulins charge on Sunday morning, June 25. Rev. Dwight Mashburn had a splendid congregation present. He announced that the official Board had decided that the entire offering for that day would be used to send the North Carolina Christian Advocate to every Methodist Family in the church, and that if the offering was not enough to take care of it, the remainder would be paid for out of the budget. Incidentally, a picnic dinner was served for all members of the official board and their families. The editor and his wife were invited guests, and greatly enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

Miss Fannie Evelyn Dewar At Broad Street, Mooresville

Miss Fannie Evelyn Dewar, Methodist missionary to Sarawak, Borneo, was speaker at Broad Street Methodist Church, Mooresville, of which Rev. Robert J. Goldston is pastor, on Saturday and Sunday evenings, June 17-18. Miss Dewar was the first American Methodist woman missionary to be assigned to the former headhunter territory. Associated with Christ Hospital, Kapit, she worked primarily as a nurse with the mobile medical clinic which traveled up and down the rivers of Sarawak.

She enriched her talks with interesting color slides she has taken of her work at Christ Hospital, her boat trips along the river to bring medical relief to the Iban families, and typical scenes of Iban life in the loghouse. The ignorance, poor sanitary conditions, and strange superstitions surrounding this primitive people were exhibited in her slide presentation. Miss Dewar stressed a great need for more emphasis to be placed upon training of native workers.

Before going to Borneo, Miss Dewar was a missionary to the Philippines. She has done graduate work in Christian Education at Emory University and Scarritt College and received a Master's degree in Nursing from Yale University. This past year she has been on furlough and received a Master's degree of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

She visited Friday through Monday at Broad Street parsonage with the pastor and his family with whom she became acquainted while studying at Emory.

N. C. Annual Conference Made Progress During Past Year

The North Carolina annual conference, meeting in Trinity Church, Durham, June 26-29 for its 126th session, got off to a head start under the direction of Bishop Paul N. Garber who is known for his very able leadership in conducting the affairs of the annual gathering. A great deal of business was transacted during the first afternoon session on Monday, when the conference organization was completed, reports of all district superintendents were heard, a class of 36 young men received into full connection, after an address by retired Bishop Costen J. Harrell, of Decatur, Ga. Bishop Harrell spoke on the call to the ministry and its responsibilities.

The roll of ministers and ministers' wives who have died during the year included: Ministers, Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Rev. Albert S. Barnes, Rev. James W. Bradley, Rev. W. C. Baines, Rev. Richard Braunstein. Ministers' wives, Mrs. R. E. Atkinson, Mrs. J. H. Lanning, Mrs. W. N. Vaughan. The conference stood in silent tribute.

Reports were presented by the Committee on Publishing interests, Christian vocations, Ministers Credit Union. C. Werner Crum of the Virginia conference spoke to the report of the Credit Union; Dr. Richard Bauer spoke to the report of the Committee on Christian Vocations. Bishop Garber presented the constitutional amendment No. 12 to the Constitution of the church, concerning the Jurisdictional system. Rev. W. L. Clegg spoke against the amendment. Rev. W. M. Wells called attention to certain items of the amendment. The vote was taken and resulted in 33 for, and 342 against.

The Board of Ministerial Training made its report and the following were admitted on trial: Kermit Lee Braswell, Cecil Dene Brown, John Earl Bryant, Billy McCoy Carden, Paul Cullum Gentry, Jerry Lee Harper, James Lee Hobbs, Robert Whittelsey Morgan, Travis Winefred Owen, John Terrell Rush, Julian Warren Scott, William Gray Sharpe IV, William Rufus Spears, James Frederick Thompson, Jr., Eldon Griffith Woodcock, Clifton Riddick Hollowell, Robert Dennis Ricks, Gordon Edmund Allen, Richard Robert Blankenhorn, Hughling Brockway Jones, John Everett Wood, Jackie Locklear.

At the 7:30 service Monday evening fraternal greetings were brought by Mr. A. G. Jefferson, Conference Lay Leader of the Virginia conference. Mr. Jefferson has spoken many times in the bounds of the conference, hence is no stranger to most of the ministers and laymen. He was presented by Nelson Gibson, Lay Leader of the North Carolina Conference.

The anniversary of the Board of Missions was observed Monday evening. Rev. Marvin Vick of Kinston, president of the Board, presided. The Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board told of the progress being made, with special emphasis upon the matter of church extension. The North Carolina Conference has made tremendous strides in this particular field

in the past ten years. It has been referred to as "the miracle conference" in church extension. Rev. Clyde McCarver presented the Board's report. Dr. Darrell Randall, Associate Executive Director, Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches, New York, was the featured speaker for the occasion. A motion to make Dr. Randall's address available to each minister was adopted.

Miss Ethelynde Ballance read the report of the Methodist Deaconess Board.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs presented the report of the Board of Publication, and asked the editor to make a statement concerning the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Bishop Garber asked the conference to stand as an expression of its appreciation for what the ADVOCATE is doing, and in pledge of its full support. The response was unanimous.

The conference secretary was asked to send messages to the following who could not be present at conference: Rev. Leon Couch, Rev. Paul Carruth, Rev. J. D. Young, Rev. George Ports, Jr., Rev. H. K. Jeanneret, Rev. L. A. Lewis, Rev. A. D. L. Gray, Rev. L. P. Ipock, and Rev. C. B. Hicks.

Mr. Gurney P. Hood, former state Bank Commissioner, and long-time active Methodist layman, was presented a citation by the conference on Tuesday morning, recognizing his outstanding service as a Christian layman. Mr. Hood served for many years as conference lay leader and later as president of the Commission on world Service and Finance. A group of friends also feted Mr. Hood with a testimonial luncheon at Duke University on Wednesday at 1.15. The North Carolina Council of Churches last January presented a citation to Mr. and Mrs. Hood for their fine churchmanship.

Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., addressed the conference Tuesday morning, speaking of the place Paine College plays in the educational program of the church, and urging continued support.

Tuesday afternoon's session proved to be one of the most interesting and helpful of all. The Board of Evangelism observed its anniversary, and Dr. Harry Denman, secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, of Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker. Dr. Denman is always a dynamic speaker on the subject of evangelism, and the members of the conference are always delighted to hear him. He stressed the importance of a warm heart, and a compassion that sends the church to its knees and then to every home and every possible prospect if converts are to be won and the church strengthened. "We cannot do it with a mere plan or program," said Dr. Denman. Rev. Paul Browning, vice president of the Board presided at the anniversary meeting, and Rev. C. Freeman Heath, executive director of evangelism for the conference, told something of the plans for the coming year and introduced the speaker, Rev. Alison Simon-

ton, secretary, gave the board's report, in which it was revealed there had been a net gain in membership of around 3,000 new members for the year.

The Conference failed to adopt a report of the committee which had been appointed to study the need of establishing a Commission on Methodist Information.

At the evening session of the conference the Board of Lay Activities observed its anniversary program, with Mr. Nelson Gibson, conference lay leader, presiding, and Mr. Robert M. Smith, Lay Leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, as the speaker. Mr. Smith reminded the laymen that it was their job to deepen the spiritual life of the people, and that this could be done only by complete dedication of self, recognizing their trusteeship as God-given and expressing it through the tithe, having a feeling of urgency or passion that leads to service, making the church a working force. He also spoke of the great rewards received from being faithful to the task.

Rev. L. O. Leet, stewardship evangelist, challenged the conference to center its emphasis on the rural church. Dr. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the southeastern jurisdiction told the delegates "the only way America can survive is to understand the challenge we face and face it."

The historical society held its annual meeting on Wednesday morning, with an address by Dr. B. G. Childs. Rev. Leon Russell, president, presided over the session when the Board of Education made its report. Dr. Randle Dew, associate secretary, division of the local church, board of education, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered the address, stressing the importance of supporting and strengthening the educational institutions.

The delegates asked President Kennedy and the National Congress to safeguard the doctrine of the separation of Church and State in acting upon federal aid to education. A budget of \$1,182,808 was adopted for the conference year 1961-1962. The conference re-affirmed the position of the General Conference that there should be no racial discrimination. "The church is called to build bridges of understanding between various groups of society," said the report of the committee on Human Relations and Economic Affairs. Rev. Henry Ruark, speaker for the occasion, asked his hearers to remember that we are all sons of God.

At the ordination service Wednesday evening, at which Bishop Walter C. Gum, resident Bishop of the Louisville, Ky., area, delivered the sermon, 34 young men were ordained deacons and 33 ordained elders in the church. Bishops Walter C. Gum and Costen J. Harrell assisted Bishop Garber and the district superintendents in the ordination service.

Included in the report of the Board of Education for the Commission on Christian Higher Education was an announcement of special interest to the two new colleges established by the conference in recent years. It was reported that the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was donating \$100,000 to the colleges—\$50,000 each for their building funds.

The conference voted on Wednesday morning to accept an invitation to hold its

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EDITORIALS

Closing One Year And Beginning Another

It is always interesting to look back at the close of a year and see what has been accomplished. Most of us realize that as we face a new year there are some things in the past that may help us and others we would want to avoid. We come now to the close of the first year as editor of this State-wide church periodical, representing as it does two great conferences in Methodism numbering between 450,000 and 500,000 members.

We have tried to make the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE the best possible church publication. In this we have tried to center its main energies on its original purposes: namely a conference paper. We have endeavored to make it a news agency of the churches and a promoter of the program of the church. We have the best possible news-gathering set-up so far as church news is concerned. Our pastors, district superintendents, Bishops, and laymen have all contributed to our columns. We also receive a large number of church bulletins and daily papers which keeps us informed on the programs and happenings of the local churches. We have tried to keep the program of the church before our people and to furnish some inspiration in carrying it out. While we are primarily a conference publication, we have also carried interesting items of World Methodism.

Some have no doubt noticed that we have not specialized in feature articles. There are two reasons for that. First, we have other general publications in the Methodist church which work exclusively in this field, and do a good job at it. In the second place, we felt we knew the sentiment of our people and the kind of conference paper they wanted and needed.

We are happy to report that our conclusions have been justified by the many kind expressions we have received from all over the two conferences. We are indebted to everyone who contributed to the success of the ADVOCATE during this past year, and we invite and welcome the continued assistance for the year ahead.

Our subscription list has grown considerably. Our whole operation is most encouraging. Some of our people do not realize that we do a large amount of printing in the commercial field, the profits of which are applied to the operation of the ADVOCATE.

We could produce the paper at a

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

—Phil. 3:13, 14.

lower cost by using a cheaper grade of paper or being satisfied with a second rate production. But we feel our people want a high type publication in its appearance, so we try to make it so.

It is encouraging to know that we have received requests from outstanding publications, such as *Together* Magazine of Chicago, and the *Methodist Recorder* of London, England, for articles and pictures which appeared in the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE with the request for permission to run them in their periodicals. We are a part of the large Methodist family of religious journalism all around the world, but we are primarily a conference organ, and we endeavor to serve the conferences in this state in an effective manner. We covet for the year ahead the full support of every pastor, district superintendent, and layman in each church that the ADVOCATE may receive a wider distribution and render a finer service.

Holy Communion Can Be A Means Of Grace

For many years we have engaged in observing Holy Communion in religious worship services, either as a participant or as the celebrant. We have never engaged in such a service without feeling then and afterward that we were in the Divine Presence. Our spirits were lifted; our hopes rekindled.

Recently, as we sat in such a service where a large congregation was being served by the two officiating ministers we began to meditate on the real meaning and significance of such a service. There are people, members of the church, who fail to evaluate the communion service properly, and at times will deliberately absent themselves from service on communion Sunday.

No service, however, is destined to be more meaningful or is filled with greater possibilities for spiritual development than is the sacred service of communion. For one thing, it gives opportunity for meditation and self-examination. Most of us are so hurried and pre-occupied with material and temporal things that we simply crowd out and neglect our

spiritual needs. We are willing to give some kind of attention to the sermon, to the musical program, and to the regular routine, but we fail to turn the searchlight on ourselves in an effort to find out our spiritual condition. In the communion service we are privileged to meditate. We are unhurried. Such statements as "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees," have the effect of stabbing us awake. We begin to ask just where do we stand? Is our supreme desire to be God's people and to do His will? Or is our religion a mere profession without special meaning? "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." At the communion table we can examine our relationship with our fellowmen as well as with our Heavenly Father. This is not only a privilege; it is a command. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." We can hardly engage in this service in the proper attitude without becoming better Christians.

"Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart."

We come to this sacred service, not because we think we are good, but because we want to be better.

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LETTERS

Bishop Paul N. Garber Dedicates St. James Church

Dear Mr. Starnes:

I have seen either in the secular press or either in your paper where the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church has gone on record in favor of the Blue law as proposed by the North Carolina Merchants Association. Let me commend the conference for its stand but what concerns me sir is this: it appears to me that the North Carolina Merchants Association has more influence in the General Assembly than the Christian Church. I am sure if the church had proposed the bill you would have heard the old cry you can't legislate morals. Now when I hear some one say that I just wonder in my mind if that person is just afraid to take an unpopular stand on present day social issues.

Without any apology whatsoever I think the church has to present a social gospel. I know that the conversion of the individual is the most important task of the church, yet it is my conviction that we have to work for a society in which it is more conducive for a person to accept the claim of Christ. I am a layman in the Methodist Church and it has just been a source of concern to me to see other laymen in our church, sometimes there are leaders in the community (since the Methodist Church is called the great middle class church) supporting the cause of the legal liquor traffic either by outright advocacy of it or either by silence or indifference. You find leaders in our churches in the legislature supporting legalized gambling. I am just alarmed at the indifference of the layman in the Methodist Church and other churches of our state. Some one has said that the church is just an echo and not a voice in the community anymore. That is so near the truth that it hurts. Anyway I hope all of us who claim Christ as Lord will examine our positions and see if our commitment to him does not demand a stronger voice on social issues of the day.

Sincerely,
SAM B. STRICKLAND
Clayton, N. C.

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Christian Institute Raiwind

Easter Sunday, 1961

Dear Brother Starnes,

What does three years away from home do to a short-term missionary? What has he been doing? What has he enjoyed most? What has been the greatest frustration? Has he accomplished what he thought he would? What next? And the questions are limitless. Yet, strangely enough these questions really don't bother me. Maybe it's because I don't know the answers or am too lazy to think them out, but it could be that they are secondary. Why?

I came to Raiwind Christian Institute in the fall of 1958, fresh out of college idealistic, monolingual, immature, adventure-some and full of enthusiasm. My term of duty has been given to the job of Hostel Superintendent responsible for housing, feeding, clothing, financing, counseling, healing, teaching, and general well-being of 125 village boys of high school age. Living with these boys, each a distinct per-



The service of Dedication for the new Sanctuary of the Saint James Methodist Church at Newport, was held Sunday morning, June 18, 1961 at the 11:00 o'clock service. Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond, Virginia, Bishop of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church was the guest preacher.

Taking part in this service also, were Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern District Superintendent, the Rev. J. H. Waldrop Jr., of Fremont, a former pastor, Millard C. Warren, Church Lay Leader, and the Rev.

Ralph L. Fleming Jr., pastor of the Saint James Methodist Church.

The new contemporary building which was completed just two years ago, is valued at \$75,000.00. Robert H. Stephens and Aldo Cardelli of New Bern were the architects.

Following the service of Dedication over 400 members, guests and friends of the Church attended dinner on the grounds.

At the evening service at 7:30 the Rev. John R. Poe of Fuquay Springs, a former pastor preached.

sonality, who come from homes of unimaginable simplicity and ignorance, has taught me many lessons in humility.

Now I am preparing to leave Raiwind, the Hostel, and the boys. I shall carry with me numerous memories, many pleasant and others painful, and shall continue to give thanks to those who have made it possible for me to live and work in Raiwind. I shall always be grateful to the many friends and faithful helpers at Raiwind, the members of Thomasville Memorial Methodist Church, the many other individuals and church groups who have helped provide better facilities for the boys and the Hostel residents with whom I have lived. In serving as a bridge of understanding between the Pakistani Church and the American Church, I trust that there has been creative witness.

Results should not be sought, for if our intentions have been right and obedient, then God will take care of such eventualities. However, an increased interest in the church of Asia and the people of Pakistan and India is leading me to United Theological College in Bangalore, South India. Through the generous gifts of people in Thomasville and Charlotte, this opportunity to study in an Indian Seminary has been arranged. From June 20, 1961, my address will be:

United Theological College, 17 Miller's Road, Bangalore, I, S. India.

In the summer of 1962, I shall return home via East Asia and the American West and then attempt to complete my studies toward a B. D. Degree. Frequently having

been asked, in Pakistan and India, to "explain" the American racial situation, has lead me to consider working among the people in our country who so often we have failed to understand and love.

Three years here has brought me to an awareness of my own lack of faith, yet a consequent desire is growing to be obedient, to serve, and to be a good neighbor to all whom I might meet or know. With the meanings of Easter fresh in mind, the thought from Komai's verse drama of "Cry, The Beloved Country," poetically expresses a significant outgrowth of my time here.

"I only know that I am no longer able
To aspire to the highest with one part
of myself,
And to deny it with another."

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Miss Brenda Jones to Head Student Fellowship at Pfeiffer

MISENHEIMER, N. C.—Miss Brenda Jones, a rising junior from Shelby, will head the Methodist Student Fellowship at Pfeiffer College for the 1961-62 academic year.

Other officers named were Don Heafner, Crouse, vice president; Jane Sidbury, Wilmington, secretary; Mary Ann Shoemaker, St. Petersburg, Fla., treasurer; Wayne Foulks, Statesville, Publicity Chairman; Ann Stone, Winston-Salem, Fellowship and Gloria Coltharp, Charlotte, co-editors of the "Steeple Light."

Mt. Pleasant Church Receives Portrait of its Pastor

It was an auspicious occasion at Mt. Pleasant Church on the Burlington Road, Father's Day morning, June 18th. The beautiful new sanctuary was almost filled with those who came to worship and to hear what proved to be a challenging message on "Faith of Our Fathers" by the new-old pastor, Rev. Jos. L. Ervin, who is beginning his seventh year as pastor of these most appreciative people.

The Senior Choir, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Ervin, and the Junior Choir, with Mrs. Robt. Mangum as the capable director, rendered inspiring special music. But the main feature of the service came when the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. Curtis Kennedy, was accorded the privilege of presenting a surprise to the eager congregation.

On an easel within the chancel stood an unveiled picture. The pastor and wife were called to stand on either side of the uncovered painting, and after a few chosen words by the presenter, they were bidden to disclose its identity. To the pleasant surprise of the congregation, it proved to be a portrait of the much beloved pastor, who graciously expressed his appreciation. This work of art, a product of Mrs. Barnett Tramel, a member of the church, has been hung in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building, which room will bear the name of Pastor Ervin.

The sanctuary was first occupied for worship on Easter Sunday, April 2nd. Sunday afternoon, June 25th, open house was observed to display the many modern facilities of the church plant.

E. LESTER BALLARD

Littleton College Group To Hold Final Meeting

The Littleton College Memorial Association will hold its final meeting and reunion at Pullen Park in Raleigh at 11 a.m., on July 15, 1961. Membership in this association, which was organized in 1927, consists of alumnae and friends of the former Littleton College, a private Methodist school operated in Littleton from 1922 until 1919. During most of this period, Littleton College was owned and operated by the late Reverend and Mrs. James M. Rhodes.

Littleton College was destroyed by fire in January 1919 and was not rebuilt due to the advanced age and declining health of President Rhodes.

"Optimism" is to be the theme of this meeting. Each member will be asked to relate some experience in connection with Littleton College or to tell "the best thing that has happened to me this year."

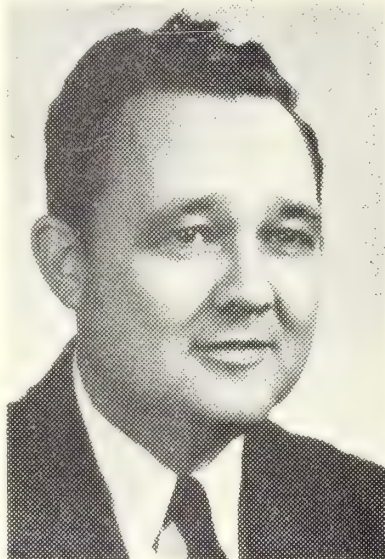
Attendance is not restricted to members of the Littleton College Memorial Association and it is hoped that all former students and faculty members plus others who may be interested will be present for the occasion. There will be a basket picnic following the morning session.

Mrs. Dora H. Stephenson of Richmond, Virginia, is president of the Littleton College Memorial Association and Mrs. Frances R. Doak of Raleigh is secretary and treasurer.

Rev. Leon Couch of Goldsboro Died After Short Illness

The Rev. Leon Voight Couch, Sr., aged 54, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist church, Goldsboro, for the past five years, died Friday afternoon, June 30, at the Wayne Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lettie Worthington; two sons, Leon Couch Jr., a student at Duke University, and Paul Couch of the home; one daughter, Lois Couch of the home; four brothers, Sidney Couch of the armed forces in Germany, Joel Couch of the Air Force at Greenville, S. C., and Bob and Jack Couch of Coburn, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Harold Greer of Wise, Va., Mrs. James Hawkins of Coburn, Va., Mrs. Delmus Higgins of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Reese Barret of Columbus, O.



Rev. Mr. Couch was a native of Toms Creek, Va. He was a graduate of Emory and Henry University and received his M.A. degree from Duke University. He did graduate work at the University of North Carolina and at Columbia, Harvard, and Yale Universities.

Prior to entering the ministry he was principal of high schools at Roxboro, and Eureka and Grantham in Wayne County.

Before becoming pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro he served as pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Durham for nine years and of the First Methodist Church in Morehead City for five years. He was re-assigned to the St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, for his sixth year, by the Conference in Durham last week.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, July 2, at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, where he was held in such high esteem. The services were in charge of Bishop Paul N. Garber and Rev. Mark W. Lawrence, his district superintendent. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

In the passing of Mr. Couch the North Carolina Conference lost one of its most consecrated and useful ministers. He was known for his simple, childlike faith in the goodness of God and his complete commitment to the Christian ministry. At the time of his passing he was not only serving his church in an admirable manner, but was also rendering a fine leadership on a conference-wide level as president of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

Eight New Missionaries Begin Service in Alaska

Eight new Methodist home missionaries—four ministers and their wives—will begin service this summer in Alaska. The appointments of the four ministers, together with other pastoral appointments, were announced by Bishop A. Raymond Grant of the Portland (Oreg.) episcopal area at the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission Conference May 18 in Anchorage.

All eight persons are expected to be commissioned as home missionaries either during the sessions of their annual conferences or at the churches they are presently serving. All will be missionaries of the Division of National Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions. The men will serve as pastors of local churches. The eight are:

Rev. Franz O. Christopher, who will be pastor of the Methodist church in Douglas, and Mrs. Christopher. Mr. Christopher has been a minister in the Pittsburgh Methodist Conference for 30 years, including five years as district superintendent.

Rev. Kenneth Heflin, who will be pastor of Anchor Park Methodist Church in Anchorage, and Mrs. Heflin. Mr. Heflin is a minister in the Oregon Methodist Conference.

Rev. Frederick D. Savage, who will be pastor of the First Methodist Church of Fairbanks, and Mrs. Savage. He is a minister in the Genesee Methodist Conference.

Rev. Roger Thompson, who will be pastor of the First Methodist Church of Anchorage, and Mrs. Thompson. He is a minister in the New York East Methodist Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Stroud To Serve in South America

Bishop John O. Smith of the Atlanta area, recently commissioned as missionaries to serve in South America Rev. and Mrs. Robert Stroud. The ceremony took place in Durham Chapel at Emory University. The young couple have a good background for their new undertaking. Mr. Stroud's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John E. Stroud, are now living in Miami, after serving as missionaries in China and also in Cuba. Mrs. Stroud is the former Betty Lou Rose of Winston-Salem. Her brother, Mark Rose, is also a student at the Candler School of Theology. The Strouds both have a fluent knowledge of Spanish.

Notice About WNC Journal

The 1961 edition of the Western North Carolina Conference Journal will be a historical issue and will contain the pictures of the ministers of the Conference. Pastors are urged to give the members of their congregations an opportunity to order this Journal and report the order on the card mailed last week. After the Journal is printed, no additional copies will be available since they are being printed by order only. Laymen can order a copy through their pastor for \$1.75 or can order a copy direct from me for \$2.00. Orders sent direct should be addressed to Box 935, Kanapolis, N. C. All orders must be in by August 1.

—CHARLES D. WHITE, Secretary

—Interesting Methodist Matters—

Retired Bishop Roberto Elphick, 87, of Santiago, Chile, died May 6. He had been a minister for more than 65 years. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1936.

The Rev. H. H. Greene, pastor of Jones Temple Methodist Church, Louisville, Ky., for eight years, was recently elected president of the Louisville Ministerial Association. He is the first Negro to be elected to this post.

Dr. Earl Cranston, former dean of the School of Religion at the University of Southern California, will be a visiting professor at Boston University for the next academic year. He will teach church history and ethics.

The Rev. Richard P. Edgar, Los Angeles pastor, on July 1 will become director of leadership development for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.

Miss Ethel L. Hastings, 80, former superintendent of Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, died recently. Her long career as a nurse and hospital administrator had included service at hospitals in St. Joseph, Mo., and Wichita, Kansas.

Dr. Georgia Harkness, professor of applied theology at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., since 1949, will retire from active service on that faculty this summer. This fall she will spend some time traveling in Europe, but plans to continue to live in Berkeley.

Ground was broken May 14 at The American University, Washington, D. C., for the \$250,000 art department building, first structure to be started under the university's ten-year advancement program announced last fall. It will be the first wing of a \$1,500,000 Creative Arts Center at the national Methodist school.

A fitting memorial to the life and message of the late Dr. Halford E. Luccock has been established at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., where he was a professor for many years. In tribute to him, the Luccock Visitor Program has been created to bring outstanding ministers to the school to lecture and participate in group discussions.

Dr. John L. Knight, pastor of Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio, became pastor of First Church, Syracuse, N. Y., effective May 28. He succeeded Dr. Albert L. Baner, pastor there since 1945. Dr. Baner plans to take a sabbatical year from any appointment for travel, rest and study.

Dr. Walter Kerr, pastor of Marvin Street Church, Tyler, Texas, has asked that he be relieved of his pastorate and assigned as conference evangelist so that he may be free to organize youth movement dedicated to "giving youth an opportunity to work for freedom."

The largest churches of the Southern California - Arizona Methodist Conference are in Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz. Dr. J. Wesley Hole, Conference treasurer statistician, listed the six largest churches as Central Methodist, Phoenix, 4,561 members; Catalina, Tucson, 4,027; First, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,598; First, Glendale, Calif., 3,224; First, Pasadena, 3,087; and Westwood Community Methodist, Los Angeles, 3,060.

Methodist directors of Christian education will meet at Lake Junaluska for a workshop August 14-18 to study critical problems of church teaching and try to solve them. Resource specialists for the workshop will be the Rev. Dr. Walter Towner, Nashville, director of the Methodist General Board of Education's Department of General Church School Work, and Dr. Paul B. Irwin, professor of religious education at Southern California School of Theology, Claremont.

The Rev. Dr. C. Lloyd Daugherty, associate secretary and director of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism's Department of Local Church Evangelism, died after a heart attack June 15 at his home. Funeral services were conducted in Nashville and burial was in his native Pittsburgh. Dr. Daugherty, who was 53, was a son of a Methodist minister and was a member of the fifth successive generation of ministers in his family. His parents were Clarence L. and Mary Skyers Daugherty.

The Rev. B. J. Stiles, a member of the Methodist General Board of Education staff since 1957, has been named editor of *Motive*, national magazine of the Methodist Student Movement. Mr. Stiles, a native Texan, succeeds the Rev. Jameson Jones, who resigned after three years to become assistant professor of religion in higher education and director of campus relations at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

President Kennedy has been urged by 200 Florida Methodist lay leaders to mobilize the nation's top leadership and resources to combat communism.

In a telegram to Sen. George Smathers (D-Fla.), the laymen asked him to "use your influence with President Kennedy in this endeavor."

The message requested the President to "assemble 200 or more outstanding leaders from various phases of society to study the Communist menace and to suggest ways and means of totally mobilizing our resources to defeat the Communist evil."

CHARACTER

Character is that which is still found standing when the crash is over.

Character is the moral cash on hand when the creditors close in on life.

Character is what you are when no one is around.

Character is what you have been thinking and doing a long time.

—BISHOP WERNER

High Point District Holds Set-Up Meeting

A special set-up meeting for the High Point district was held at Wesley Memorial church by Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent, Sunday afternoon, July 2. Laymen and ministers met at 3 p.m. and spent two hours planning for the work of the new conference year.

After devotions by the superintendent, the group divided, the laymen meeting with Mr. Harry Bell, district lay leader, and the ministers and wives going into the chapel, where a season of prayer was engaged in as they gathered around the altar and spent moments in silent prayer. After the prayer, the preachers met separately to receive announcements and organize for the year. The wives also met and organized by electing their officers. The ministers elected district officers as follows: President, Rev. A. C. Waggoner; Vice President, Rev. Worth Sweet; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. R. M. Hardee. Elected as sub-district officers for High Point area were, President, Rev. T. H. Swafford, Vice-President, Rev. Ernest Page; Sec., Rev. R. L. Oakley. For Asheboro area, President, Rev. N. C. Williams, Jr.; Vice President, Rev. L. E. Mabry; Secretary, Rev. Ron Hall.

The ministers' wives elected as district officers, President, Mrs. Kenneth Crouse; Vice Pres., Mrs. R. L. Oakley; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. T. L. Cassidy; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. S. Higgins. For subdistrict officers were, High Point area, President, Mrs. C. C. Herbert; Secretary, Mrs. Glenn Lanier. For Asheboro area, President, Mrs. Ray Hahn; Secretary, Mrs. Brown McKinney.

As the groups returned to meet together, Dr. Taylor presented Rev. Glenn Lackey, who spoke about the Church Builders Club, a conference-wide movement. He appealed to the ministers to support this movement which is designed to establish new churches as well as assist those in need. Rev. Kenneth Crouse, director of evangelism set forth plans in this field, and reported that the High Point District was the only district in the conference which had no barren churches during the past year. Rev. Cecil Hefner presented the mission program and passed out literature dealing with it. The editor of the *ADVOCATE* was presented and spoke briefly, asking full support of the conference organ. Dr. Taylor urged the ministers to give their people an opportunity to subscribe to the *ADVOCATE*. He passed out 50 copies to those who do not receive it. A list of 13 items was adopted as the goal toward which the district will work during the year.

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Rev C. G. Hefner Visits Holy Land

Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of First Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C. will leave on the Churchman's Seminar, July 16, visiting the Bible lands and the Middle East. He will attend the Methodist World Conference in Oslo, Norway, of which he is a delegate. In his absence the following people will be speaking in the First Methodist Church: Dr. S. J. Starnes, Dr. Ralph Taylor, Rev. Johnnie Hawkins, Dr. Harold Hutson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eppley, missionaries from First Methodist Church.

North Carolina Conference Appointments 1961 - 1962

BURLINGTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent—W. L. Clegg
Bellemont—W. H. Faggart
Bethel—K. E. Holcott
Bonlee—Leslie Myers
Broadway—C. V. Bryant
Burlington-Davis Street—H. M. McLamb
East—R. T. Commander
Front Street—Leon Russell
Associate—W. G. Sharpe, IV
Grace—N. B. Hill, Jr.
St. Paul—Rufus Stark
Trinity—R. E. Fowlkes, Jr.
Webb Avenue—J. K. Bostick
West Burlington—P. F. Newton
Burlington Circuit—J. C. Daniels
Carthage—R. E. Moore
Center Camp—R. E. Thompson
Cobb Circuit—T. R. Conway
Fairview—H. A. Bizzell, Jr.
Friendship—J. C. Staton
Glendon—J. W. Davis
Glenston—Z. V. Cowan
Graham—Christ-Cedar Cliff—T. M. Faggart
First Church—T. J. Whitehead
Haw River—C. C. Capps
Hightower—J. C. Shore
Leasburg-Salem—B. G. McBryde
Mcbane—L. L. Parrish
Milton—J. F. Ameling
Associate—R. W. Stewart
Moncure—J. H. Crum
Morris Chapel—Tracy Maness
Mt. Hermon—H. H. Hodgins
Pittsboro—Randall Baker
Pittsboro Circuit—Roland Mullinix
Poplar Springs—Marvin Gaster
Robbins—W. A. Crow
Robbins Circuit—Max B. Richardson
Rock Creek—J. L. Bryant
St. Luke's—Charles Hutchinson
Salem-Chapel—R. M. Clinard
Santford: Jonesboro Heights—V. C. Tyson
Steele Street—W. S. Potter
Trinity-Lemon Springs—Jerry Faulkner
Saxapahaw—J. D. Aycock
Shiloh—C. C. Clark
Siler City—J. M. Cline
Siler City Circuit—O. B. Isenhour
Silk Hope—Robert Drew
Sweepsonville—J. D. Stott
Whitney Cross—T. R. Sigmom
Yanceyville—George R. Johnson
Retired: D. A. Clarke, E. R. Clegg, John Cline,
J. D. Cranford, J. H. Lanning, W. L. Maness,
W. J. Underwood.

DURHAM DISTRICT

District Superintendent—C. D. Barclift
Allensville—Trinity—G. W. Cooke
Andrews-Soapstone—P. C. Gentry
Bahama: Mt. Bethel—R. H. Lewis
Banks-Grove Hill—S. I. McRae
Bethesda—F. R. Randolph
Brookdale-Brookland—Key W. Taylor
Butner—E. D. Williams
Bynum—F. I. Lloyd, Jr.
Carrboro—J. C. Chaffin
Cedar Grove—R. H. Petersen
Chapel Hill: Aldersgate—P. D. Midgett, III
Amity—O. W. Watson
Orange—D. B. Lewis
University Church—C. S. Hubbard
Concord-Oak Grove—L. A. Kelly, Jr.
Creedmoor—J. C. Alexander, Jr.
Durham: Aldersgate—W. R. Spears
Asbury—L. C. Vereen
Associate—R. W. Morgan
Bethany—J. E. Sponenberg
Branson—O. V. Elkins
Calvary—M. D. Tyson
Carr—W. A. Seawell
Duke's Chapel—W. C. Wilson
Duke Memorial—R. W. Bradshaw
Associate—W. W. Bishop
Epworth—J. L. Joyce
Glendale Heights—Alison Simonton, Jr.
Lakewood—A. F. McClung
Maybrook-Massey—B. M. Carden
McMannan—D. E. Earnhardt
St. John—D. M. Sharpe
St. Paul—John R. Poe
Trinity—W. M. Howard, Jr.
Wellons Village—S. D. McMillan, Jr.
Eland-Lebanon—R. L. Wallace
Ellis Chapel—W. A. Becker
Eno—R. G. Harris, Jr.
Fletcher's Chapel—A. M. Williams
Gray Rock—R. E. Bass
Hillsboro—S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.
Lea's Chapel-Warren's Grove—B. B. Brown
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A \$333,000 addition to the Methodist Home of the District of Columbia was consecrated in May by Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D. C.

New Colleges Receive \$50,000 Each

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is making a cash grant of \$100,000 to North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount and Methodist College of Fayetteville. Each institution will receive \$50,000 this month. The grant is for the building program at each of the new Methodist colleges.

This announcement was made public at the meeting of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in session at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, N. C. Dr. A. P. Brantley, executive director for the Commission on Christian Higher Education made the announcement at the annual program of the Commission. Bishop Paul N. Garber expressed the appreciation of the Conference for this generous support of the causes of Higher Education in our state and conference.

The grant was authorized by Mr. Bowman Gray, Chairman of the Board of Reynolds, Mr. H. H. Ramm, Vice President, and was announced to the recipients by Mr. J. R. Marion, Secretary of the Corporation.

Marion spent a day on each campus recently studying progress and plans at the schools.

President Thomas A. Collins, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, spoke of the significant growth of the college in its first year. Beginning in September, 1960 with three academic buildings and 92 Freshman students, this fall Wesleyan will have completed seven major buildings with an estimated campus value in excess of \$3,500,000. An anticipated 200 Freshmen and sophomores will enroll in September.

President L. S. Weaver of Methodist College cited similar growth and plans for expansion. Both men assert this is the largest corporation gift at one time in the young history of these two colleges. Both praised the educational vision of Reynolds Tobacco Company and expressed the appreciation of Board of Trustees and constituents of the conference and college communities.

Newport Church Will Hold Youth Activity Week

"Christianity on Trial" will be the emphasis for the Methodist Youth Fellowship of St. James Methodist Church, Newport, when it has its Youth Activities Week July 9-12. The four nights of worship, study, and recreation will be highlighted by the chosen speakers, the Reverends Jack Crum, H. L. Watkins, Bill Jeffries, and J. L. Peterson.

The St. James young people extend a cordial invitation to all youth who would come and join them each evening at 6:30 for supper and, in all, a stimulating, enlightening experience.

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News From Mrs. Ralph Ward

Progress on the construction of the new girls' high school in Taipei is described in a recent letter from Mrs. Ralph Ward of Hendersonville, missionary in Taiwan. She says, "We have worked many long hours," but now they are hoping to be ready for classroom work in September.

In all the busy-ness of every day life, the missionaries still have time to be concerned about strife in other parts of the world. Mrs. Ward says, "A letter from Lali in Kenya, written in April, made me realize suddenly how peaceful we seem to be here in Taiwan. For decades it was China where revolutions, wars rumors of wars and violence seemed the order of the day. Now it is Cuba, Laos, Korea, several sections of Africa, and our own U.S. where racial violence flares. One of our new missionaries working with me is from our own American Southland . . ."

Of the school, Mrs. Ward says, "School construction for our new girls high school is up to the third floor on both the classroom and the dorm buildings. During the first sixty days of construction (Feb. and March) we had perhaps ten days good enough weather-wise, so work could proceed. April and the early part of May work continued; but the past week our typhoon season has begun, so daily rain has stopped our work again. But ready or not, we plan to start on classes in September. Since by government regulation we can begin with the seventh grade only, we can finish enough classrooms and dorm space for this group. After the first year we can add more classes, but each new school has to be on a one-year 'probation period,' in order to be fully accredited.

"We have worked many long hours on personnel; finding a principal and the three Deans required by our Ministry of Education. Teachers are easy to find, but good administrators are as rare here as in most parts of the world. But at last we seem to have our leaders lined up.

"Also, we have worked long hours on school equipment—including the plumbing. Back of that, there was the job of checking on actual construction. I will feel as if I could take a holiday by next November, once the school is built, equipped, full faculty in operation, entrance exams given, students in classes and bedded down; and when the October visit of our Board of Missions' Secretaries is over. I must stand by all during the summer months, while construction goes on and entrance exams are in process and students are chosen.

"I did not wish to be on the local YWCA Board but was drafted this year; now I find myself chairman of the YW committee for Social Services. This involves time but I am learning a lot about Taipei and Taiwan. In this connection I made a trip this week to a city nearby where there are two projects operated by destitute retired military men; one is a furniture factory; the other is fish ponds—the fish being marketed in Taipei.

"As 'mother' to the new girls I have made three trips to Tainan, 200 miles south of Taipei, to help one of the girls get settled in a rented WSCS house. the one girl still living with me has been ill a good deal

of the time and many trips with her to the hospital . . .

"As treasurer of the Woman's Division of our Board of Missions I represent the WSCS on many Taiwan Methodist Boards and Committees. One such is meeting tomorrow to consider problems, salaries and budgets of our church-related kindergartens. The WSCS helps to subsidize these when they are started, hence I am involved in each one.

Lovingly,
KATHERINE."

Mrs. Ward is well known in both North Carolina Conferences. She is the wife of the late Bishop Ralph Ward of the Taiwan and Hong Kong area. She was a speaker at both annual meetings of the conference societies in 1960 before she returned to Taiwan to begin her work supervising the building of the new high school.

N. C. Annual Conference

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1962 session at Queen Street Methodist Church in Kinston. Rev. T. M. Vick and two of his laymen were very cordial in presenting their bid for the 1962 session.

As usual in an annual conference, the Love Feast observed on Thursday morning proved to be a high moment for the delegates and visitors. Presided over by Rev. W. A. Cade, assisted by Rev. Leon Hall, Rev. B. B. Slaughter, Rev. B. O. Merritt, and Rev. H. K. King, the delegates enjoyed a period of song, prayer, and testimony that was really uplifting. This is somewhat of a spontaneous service, most of what is done being the result of the Holy Spirit's prompting at the moment. It always proves to be an enriching experience, and makes everyone want to return to their respective places and be better Christians. Christian men and women from Alamance to Ocracoke, from Yanceyville to Hatteras, from Virginia to South Carolina, tell one another what God has done for them, and how much they are determined to press on to higher heights. And since it is a love feast that includes all, a moment was given to special prayers for four ministers who, because of serious illness, could not be present. Rev. Leon Couch, Rev. Paul Caruth, Rev. J. D. Young, and Rev. Geo. W. Ports, Jr. were not able to attend the conference because of illness.

Before reading the appointments on Thursday morning, many reports and resolutions were acted upon. In the list of appointments, only one change was made in district superintendents. Dr. J. E. Garlington, who has served the Wilmington district so effectively for the past five years, was transferred to the pastorate of the First Methodist Church of Clinton, and Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, pastor of the Clinton church, was made superintendent of the Wilmington district. Dr. Morris L. Husted, of Stedman, again sang "How Great Thou Art" with the entire audience joining in the final chorus. After the reading of the long list of almost 600 pastoral appointments the congregation sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the conference was adjourned with prayer by Bishop Garber.

Steven John Hunter To Teach At Wesleyan College

Steven John Hunter, of Charlottesville, Virginia, has been appointed as an assistant professor of Economics at North Carolina Wesleyan College. According to the announcement of President Thomas A. Collins he will report in September.

Hunter was born in Molodechno, Poland, but migrated to this country during the World War II period as a youthful refugee. He was graduated from Passaic High School in Passaic, New Jersey.

He was graduated from Drew University in 1956 with an A.B. in Economics. He is completing work for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Virginia this summer. He is now writing his dissertation, a study of the "bills only" policy of the Federal Reserve System.

As an undergraduate student he was the recipient of the Rose Memorial Fellowship, and as a graduate student he was awarded the H. B. Earnhart Fellowship and the Thomas Jefferson Fellowship in Political Economy.

At the University of Virginia he has served as graduate instructor in the Principles of Economics, and instructor in Money and Banking.

Hunter holds membership in the Southern Economics Association, American Economics Association, and the American Finance Association.

Mrs. Hunter attended Skidmore College two years, then was graduated from Drew University in Psychology and Social Science. She has worked the past two years as a case worker in child placement in Charlottesville, Virginia, with the department of Public Welfare.

The Hunters are active members of the Episcopal Church. They will move to Rocky Mount late in August.

Dempster Graduate Fellowship Awarded For 1961-1962

Six Dempster Graduate Fellowships with a total value of approximately \$16,000 have been awarded by the Department of Ministerial Education of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church for the 1961-62 school year.

The recipients are the Rev. Donald R. Buckey, New Haven, Conn.; the Rev. G. Clarke Chapman, Jr., and the Rev. Norman R. Corwin, both of Boston, Mass.; the Rev. James E. Kirby, Jr., Milford, Pa., formerly of Sweetwater, Texas; the Rev. Douglas M. Lawson, Durham, N. C., formerly of Newport News, Va.; and Miss Soon K. Park, Madison, N. J., formerly of Inchon, Korea.

Purpose of the fellowships is to increase the effectiveness of teaching in Methodist schools of theology and the teaching of religion in colleges or universities. They are named for John Dempster, 19th century Methodist preacher who helped found three Methodist seminaries.

"The amount of a Dempster Fellowship may be up to \$3,000 for a married person and \$2,500 for a single person, and an additional amount may be added if the fellowship is approved for use outside the United States or Canada," said the Rev. Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Nashville.

Hobucken Church Has Fine Vacation Church School

Hobucken Methodist Church on the Aurora charge, New Bern District, held a splendid vacation Bible school beginning June 12 and closing June 18. 81 were enrolled with an average attendance of 78 each day. Parents gave splendid cooperation by bringing the children and coming for them. Teachers included: Kindergarten—Mrs. Ruth Mayo, Mrs. Millie Williamson Carawan, Mrs. Annie Goodwin, Mrs. Graden Lupton. Primary—Mrs. Ada Mayo, Mrs. Margaret Spencer, Mrs. Birdie Ireland. Junior—Mrs. Helen Williams and Mrs. Lina Gaskill. Christian Adventure group—Mrs. Birma Lee Alcock and Mrs. Louise Spencer, Mary Lee Alcock and Joan Spain kept the records in a splendid way. The pages were Faye Spencer, May Gaskill, Frances Pridgen, and Rose Ann Gaskill. Mrs. Joanna Spain and Mrs. Lillian Mason served on the refreshment committee. Diane Sadler and Marie Spencer did a good job with the music. One of the most important features of the school was the reaching of 12 children who had not previously attended any religious service.

Thomasville District Conference

More than 250 Methodist ministers and laymen of The Thomasville District met Sunday afternoon, June 25, at Firth Methodist Church, Lexington, in a called district conference.

Following a period of worship led by the Rev. John H. Carper, District Superintendent, the Conference was organized and the work of the new year begun. The Rev. A. G. Lackey, Director of Church Extension for the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, presented a resolution proposing to reorganize the Davie and Davidson County Methodist Builders Clubs as a part of the Conference-wide Methodist Builders Club. After some discussion, the Conference voted unanimously to do this. Elected as officers of the Thomasville District Board of Church Extension were: Jim Badgett, President; H. R. Hendrix, Jr., Vice President; Mrs. Andrew Royals, Secretary; Charles Lambeth, Jr., Treasurer.

The Conference also adopted unanimously a resolution authorizing the District Trustees to borrow up to \$7,500 to be used to renovate the District Parsonage.

The Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of *The North Carolina Christian Advocate*, was presented to the Conference and spoke briefly concerning that organ. He called for more subscribers that the paper might more effectively promote the program of the Church.

Mr. John Borchert, Director of Information for the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke to the Conference and explained something of the work of this newly-created office.

The Rev. Mr. Carper reported a request from the ministers' wives, meeting separately during the afternoon, that the ministers and wives of the District hold quarterly dinner meetings. The ministers present voted unanimously to concur with this request.

Expect 2,000 Methodists at Missionary Conferences

About 2,350 Methodist missions leaders are expected to attend 10 conferences this summer, where they will study the Methodist mission program around the world and consider techniques of missionary education and cultivation.

The conferences will serve Methodists in all parts of the United States and will be held in places as widely separated as Northfield in central Massachusetts and Vancouver, British Columbia. Six of the conferences are interdenominational, and four are Methodist only. Two are especially for the chairmen of the Commission on Missions in local churches, while the others are for leaders on the local church, district and annual conference levels.

The purpose of the conferences is to help leaders to be more effective in their work. They will study the trends and conditions in Methodist mission fields in the U. S. and abroad and will consider techniques of fund-raising for missions, of missionary education and of missionary recruitment.

Besides chairmen of local church Commissions on Missions, those attending the summer conferences will include conference district missionary secretaries, district superintendents, pastors and interested laymen.

The conferences are sponsored by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Methodist Board of Missions in cooperation with other agencies, such as jurisdictional and conference boards of missions, other denominations and the National Council of Churches (through the Commission on Missionary Education).

Within the Joint Section, the primary responsibility for planning these summer conferences is in the hands of the Rev. Dr. John R. Wilkins, director of the Department of Missionary Education. He is assisted by W. W. Reid, who in February retired as director of the Department of News Service of the Joint Section. They and other executives of the board will attend the conferences as leaders and consultants.

Mission study themes for 1961-62 will be presented at all of the conferences. This year the Methodist study book and interdenominational study materials will be on the same general themes. The world theme will be "The Christian Mission in Latin America," and the national theme will be "Churches for New Times."

Among the techniques of missionary education to be discussed at the conferences are schools of missions in local churches, the use of audio-visual materials, the use of literature, scheduling missionary speakers, missionary education in the church school techniques of missionary recruitment and how to promote *World Outlook*, the Methodist missionary magazine.

Special emphasis will be given at each conference to financial causes related to missions. The need for Advance Specials (voluntary missionary gifts) will be presented by a representative of the Advance Departments of either the Division of National Missions or the Division of World Missions.

The missionary conferences for this area are:

Southeastern Jurisdiction Missionary Con-

ference, Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 21-26 (Methodist);

Southeastern Jurisdiction Workshop for the Chairmen of the Commission on Missions in the Local Church, Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 21-23 (Methodist).

Pfeiffer College Is Visited By Guidance Counselors Group

On June 20, Pfeiffer College Tuesday, played host to 23 high school guidance counselors from high schools over the state ranging from Asheville to Morehead City.

The purpose of the group in visiting Pfeiffer and other colleges of the state was explained by Miss Vernie S. Eddins, spokesman for the group and guidance director at Roanoke Rapids High School.

Miss Eddins explained that facts and basic information could be obtained from the college catalog but that attitude, spirit, and philosophy was best understood through such workshop groups. She also noted this was the first time high school guidance directors had undertaken such a project.

Traveling with the group is Miss Ella Stephens Barrett, Director of Guidance for the State Department of Public Instruction at Raleigh. Working with the group is W. L. Brinkley, Jr., Duke University, representing the colleges of the state.

The guidance counselors toured the Pfeiffer campus in small groups under the leadership of various members of the faculty. The program was concluded with a social hour in Merner Hall.

Form Two Conferences

Methodists in Central America are now carrying on their work in two organizational units instead of one. Having been granted permission to do so by the 1960 General Conference, the Central America Provisional Annual Conference recently divided into two conferences—the Panama Provisional Annual Conference and the Costa Rica Provisional Annual Conference. Bishop B. Foster Stockwell heads the work there.

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Woman's Activities



Bible Study Feature of School of Missions

By MARY GARDNER

The Daily Bible Study at the Annual Woman's Society of Christian Service Schools of Missions and Christian Service, inaugurated two years ago, has become one of the more popular and eagerly anticipated features of the Schools' program.

The Bible study for the 1961 Schools of Missions has for its theme "The Meaning of Suffering." It is concerned with Isaiah 40-50, and First Peter. The study at the 1961 Annual N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions and Christian Service to me held at Duke University, August 7-11 will be led by Dr. Herbert Sullivan.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Sullivan received his elementary education in schools of that city, and his undergraduate training at New Mexico Highland University. Dr. Sullivan holds a B. D. Degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School, with specialization in the History of non-Christian Religions. He has also studied in India and in the School of Oriental Studies in Durham, England, from which latter institution he received his Ph. D. Degree.

The educator is an ordained clergyman of the Episcopal Church, and a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society. He is currently teaching non-Christian religions and philosophies in the Divinity School and Liberal Arts Division of Duke University.

SECRETARY REPORTS CHILDREN'S WORK

The year has been a challenging one for secretaries of children's work; they have shared the duties of the church school with other leaders and carried forward the program of missionary education, Mrs. J. S. Henninger, N. C. Conference's secretary of this line of work declares in her annual report.

Missionary units of study for primary and junior children in 1960-1961 were developed around the themes, "Into All The World With The Bible," and "Good News to Share." Reports indicate that the boys and girls found both studies particularly stimulating and appealing. They discovered that people of many races and nationalities are working together to send the Bible, with its message of God's love for all people, to those who do not have it. Through this learning experience of sharing the Bible with people around the world we like to think the boys and girls have gained a deeper appreciation of the Bible and its vital force for their own lives, Mrs. Henninger says.

The unit of study on the theme "Heritage and Horizons" with the adaptation for children "Good News to Share," provided the

opportunity for them to become acquainted with pioneer religious heroes; heroes who braved hunger, cold, and danger as they blazed the trails through unknown country in order that early settlers might have churches in which to worship God. Young people desperately need models and heroes who are strong and alive in their devotion to God.

Report highlights of achievements include: 658 secretaries represent children's work in Woman's Societies in local churches of the conference; 198 secretaries attended leadership training courses; additional sessions for missionary education were held in 75 per cent of the church schools of the N. C. Conference.

The offering taken in additional sessions is known as the Children's Service Fund. This project is a channel through which the children participate in the missionary outreach of their church and is a vital part of missionary education. There are many worthy calls to which the boys and girls may respond; however, the emphasis on making a gift to missions is weakened by diverting the interest of the children to so many other objectives at this particular time, no matter how worthy.

In response to the need to well-trained leaders, the N. C. Conference Woman's Society and the Board of Education sponsored 17 District Missionary Institutes in the fall of 1960. Two hundred and seventy-seven children's workers attended the 34 workgroups comprising the Institutes, which were led by the district secretaries and directors of children's work. Several training opportunities are presented to children's workers during the year by the Board of Education and the Conference Woman's Society. The conference secretary is look-



DR. HERBERT SULLIVAN

ing forward to attending the Southeastern Jurisdiction School of Missions in July. At the same time preparation will be made for similar training of district and local secretaries.

Our faith compels us to help the children grow a personal faith in Jesus Christ and lead them to commit their lives to Him. This is the aim of Christian education. Christian education in missionary education.

MRS. W. G. GARDNER NEW
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN M. E. & S.

Mrs. W. G. Gardner, of Fayetteville, N. C., has been appointed Chairman of Missionary Education and Service for the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Gardner succeeds Miss Juanita Scott, of Raleigh, who was elected as conference WSG Secretary at the Annual Meeting in April.

Registration fee, \$1.50, for the Annual Conference Guild Weekend of Study to be held at Duke University, August 11-12, should be sent by August 1 to Mrs. Gardner, 214 Judd Street, Fayetteville, N. C. No registration should be sent to Duke University.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Annual Meeting

Over one thousand women attended the 21st annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church held at Lake Junaluska June 13th to 15th.

Mrs. Carl King, president, announced that this is the largest attendance in its history.

These women made a pledge of \$229,000 to missions in a service led by Mrs. James W. Fowler, Jr. and Mrs. E. D. Chandler, conference treasurer. As the president of each district made the pledge for her district, her delegates stood to repeat in unison their pledge of loyalty to the Woman's Society.

A love offering of \$5,846 was placed on the altar at the early morning communion services to be given to Pfeiffer College. Additional funds are being received by the treasurer.

The speakers for the annual meeting included Mrs. C. A. Meeker of New York City, editor of *The Methodist Woman*, Mrs. H. G. Allen of Statesville, Rev. R. H. Nicholson of Waynesville, the Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, all of the conference officers and many others.

The music for the meeting proved to be one of the most worshipful experiences in recent years. Mrs. C. C. Herbert of High Point led the entire assemblage in the singing of folk-songs of other lands. At the final session, as the women were planning to return to their homes, they sang the African folk song, "Kum Ba Yah," (Lord, come by here) as a prayer for the women of Africa. Mrs. George Roach also sang devotional solos.

The high light of the conference was at the Wednesday evening service. Mrs. Meecker presented a message on, "Living

in Time." She stressed the importance of the heritage of the Methodist church and the magnitude of the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, saying that we have work in 33 countries, with 700 projects in foreign lands and 500 in the United States.

In speaking of the changing patterns of our current era, she said, "We are in the path of change and must go to meet that change. We are faced with changing patterns in the increased number of women working, population increase, food for the world, the rising tide of nationalism, the increase of old religions and deep social changes. . . . We must see and understand our work—compelled by our faith to share our message with others."

Following Mrs. Meeker's address, the five church and community workers of the Western North Carolina Conference presented color slides of the work. Mrs. Arthelia Brooks of Yancey County served as reader. She described projects of the others, Miss Anita Benoy of the Greater Mt. Airy Parish, Miss Laura Wells of Clay County, Miss Virginia Miller of Avery County and Miss Vera Falls, deaconess at the Cherokee Methodist Center.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon had the opening meditation, speaking on the "The Fundamentals of Our Faith."

At the Tuesday evening session 20 missionaries and deaconesses of the Western North Carolina Conference entered in processional to take their places on the platform. Then each received special recognition as Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr. of Elkin, conference secretary of missionary education and service, told where the worker had been stationed and how many years she had served.

This group had a total of 500 years in Christian service. Miss Mabel Metzger, deaconess at Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, and Miss Isabelle Jones of Asheville, retired home secretary, stood at the top of the list, each with 43 years of service.

Mrs. H. G. Allen told of her trip to Sarawak at this service. She was with a group of twelve who visited the Methodist mission centers in Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand and India.

The pledges made by the districts are: Albemarle, \$9,000; Asheville, \$18,000; Charlotte, \$32,000; Gastonia, \$20,000; Greensboro, \$23,000; High Point, \$20,000; Marion, \$10,500; North Wilkesboro, \$9,500; Salisbury, \$19,000; Statesville, \$17,500; Thomasville, \$11,000; Waynesville, \$9,500; Winston-Salem, \$30,000.

The women of the Gastonia district were hostesses at the meeting and every courtesy that could be planned for the delegates attending was a part of the program of these hostesses. They entertained the executive committee at a tea one afternoon and the entire group at a fellowship tea on the first afternoon of the conference. The hostess delegation wore white carnations at all times so that all would know just who the hostesses were. The pages were in constant attendance at all sessions.

Mrs. B. E. Callis of Bessemer City, district president, and Mrs. Charles Gunter of Gastonia, district secretary of promotion, were perfect hostesses.

(Further news of the conference will be



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given in the coming issues of the Advocate.)

CONFERENCE CHATTER

Extra issues of *Conference Chatter* are available by writing Mrs. John Wright, Box 142, Weaverville, N. C.

Third National Conference of Methodist Men July 14-16

More than 150 men will lead discussion groups at the Third National Conference of Methodist Men to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., July 14-16.

The list of leaders was announced by Niles H. Barnard of Lincoln, Nebr., who is chairman of the committee on discussion groups. Included in the list of leaders are two North Carolinians, W. Jasper Smith of Rocky Mount, and Roy L. Turnage of Ayden.

The conference, which is being sponsored by The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities in Chicago, is expected to attract 5,000 delegates.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



FAIRY MORNING GLORY

MATTIE F. REESE

Peggy and Crane were spending the summer at the beach. They lived in a little house with their mother and father, and all they had to do was open the door and there was sand—all the sand they wanted—and water. Such wonderful pies, cakes and frog houses they made!

Right after breakfast they got their shovel and bucket. Such a wonderful house they were going to build this morning! Dig a deep hole for the basement, then put a plank across, and pile sand high so it would look like the picture of the houses the Eskimos live in.

As they were digging away, Peggy looked up. "Oh, Crane, look!" she said. The most beautiful ship was sailing on the water. It looked like all the colors of the rainbow. When they were looking, four little men that looked like elves hung a ladder on the side of the ship and lowered a little boat. Two stood at one end and two at the other end, and then the most beautiful lady walked down the ladder and sat in the boat, and off they sailed.

"Oh, Crane, they are coming over where we are!"

And sure enough, the boat landed, and the little lady walked up where the children were playing.

"Good morning, little folk, how are you this morning? I am Fairy Morning Glory, and I've come to take you for a sail in my ship, would you like to go?" Peggy and Crane jumped up. "Thank you, Fairy Morning Glory, we will be delighted to go."

Fairy Morning Glory said, "I will have to make you small like I am." So she took a little wand out of her pocket and waved it over Peggy and Crane, and they got smaller and smaller, until they were almost as small as she was.

Then they ran down to the little boat and sailed away to the big ship, climbed the little ladder and onto the deck of Fairy Morning Glory's beautiful rainbow ship.

"Come," said the fairy, "we will first have our lunch."

Waving her wand, two fairy morning glories walked out all in blue, and served lunch on the loveliest table in the shape of a yellow morning glory. First, something that tasted like orange juice, that she called nectar, in a little morning glory cup; then, snow on the mountain, that looked like ice cream.

After that, Fairy Morning Glory said, "I want to talk to you; and while I talk I will sit on my throne chair (which was a beautiful purple morning glory.) Peggy and Crane sat at her feet on two little pillows that looked like two purple morning glory buds that hadn't quite waked up.

"I'm going to tell you a story about five of Mother Nature's flower children—Faith, Love, Hope, Courage and Service. They wanted to live together and never be separated. So Mother Nature said, 'I will change you into parts of a flower so you can always be together.' With that she changed her five little flower children into a beautiful morning glory, saying to them, 'I want you to climb into windows, and over porches and fences, and blossom and scatter seed all over the world, telling the little children about Faith, Hope, Love, Courage and Service.'"

"Now," said Fairy Morning Glory, "I want to ask you a question. Do you really, really love your mother?"

"Why, of course we love our mother," said Peggy and Crane.

"But most of the earth children love their mother selfishly. By that I mean they let mother wait on them all the time. We morning glory fairies are going to help the earth children and tell them how to love their mothers unselfishly. There are so many of us all over the world, and we can easily do it.

"We heard you this morning saying, 'Mother, where are my clothes? Button my dress. Where is my wash rag?' Mother asked you if you had hung your things in their place. Then you wanted to know where was your bucket and shovel. We saw you looking for them when you started down to the beach. Do you call that loving Mother the right way?"

Fairy Morning Glory called Peggy to her side and whispered something in her ear that made an understanding smile spread all over her face. Then she whispered something to Crane, and he too smiled happily.

"Thank you, Fairy Morning Glory, for such a lovely visit," said Peggy. "Crane and I must go home now. Please come to see us again."

So Fairy Morning Glory went with them down the little ladder into the tiny boat, and the little men rowed them over to the beach. The Fairy waved her wand over them and changed

them back to the normal size, and then sailed back to her beautiful rainbow ship.

Picking up their bucket and shovel, they started to the house. "Peggy, what did the Fairy whisper in your ear?" Peggy leaned over and whispered in Crane's ear, and they hugged each other real hard and jumped up and down so happily, saying, "Let's do it! Let's do it!"

And what was it that Fairy Morning Glory whispered?

"I must be a little helper every day,

every day,
Doing little things for Mother,
every day."

Grandmother

Her hair is white, her shoulders bent,
Her face is deeply lined;
Children long grown, husband gone—
She has a childish mind.

Her fingers are near useless,
She has nothing now to give.
Once she considered all of this,
And asked, "Why do I live?"

We're all going along her way—
This is decreed from above;
She still lives on to teach us
A final lesson of love.

The loving care that's shown her
Will return a hundredfold
To her own cherished dear ones
When they, too, have grown old.
—by ELIZABETH F. CAVINESS

Chuckles

There had been several earthquake shocks in the neighborhood, so a young couple sent their little boy to an uncle who lived at some distance.

A few days later, the parents received this telegram: "Am returning boy. Send earthquake."

Bible Quiz

1. Who among the Israelites wore the most beautiful and bejeweled garments? —————
2. Which Commandment warns against worshipping idols? —————
3. Jesus once told a story about two houses. On what kind of foundations were they built? —————
4. What grain did the poor people use for food? —————
5. Was Moses buried in the Promised Land? —————

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Forty Years—Exodus 16:35
2. The Giant Goliath—I Samuel 17:23, 49
3. Jonah—Book of Jonah
4. Jezebel—I Kings 21:23
5. He buried it—Matthew 25:25

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 16

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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MATTHEW: SALVATION FOR THE OUTCAST

Background Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13;
10; Luke 5:27-32.

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13; 10:1-4; Luke 5:27-32.

"He sold himself twice, once to Mammon and once to God" writes Frank Mead concerning Matthew, the subject of the third of our "New Testament Personalities" series. The Roman system of collecting taxes was to "farm them out" to persons who would collect the required amount from each district. Some men collected all the traffic would bear, thus enriching themselves in the process. These publicans (tax collectors) were hated by the Jews and frequently despised, even by the Romans. They were generally people with a good deal of money but very few friends. Matthew was one of these before he became a disciple of Jesus.

The call of Matthew appears from the records to have been sudden and dramatic. Whether Matthew had known of Jesus and his work before this contact, we cannot tell. Here was a man sitting at the tax office (or toll-house) carrying on his work. At the invitation of Jesus he drops everything and becomes a disciple. The toll-house of which Matthew was in charge appears to have been at Capernaum. Since Capernaum was Jesus' headquarters for a while, it is not improbable that Matthew knew a great deal about Jesus and his ministry. At any rate, by choosing Matthew our Lord clearly demonstrated that he was out to help people, not of one class only, but all classes.

At the dinner which followed Matthew's enlistment there were evidently a good many guests of not-so-solid reputations. This popular teacher's act of eating with "the rag tag and bob tail" of the town stirred the Pharisees to comment caustically upon Jesus' choice of company. Evidently the Pharisees took quite seriously the statement that "blessed is the man who standeth not in the way of sinners"; in other words the man who has nothing to do with them. Jesus' reply to their critics, was a strong defense of his action: "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice' (see Hosea 6:6). For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." There must have been a bit of irony in this statement, for Jesus, of course, knew the Pharisees were not righteous in the sense in which he (and before him, the prophets) was using the term.

Pause for a moment to consider this question: Is the church of today losing contact with the great masses of our people? A frank and honest answer to this question will lead us to admit that our Methodist church is fast becoming a middle-class church. Long ago William Booth, himself a Methodist, left the church to form the Salvation Army because he believed in reaching "the worst first", and feared even then (in 1865) that Methodism was de-

serting the poor. If that was true in 1865 it is doubtless more true today. Are our congregations filled with workers today, or do they by-pass our churches to attend those where they will receive a warmer welcome? It was Lincoln who said "God must have loved the common people, he made so many of them." In the story of the dinner with the tax-collectors Jesus was an "enacted sign" to show that God is no respecter of persons.

The earliest churches of which we have any record appear to have been made up of people from almost every walk of life. However the rich and the well-born were definitely in the minority. St. Paul, writing in I Corinthians 1:26f, says: "For consider your call, brethren; not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is low and despised in the world . . . so that no human being might boast in the presence of God." Which religious groups are doing the best jobs of reaching those in the lowest income groups today? Most readers of this column know the answer to that question; and they know that it isn't the Methodists!

Our space is about used up, and we have not discussed the other lesson scripture, Matthew 10:1-4. It says "Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority." Then follows the names of the disciples. Some of them have become famous, others virtually unknown to us. But we must believe their work was known to God. It was only the famous ones who carried the gospel to the far places. But, in the words of the poet, "the nameless and lowly, who the steep hard pathway trod."

These also served. To quote Andrew Blackwood in closing: "Christ chose men to be good and faithful, not great and famous."

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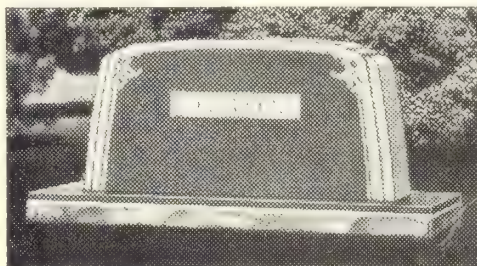
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The Eternal City

John, the beloved disciple, in Revelations 21: 19-20, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems: Jasper, Sapphire, Chalcedony, Emerald, Sardonyx, Sardius, Chrysolyte, Beryl, Topaz, Chrysoprasus, Jacinth, Amethyst, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of



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Chestnut Ridge Dedicates New Building

The Chestnut Ridge Methodist Church was formerly dedicated on June 18 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Approximately five hundred people joined together for this memorable occasion. The pastor of the church, Rev. Gayle T. Alexander, led the service of worship, assisted by Rev. J. R. Hailey and Rev. R. C. Stubbins, former pastors of the church. Dr. C. D. Barclift, District Superintendent of the Durham District, gave the dedicatory address and led the congregation in the Act of Dedication.

The church choir appropriately rendered "Bless This Church" as the anthem. Mr. Samuel Kiser of Burlington, soloist, originated a song for this special occasion as the offertory selection. All joined in silent prayer as this church was dedicated to the glory of God.

A bountiful table was spread for the noon meal with Dr. C. P. Morris, former pastor, giving the prayer of thanksgiving.

The memorial service was highlighted with an address by Allison Simington of Glendale Heights Methodist Church of Durham.

Rev. Fred Macon, Miss Hodge United in Holy Matrimony

The Rev. Fred Macon, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Miss Betty Jean Hodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hodge of Greenville, Pa., were united in matrimony June 17 in the First Methodist Church, of Greenville, Pa., by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Wendell Minnigh. Mr. Macon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Macon of Greensboro. He has been studying in Boston University, and is a 1960 cum lauda graduate in the school of theology. The bride is 1960 cum lauda graduate of Boston University Sargent College. She has been a member of the faculty of the Weston School in Weston, Mass. On June 22 the bride and groom flew from New York to Bangalore, South India, where they will study for a year at the United Theological College. Upon their return to the states Rev. Mr. Macon plans to take an appointment in the Western North Carolina Conference of which he is a member.

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Dr. R. Travis Hardaway Dies In Jamaica, New York

Editor's Note: Dr. Hardaway was born in Durham, N. C., and spent approximately nine years of his boyhood, between 1912 and 1921, at the Methodist Home (currently Methodist Home for Children), in Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. R. Travis Hardaway, a professor of German at Queens College, Queens, New York, and a specialist in 19th century European literature, died of a heart attack on May 27, at his home in Jamaica, New York, at the age of 57 years.

Dr. Hardaway joined the original faculty of Queens College in 1937. As the first chairman of the department of German, and as secretary to the college curriculum committee, he helped draft and design the initial educational policies of the institution.

Throughout his life his strong interest in the democratic spirit was reflected in his publications and in his activities. He was a member and officer of the American Association of University Professors, and a co-author of a study called "A Decade of Democracy in the City Colleges."

During World War II, he spent several months at Fort Gedde in Rhode Island, preparing German prisoners of war to return home with a better understanding of their country's history and its future democratic role in the world.

Dr. Hardaway graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University in 1925, and received his master's degree there in 1928. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1929, he received a one-year American-German Student Exchange Fellowship for study abroad. He returned to the United States in 1930, and accepted a University Fellowship from the University of Chicago. He completed work for his doctorate at Chicago in 1936. He taught at the University of Rochester and at Princeton University before going to Queens College.

He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the Modern Language Association of America, the American Association of

Teachers of German, and the New York Society of Teachers of German. At the time of his death, he was working with the Language Examination Committee of the Modern Language Association on test construction and standards.

When Dr. Hardaway died, the family requested that contributions be made to the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh, N. C., in lieu of sending flowers. Also, the Home has received a \$1,000.00 insurance policy which Dr. Hardaway had designated for the benefit of the boys and girls there, in appreciation for its services to him in his childhood.

Surviving are his widow, formerly Miss Pearl Anne Klein; a son, Richard T. Jr., two daughters, Susan Lee and Nancy Scott Hardaway; and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Stables and Mrs. Willie Lee Capps, both of North Carolina.

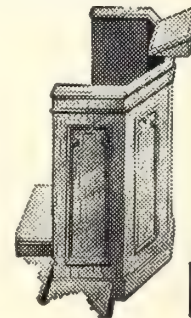
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Participants in Annual Conference Evangelistic Program



Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, spoke at the anniversary of the Conference Board of Evangelism at Trinity Church, Durham, during the recent annual conference. Shown in the above picture, reading left to right are: Rev. L. C. Vereen, assistant to the Conference Secretary; Rev. Paul Brownin, Vice President of the Conference Board, who presided; Rev. Freeman Heath, Executive Director of the Conference Board; Dr. Harry Denman, who brought the evangelistic message; and Rev. Alison Simonton, Secretary of the Conference Board.

CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ The Albemarle District Set-up meeting was held last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Central Methodist Church, Albemarle.

¶ Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, has been elected president of the Greensboro Ministers' Association.

¶ Bishop Shot K. Mondol, who heads the Methodist church's program in India's capitol and surrounding area, preached at both morning worship services at Myers Park Church, Charlotte, last Sunday.

¶ Rev. B. D. Critcher, who retired at the recent session of the North Carolina conference in Durham, is now living on Fairfield Circle, Dunn, N. C. His telephone number is 892-3041.

¶ The young people of the Methodist churches of Black Mountain, Tabernacle, Swannanoa, and Azalea are planning joint Youth Activities Week. The meetings will be held in the Swannanoa church. The dates are July 23-28.

¶ Rev. John David Jones and Mrs. Christine Ridenhour were united in matrimony in the First Methodist church of Rockingham Sunday afternoon, July 2. Dr. J. V. Early, pastor, officiated. Rev. Mr. Jones is the new pastor of the Trinity Methodist church of Rockingham.

¶ Dr. Fletcher Nelson, District Superintendent of Marion district, held the Set-up meeting for the district Tuesday evening, July 11, beginning at 6:45 in the Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church, Morganton. Goals and plans for the new conference year were presented.

¶ Young people of Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord, held a Youth Activities Week beginning last Sunday evening and running through the week. Francis Bradshaw, a Duke student, worked with the group. Theme for the week was, "Dare We Be Christian?"

¶ The Durham Sub-district Youth Fellowship will hold a meeting at Duke Memorial church, Durham, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 17, 18, 19, at 7:30 p. m. There will be a forum, fellowship, recreation, and refreshments. Dr. Thomas A. Langford, of Duke University, will be the speaker.

¶ Youth Activities Week began at Salem Methodist church, near Albemarle, Sunday night, July 9. Cooperating were Salem, Friendship, Mt. Tabor, and Oak Grove churches. Rev. I. L. Sharpe, pastor at Salem, taught a course on "Basic Christian Beliefs" and Rev. E. F. Kale, pastor of Friendship, assisted in worship services. The young people participated for two hours each evening, and on Wednesday afternoon the group went to Morrow Mountain for an outing. On Thursday night a special movie was shown.

¶ Cokesbury Methodist Church, in Vance County, observed home-coming day Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 a. m. The new pastor, Rev. Elton Hendricks, had charge of the service. A special children's day program was presented, and special music rendered by James O'Geary. Lunch was served following the morning service.

¶ Mrs. F. S. Love, who was injured sometime ago in a fall while at Lake Junaluska, and who spent some time in Duke hospital at Durham, had returned to her home. We regret, however, to learn that she developed pneumonia Friday, June 30, and had to return to the hospital. Her many friends will remember her prayerfully, and hope for a speedy recovery.

¶ REV. JAMES T. HALL, formerly pastor of the Linwood-Tyro Methodist churches of the Thomasville district, will begin his duties as chaplain supervisor at Sibley Memorial Methodist Hospital, Washington, D. C. on September 10. Mr. Hall received his clinical training under Dr. Richard Young at the School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

¶ Rev. Edward B. Ritter has begun his duties as director of Youth Work with the Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte. He has been employed as Director of Christian Education at St. John Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga. Mr. Ritter is a graduate of Emory University, and is an ordained minister. He was recently married, and he and his wife will live at 2427 Vail Avenue, Apt. B-20.

¶ Zion Methodist Church, of the Richfield charge, observed Home-Coming Day Sunday, July 9. Rev. Frank J. Stough of Woodlief was the speaker. A picnic lunch was served at noon, and afternoon service was held at 2:00 p. m. At the 7:30 service on Sunday night a series of revival services began with the Rev. M. B. Lee of Lincolnton as the preacher. Rev. George W. Clay is pastor.

¶ Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge charge of the High Point district had two good Daily Vacation schools recently. At Bunker Hill the school ran from June 19 to 23, with 74 children enrolled, under the leadership of Miss Mary Ruth Corder. The Sandy Ridge school ran from June 26 to 30, under the direction of Mrs. C. T. Westmorland, with 49 children enrolled. There were 28 teachers and helpers working in the two schools. Rev. Billy V. Hunter is the pastor.

¶ Mr. Donald Jenkins, of Stantonsburg, and a 1961 graduate of High Point College, began his work as pastoral and educational assistant at Trinity Methodist church, Wilmington, Sunday, July 2. He has been active in church work during his college career, and served as an officer in the ministerial fraternity at college. He is to be married August 22 to Miss Ellen Julian, of Randleman, also a 1961 graduate of High Point College. She will teach in the Tilton School in Wilmington.

¶ Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., State Director of Student Work, is attending Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill., for a two weeks refresher course.

¶ Mr. Randolph E. Dumont, treasurer of the Duke Endowment, and a resident of Garden City, N. Y., died at Duke hospital, Durham, last Sunday morning, July 9, following a lengthy illness. He was 59 years old.

¶ DR. AND MRS. E. L. HILLMAN and a party sailed on the S. S. Mauretania on July 5th for a tour of the British Isles and Scandinavian countries. While in Oslo they will attend the World Methodist Conference. Mrs. Hillman is a delegate.

¶ Members of the MYF of the Sulphur Springs Methodist Church near Shelby left Monday, July 3, for a week at Camp Adventure, Lake Junaluska. The retreat is under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Grady Barringer.

¶ METHODIST STUDENT DAY was observed Sunday, June 11th in Camp Ground Methodist Church, Fayetteville. Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., State Director of Methodist Student Work, was speaker for this service, with college students participating in the program.

¶ It was the privilege of the Editor to preach last Sunday on the Orange charge, at Chestnut Ridge at 10:00 a.m. and at Hebron at 11:00 a.m. The pastor, Rev. Gayle T. Alexander, is attending an Ashram in Virginia. A good congregation was present at each service.

¶ REV. JULIUS BRADSHAW, pastor of the Baptist Church at Efland, was the speaker at Home-coming services at Bethany Methodist Church on the Bethany-Glenco charge, near Summerfield, last Sunday. Mr. Bradshaw was a member of Bethany when a boy living in the community. Rev. David Yount is pastor at Bethany.

¶ THE PORTER METHODIST CHURCH on the Albemarle Circuit will be dedicated Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. W. Jackson Hunecutt. The sermon will be by Rev. B. C. Adams, and the prayer will be led by Rev. Mr. Greene. Mr. Roy Mabry will present the building to be dedicated. This church was formerly a frame building. The sanctuary has been remodeled, brick veneered, and Sunday school rooms added. The Rev. James R. Faggart is the present pastor.

Duke Hospital Gets \$350,000 Donation

The Hospital and Orphans Section of the Duke Endowment has allotted the sum of \$350,000 to Duke Hospital for extensive renovation work.

The funds will be used to modernize facilities for patient care and other types of hospital services, according to Duke Hospital superintendent Charles H. Frenzel.

He explained that the funds will permit substantial progress in updating hospital facilities to keep pace with advances in medical science and patient care.

Miss Donna Lou Jones On Staff of Children's Home

Miss Donna Lou Jones has been added to the staff of the Children's Home Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. She is a graduate of Southwest High School, Forsyth County, and has also received her degree in church music from Wake Forest College. She has also completed a related field in religious education.

Miss Jones attended one year at Appalachian State Teachers College but transferred to Wake Forest at the beginning of her second year. She was a member of the Wesley Foundation at both colleges.

For the past two years Miss Jones was the choir director at the Pine Grove Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. Miss Jones will be the organist and director of the Chapel Choir, Junior High, Junior and Cherub choirs of the Children's Home Church. She will also assist in the Methodist Youth Fellowship and teach piano.

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The Purse and the Heart

My heart is bigger than my purse;
But there are things a whole lot worse:
A miser is much worse than that—
Pretending that his purse is flat,
While he has money hidden where
No one can find it; and he'll swear,
When walking down the street half-clad,
That never in his life he's had
Enough of food to make him strong—
And thus he's poor his whole life long.

So poor, indeed! So poor is he
That folks in need he cannot see;
He hates the truth and loves a lie,
Therefore he will not hear the cry
Of orphan children needing bread:
His spirit's poor, his soul is dead!
I'm glad my heart is big, and that
It keeps my purse empty and flat—
As purse responds to heart that bleeds
To spend itself for human needs.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

In Memoriam

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Orange County, wishes to pay tribute to a dear and loyal friend and member, Mrs. Annie Woods Compton, who passed away on May 18, 1961.

She was a member of the Cedar Grove Church for thirty-one years, and was twice the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She sang in the choir for many years, and gave outstanding service to the pre-school children.

Though her musical family is testimony to her continued Christian influence, she has a still larger family. Truly a generation of her "children" in the Cedar Grove Church are indebted to her care and guidance.

MILDRED FINLEY
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SUMMER IN THE SMOKIES

By MURIEL DAY

What is a characteristic of a vacation in the Smokies that makes it different from other leisure-time places? We might sum it upon the one word, "variety." Living in a cabin high up in the mountains, we have had an opportunity to observe some of the facets of this multiple-sided section of our country.

First, of course, there is the matchless scenery in the "Land of the Sky." From the veranda we could look across the valley of the outskirts of Asheville, N. C. to the mountains beyond—mountains which in their variety make one pause to behold them with awe and surely with the verse in mind, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence does my help come?" A friend who knew we had come from the shores of the ocean to this mountain spot said, "There is something restless about the ocean, while the mountains give a sense of stability and strength." From the days when the clouds, hovering over the ranges give the Smokies their name to the evenings when the mists begin to fall, this changing variety is seen. But watching the clouds was not enough; a drive to Mount Michell (the highest peak in eastern America) brought us in reality through the clouds where car lights had to be turned down and where we had to follow the center white line with no deviation.

Coming closer home we have had the opportunity to recapture our enthusiasm for bird-watching. A home-constructed feeder, pagoda style, became the focus for our interest. The brilliant cardinal seemed to be master of all he surveyed, although sometimes he would allow his spouse to nibble at the food also. When the blue jay appeared, its vivid blue and white coloring combined with the cardinal to make a patriotic picture. The birds became so accustomed to finding food there that they began to chirp vigorously until their insistent noise impelled one to fill their larder again. Bird-watching at close hand also gives one a renewed sense of amazement at the instincts which drive them from nest to feeder to preserve life. When one young cardinal surprisingly hit himself against the window pane, my house mate was the one to smooth the ruffled feathers and bring new life to it.

Other animals which were watched with great interest were the darting rabbits, dashing squirrel, frightened chipmunk, and the greedy chicken hawk.

For years in my travels I had hinted to friends that I had never been to a drive-in theater, but it was not until I came to the mountains that I was able to fulfill this wish. As our house was located on a hill from which two drive-in theaters could be reached easily, we indulged in this form of entertainment quite frequently, accepting what was offered without much critical appraisal but seldom staying for the country's favorite sandwich—hamburger—of which, according to their advertisement, had sold 200 million; at least, it was this number in the beginning of the summer, but they had increased to

300 million for which we claimed some credit!

An entire page should be given to the pageant produced by the Cherokee Indians on their reservation in western North Carolina. It is called *Unto These Hills*, and depicts the tragic history when many of their forefathers were driven out and moved to Oklahoma. It is probably the most successful summer drama of its kind being shown in our country. (We are not now thinking of the various Shakespearian festivals). It is poignant and powerful, and forcefully presented. Now we should like to see an equally strong presentation of the modern American Indian who has been migrating to many cities throughout the nation. Perhaps, too, something could be pictured that would contradict the effect of our TV westerns which portray the always "evil" Indian of our history.

From the Cherokee reservation one can drive to Gatlinburg, Tenn. This town has undergone a tremendous transformation in the several years since I first visited there. Shops with the products of mountain handcraft, numerous motels and tourist homes are caring for an increased tourist population where on my first visit there was only one hotel.

In this mountain area it is encouraging to note the daily emphasis given in the newspapers to the events in the various religious assembly grounds to all the denominations that have charge of these assemblies. Lake Junaluska has a strong summer program of conferences, workshops, and Sunday features. The publicity which the secular press gives to religion is gratifying.

To the missionary-minded, it is noteworthy that there are two missionary institutions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Asheville. One is Allen High School, founded in 1887 for Negro girls and has continued its high academic program combined with religious emphasis through the years. The other institution is practically the newest one under the Division. It is the Brooks-Howell Home for retired workers. While a few workers have been living in the present home, the groundbreaking ceremony for the spacious home that will be available for many more was held August 7, 1960.

A sense of humor sometimes appears from an unexpected quarter. While driving into the mountains near Asheville we stopped at a strawberry stand "manned" by two little girls. We had bought and paid for the berries, then handed the box back to her for a bag to cover them. With a twinkling in her eye she said, "thank you," and pretended to keep the box. Then when she saw that we had seen her joke, she handed them back to us.

I doubted if this was posted as revealing a sense of humor but on the edge of some woods there is a sign "no trespassing."

As I think of the mountains and their people, I have sympathy for the mountain woman who said, "I am what I am and I can't be any more ammer."

EDITORIALS

Methodist World Conference To Meet in Oslo August 17-26

As time draws near for the convening of the Tenth World Methodist Conference, which meets in Oslo, Norway, Aug. 17-25, some two thousand persons outside of Oslo are looking forward with keen interest to this World-wide gathering of the people called Methodists. Around fifty-three of these delegates or official representatives will represent the Methodists of the two North Carolina Conferences. Among these will be both Bishop Paul N. Garber of the North Carolina Conference and Bishop and Mrs. Nolan B. Harmon of the Western North Carolina Conference. We carried a few weeks ago the list of delegates from this state. U. S. delegates and official representatives number 900. Of these 52 are special youth delegates.

The World Federation of Methodist Women will meet in Oslo August 14-16.

All Bishops and general secretaries of the Methodist church are delegates to the conference, as are permanent members of the World Methodist Council. Other delegates, lay and ministerial, are appointed by the several jurisdictional colleges of Bishops.

This international assemblage began under the name Ecumenical Methodist Conference in 1881 and was held every ten years. World War II made the 1941 session impossible, and a deferred conference was held in 1947 in Springfield, Mass. At that time the name was changed to World Methodist Conference, and the interval between sessions was reduced to five years. The Eighth session was held in England in 1951 in the college halls of Oxford University where John and Charles Wesley were active in the "Holy Club" during their student days. The Ninth session was held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., in Aug. of 1956. The World Methodist Council building which houses the U. S. Secretariat, headed by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, is located at Junaluska. It is understood an invitation will be extended to return to Lake Junaluska for the Eleventh World Methodist Conference in 1966.

The purpose of the conference is primarily for educational, inspirational, and fraternal purposes. It seeks to deepen the fellowship of the Methodist people over the barriers of race, nationality, color and language, and to promote the unity of the Methodist witness and service in such fields as theology, moral standards, missions, evangelism, and education.

The World Methodist Council is the

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2:3,4,5.

legal and authoritative unit, responsible for the executive and administrative affairs of the whole organization. The World Methodist Conference, meeting every five years, while much larger and more representative, is in fact an advisory body to the on-going Council. It votes only on matters submitted to it by the Council. Neither the Council nor the Conference has any legislative or administrative authority over any of the Methodist bodies involved.

The theme of the World Conference which begins August 17 is "New Life in the Spirit." Nine days will be filled with services of worship, addresses, lectures, sermons, discussions, and business sessions. Persons from 23 countries will participate, in one way or another, in the program. Special services include the formal reception on the opening night of the heads of the thirteen participating bodies by the president of the Council; an Ecumenical service in the Cathedral with a welcome by the Bishop of the Norwegian State Church; addresses by Dr. Martin Nieomoller and Dr. Willem A. Visser 't Hooft, secretary general of the World Council of Churches.

Sunday preachers will be Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York and Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Cardiff, Wales. Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm, Sweden, who administers Scandinavian Methodism, is the official conference host.

Sessions will be held in Philadelphia Hall and the New Central Methodist Church in Oslo. Larger rallies will be held in Njardhallen, the city's sports arena. The Luther Building and the University Hall will also be used.

The President of the World Methodist Council is Dr. Harold Roberts, principal of Richmond Theological College, Surrey, England. President-designate is Bishop Fred P. Corson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Secretaries are: In the United States, Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; In the United Kingdom, Dr. E. Benson Perkins, Birmingham, England; Secretaries-designate, U. S., Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; U. K., Dr. Max W. Woodward, Wesley Chapel, London.

Youth Activities Week Observed By Four Participating Churches

An interesting Youth Activities Week was observed in June by the Sweptsonville, Salem, Phillips Chapel, and Saxapahaw churches cooperating. Services were held at a different church each evening with a different speaker. Participating were Revs. J. D. Stott, Gayle T. Alexander, Rufus Stark, Russell Stott, Norwood Jones, J. D. Aycock, W. B. Sabaston, and Bob Little. The theme for the week was "Jesus' Way—Our Way." The five guest speakers used a different subject each evening. On Monday it was "Jesus' Way and Our Faith." Tuesday, "Jesus' Way and Our Devotional Life." Wednesday, "Jesus' Way in Society." Thursday, "Jesus' Way in Brotherhood and Missionary Activity." Friday, "Jesus' Way in Consecration to Vocation." A Gallilean service was held on Thursday night, and a consecration service, including Holy Communion was observed on Friday night. Each night's program began with thirty minutes of directed recreation.

Historical Society Meeting At Lake Junaluska

The annual meeting of the Historical Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church is being held at Lambuth Inn at Lake Junaluska July 11-13.

Principal speakers are Bishop T. Otto Nall, Minneapolis, Minn., president of the American Association of Methodist Historical Societies; Methodist Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C.; and the Rev. Dr. Frederick E. Maser, pastor of St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia.

Subjects to be discussed include: how to collect historical materials and write conference history, how to find and collect museum materials, and putting up historical markers.

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LETTERS

Editor Advocate:

During the almost forty years that I have been a Methodist I have tried to serve my church faithfully in many ways, including Sunday school teacher, member of the official board, Local Preacher, and delegate to the annual conference. I am not boasting; I feel that I have benefitted as much or more than has the church, by my service.

I love the church and am proud of her accomplishments, but am not blind to her faults. The church, as all human organizations, has its weak points. I heard an old faithful Methodist once say, "The church used to preach 'Christ and Him crucified; now it's money and it multiplied.'" There is quite a lot of truth in that statement. We do put a lot of emphasis on money matters. I heard a preacher once say, "If a person's heart is converted his pocket book will be too." I believe that is true. The principal business of the church is to lead people to Jesus, get sinners converted and help christians be better christians. Is God pleased with us when we spend millions of dollars building big fine churches and paying our preachers big salaries yet neglecting the millions of needy people in the war torn nations of the world? Are we not too selfish?

Do not misunderstand me. Our preacher deserves a reasonable salary but some of them are paid very high salaries. They do not have to pay any house rent, either. Perhaps they do not get as much pay as lawyers and doctors; but should one who is called by the Lord to preach expect high pay? Our District Superintendents have smaller districts now and are required to make only two rounds of Quarterly conferences a year, yet the last W.N.C. conference raised their salaries to \$750 a month, \$9,000 a year. The minimum salary schedule was increased \$200 a year. It seems that local congregations have very little say in church matters now. Our duty is to pay and keep quiet.

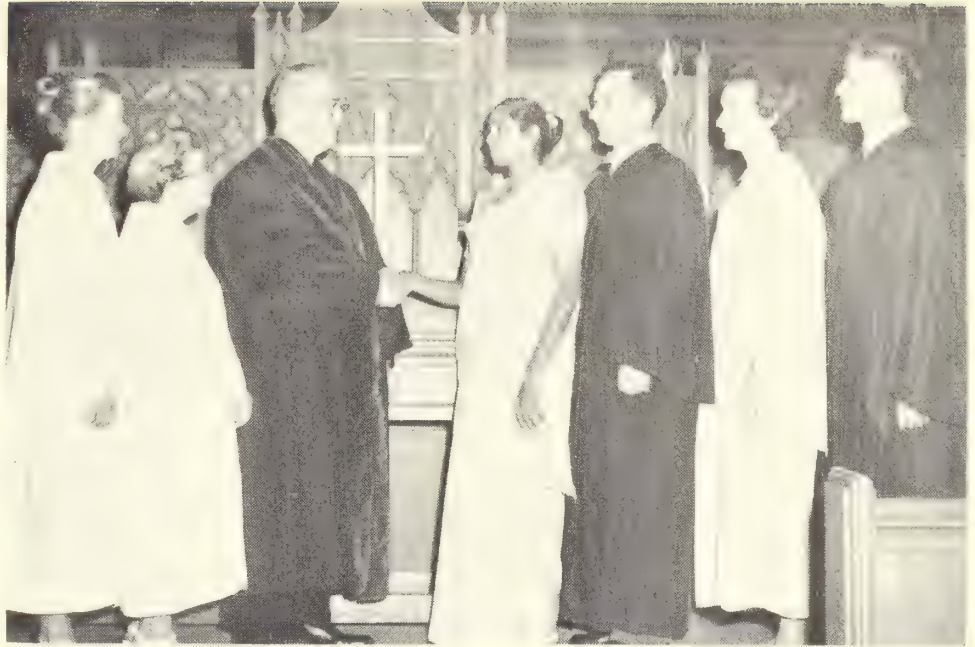
Sincerely,
JAMES S. MORGAN
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Hickory, N. C.

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Dear Brother Starnes:

On Wednesday, June 21, 1961, I attended a session of the South Germany Annual Conference of the Methodist Church presided over by the warm devotion and efficiency of Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich. The South Germany Conference, one of five annual Conferences in Germany, was held in the simple but well equipped Zion Church in the City of Backnang from June 20-25, 1961.

I chose Wednesday to attend the Conference because on this day Bishop Wunderlich administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Conference. The service began at 8:30 in the morning. I discovered anew that there is something glorious about an Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Whether it be in Germany or North Carolina, there is a spirit of warmth and brotherhood in Christ



Retired Bishop Raymond A. Archer (third from left) commissions four missionaries at the Methodist Board of Missions 16th annual conference for new and furloughed missionaries at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind. Miss Lela M. Johnston (left) a physical therapist of Olney, Ill., has been assigned to Korea, and Miss Reah H. Miller (second from left), a retired school teacher of Dayton, Ohio, will do educational work in Taiwan. Mrs. Carlos P. Welch of India (center) will serve in India with her husband (third from right) who was commissioned four years ago, and the Rev. Justin C. Harupama (extreme right) will work in Japan with his wife (second from right), a missionary since January.

you just don't find anywhere else. You didn't have to know the language you could just look into their faces, as they sang with head back and eyes aglow, and understand the melody of warmth and zeal that rolled from their hearts. Only Methodist preachers sing like that. I was at home though Lake Junaluska was thousands of miles away! The Bishop in his message that morning spoke on the theme "Jesus Christ is Lord" and you were immediately impressed with his deep familiarity with scripture and an unusual concern to make the gospel message meaningful to his brothers who face real challenges in today's Germany. "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" kept ringing in my ears as I stood at the altar to partake of the Blessed Sacrament from a common chalice with fellow Methodists.

After the service there was a break before the morning business session. We adjourned to a very neat social area of the church basement for coffee and rolls. I found two conversations during this break especially interesting. One with Dr. W. H. Sommers who is in charge of the Methodist Seminary in Frankfurt and who urged me to visit the Seminary in the fall; and the other with a pastor who had attended a Stanley Jones Ashram in Germany and spoke of how such an experience of prayer was new to pastors in Germany who are steeped in theology but shallow in the literature of prayer and devotion.

The South Germany Conference is composed of the Nurnberg and Stuttgart Districts and has a membership 95 pastors and about 100 ordained lay brothers.

Bishop Wunderlich presented me to the conference and I told them I brought greetings from all the Methodists in North Carolina. Bishop Wunderlich's daughter is now studying at Duke University so he

expressed to me how he especially appreciated my words of greeting from North Carolina since it included his daughter.

It was a glorious morning and I left with reluctance for pressing duties in my own military pastorate but it was wonderful to attend a Methodist Annual Conference even for a few hours and sense anew the glorious heritage we have in Christ.

In August Mrs. Foster, the former Ruth Sevier of Central Church, Asheville, and I will attend the World Methodist Conference in Oslo. Mrs. Foster will be attending as an official visitor and I will be an official delegate. We look forward to this because it will mean we can once again clasp the hand of some of our dear friends from North Carolina Methodism, as well as those of our brothers from World Methodism.

Sincerely,
ROBERT A. FOSTER
Chaplain, (1/Lt.) USA

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80 Nashville Road
Debra Dun, U. P. India

Dear Mrs. Eason:

This letter would give you a great surprise and although we have never met nor indulged in any correspondence with each other, yet I have a great hope that these few lines would gather your kindness and sympathies unto me. I saw your address in a Christian magazine published in 1948 in U. S. A. of Debra Dun. As I was interested to know someone while I was looking into the bookshelf of a pastor in North Carolina I noted down your address and today I am approaching you with some of my problems, seeking your help and Christian love. I have taken this step after I have received guidance in prayer and I am sure God would give you a vision for me.

I am an Indian Christian of 32 years. I am married and have a daughter Angela of 5 and one-half years and a son, Andrew of 3 and one-half years. I come from a Christian family. My father died in 1956 and I have a widowed mother, three brothers and four sisters. I have a double Master's degree in Economics and Sociology and a Bachelor's degree in Commerce at my credit. Since 1953 I have been working as a lecturer in A. P. Mission Boys Int. College, Debra Dun. Since I was much desirous to take an admission

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Methodists Must Build A Closer Federation At Oslo

The 10th World Methodist Conference will convene for a week at Oslo, Norway, on August 17 to consider how Methodism can best align its forces to face emerging nationalism, the drive of atheistic Communism, and the resurgence of Buddhism and Hinduism.

The 1960 Methodist Fact Book lists 40 Methodist bodies in 87 countries with nearly 20 million members serving a community of nearly 40 million people. The first world gathering of these Methodists in 1881, and the purpose was primarily for fellowship and not for talk of union.

At the Oslo meeting the wisdom of continuing with only this loose affiliation will be questioned more than ever. In fact, the sentiment that is like to prevail is well exemplified in the August issue of Methodism's family magazine, *Together*, where seven Methodist leaders from around the world express their opinions about the action that must be taken at this world conference.

Dr. J. B. Webb, chairman of the Southern Transvaal district of the Methodist Church of South Africa, believes Methodists should work for actual union.

"A number of practical advantages of union come to mind," he says, "not the least of which would be avoidance of overlapping in missionary areas. Union would enable us to plan for advances into areas not yet reached by missionary endeavor."

Another advantage would be the possibility of developing and expanding the present system of pastoral exchanges to cover wider areas and longer periods (now limited largely to U.S.A. and Great Britain).

A third advantage would be the much greater opportunity of closing gaps that render churches bearing the same confessional title almost strangers.

Charles Parlin of Englewood, N. J., well-known lay leader of American Methodism and a vice president of the World Methodist Council, does not believe that organic union for the present is feasible or even desirable, but he does feel that ways and means must be found for pooling resources and man power.

"World mission work," he says, "remains largely that of a 'sending church,' carrying with it the badge and flag of its nation. Like it or not, there are parts of Africa, Asia, and South America where the American and British flags are not welcome. Colonialists and imperialists are the nasty tag attached to us."

"But if work in these countries were done in the name of World Methodism—which is not tied to any nation, race, or economic system—the mission of the Christian message would be separated from the political aims of a sending nation."

Dr. Alan Walker of Sydney, Australia, is convinced that World Methodism will make its maximum contribution to the Church of Jesus Christ only as it is determined to see that its confessional life flows into and not away from the ecumenical movement.

"The time has come," he writes, "for World Methodism to build on its foundations. In study, in a more fully developed exchange program, in defining more clearly its relation to the ecumenical movement,



Twenty-four Methodist missionaries were retired from active service at the 16th annual conference for new and furloughed missionaries at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., held by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. Twelve of them were representatives of the Woman's Division, with 32 to 42 years of service abroad, and 12 were representatives of the Division of World Missions, with 27 to 46 years service. Front row, left to right: Miss Lorena Foster, Mrs. Pearl Willis Jones, Dr. Edith Lacy, Miss Emma Palm, Miss Susan Mitchell, Miss Rosalie Brown, Miss Helen Rosser, and Miss Jenny Lind. Second row: Miss Esther Hulbert, Miss Ellen Suffern, Mrs. Marguarite Berkey, Miss Etha Nagler, Mrs. John N. Hollister, Mrs. George Hollister, Mrs. Julian Nave, and Miss Lula Rawls. Back row: Mr. and Mrs. William De Ruiter, Miss Bessie Hollows, the Rev. William E. Shaw (Mrs. Shaw also retired but was unable to attend), the Rev. John N. Hollister, the Rev. George Hollister, and the Rev. Julian Nave.

it must grow by planning and acting in evangelism."

Mrs. Anita Araya of Santiago, Chile, vice president of the World Federation of Methodist Women, claims that one of the great needs of our time is for better communication, not only at the leader level of the church, but also on the congregational level.

"A united Methodist Church would be in a better position to interpret the Christian message in a world of confusion and radical change. Likewise, we could better analyze, understand, and comprehend the problems which affect man, both as an individual and as a vital part of today's society."

Dr. Rupert E. Davis of Bristol, England, member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council, cautions that a closer federation of Methodist churches could lead to denominational imperialism; to sinful complacency with the size and achievements of Methodism; to opposition of the Holy Spirit as he guides man into unions formed of many denominations in many parts of the world.

"Certainly," he points out, "any steps toward closer union of the branches of Methodism should be consistent with, and a help toward, the broader goals of unity now being sought through the World Council of Churches."

Bishop Willis J. King of the Central Jurisdiction, now retired, sees two advantages: the coordination of Methodist work in every part of the world, and enlarged authority in the area of faith and order that would eliminate some of the frustration arising from dealing with such questions as intercommunion by national com-

mittee groups rather than by commissions across national lines.

Dr. Ernest Scholz of West Berlin, district superintendent of the Northeastern conference of the Methodist Church of Germany, believes that a union of the World Methodist Church could function as well as the ecumenical council and free-church council that have drawn Protestant churches more closely together in Berlin since World War II under Methodist leadership.

Methodist Church Giving Shows Gain

Receipts of more than 30 million dollars in The Methodist Church's general benevolence and administrative funds during the 1960-61 fiscal year were reported June 9 by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke, Chicago, general secretary-treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Dr. Cooke's annual report showed an over-all gain of 22.44 per cent in comparison with the 1959-60 fiscal year. This year's total receipts were \$30,052,232—an increase of about 5½ million dollars over last year's total.

Receipts for World Service—the church's largest and most basic benevolence fund—reached \$14,275,373, falling some short of the increased goal of \$15,000,000 voted by the 1960 General Conference but registering at 19.78 per cent gain over last year.

Dr. Cooke expressed appreciation for the leadership of the bishops and for the work of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, which has responsibility for keeping the church informed about general benevolence causes.

Durham District Retreat

By CHARLES MASSEY

Camp Chestnut Ridge was the scene for many exciting and memorable moments over the weekend of July first and second. It was the location for the fifth annual Durham District Methodist Youth Retreat. The retreat was called to order by Anne Louise Day, district president, on Saturday morning. In the first business session the proposed constitution was read and adopted. After an afternoon swim, the youths undertook as their project for the year to raise funds for the construction of a lake to be built at the camp. Officers of the new year were nominated also. An evening of fellowship led by Charles Massey concluded the day of planning, worship, and fun.

In the third business session held on Sunday morning campaign speeches were heard, and election for district officers was conducted. The following youth were elected to lead the district: George Roycroft of Durham, president; Joel Kaylor of Chapel Hill, vice president; Suzanne Craven of Roxboro, secretary; Norma Bragg of Oxford, treasurer; and Charles Massey of Durham publicity chairman. Christian Area Chairmen include: Harriet Brewer of Chapel Hill, faith; Anna Pope of Durham, witness; Sue Gill of Durham, citizenship; Dennis Brandon of Durham, outreach; and Sue Womble of Chapel Hill, fellowship.

The retreat was concluded with the installation of new officers.

The Durham District is made up of over three thousand youth from some eighty-two churches in five counties. The five counties are Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, and Person.

Two-Week Leadership School For Methodist Church Workers

A two-week leadership school and laboratory for Methodist church workers in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will open at Lake Junaluska, July 30 for intensive study in seminars and workshops on Christian education.

The first week laboratory school is for workers with children and junior high school youth and is planned for those who have not had previous experience in laboratory schools.

During the second week, the study will be planned for workers with children, youth, and adults and those who have had previous experience in laboratory schools.

A seminar for persons interested in becoming skilled in the use of and coordination of audio-visual resources will be available to workers registered for the full two-week period, which ends August 11.

Miss Annella Creech, director of children's for the Tennessee Methodist Conference, Nashville, will be supervisor during both weeks of laboratory school. Her associate will be the Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, director of children's work for the North Carolina Methodist Conference, Durham. Miss Aileen M. Sanborn of the Methodist General Board of Education's Department of Leadership Education, Nashville, will supervise a section of the second week's work.

Miss Anita Patterson Active in Church Affairs

Above is a picture of Miss Anita Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Patterson, Route 6, Shelby, N.C. She is a 1961 graduate of Number Three Township High School. She has been very active in her church and school during her high school career. At school, she was President of the



Future Home-Makers of America, Secretary of the 4-H Club, on the staff of the school yearbook and the newspaper, a member of the Beta Club and co-captain of the basketball team. She received the superlative of "most original" and the medal for the "best all around" student. She has also been school pianist. She has been equally active in her church, being an active member of the MYF as well as the church pianist. In keeping with her character, she recently presented her piano recital in her church, Sulphur Springs Methodist. She plans to major in music and will further her study in that field this fall when she will enter Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro with a scholarship given by the Music Department of that school, this scholarship being renewable each year.

Methodist Leaders Protest U. S. Army Policy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A young Methodist Army draftee is serving a three-month sentence at Ft. Belvoir, Va., for refusing to wear a uniform or report for duty following two attempts to get a discharge because of religious convictions as a conscientious objector. Pvt. Donald Heath, member of St. Paul's Church, San Bernardino, Calif., was court-martialed May 24, and his sentence included a reduction in grade and partial pay forfeiture. Drafted in 1959 with doubts military service, he requested objector status and a release beginning in December, 1959. He had been assigned to non-combatant service in a hospital. Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles and staff members of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns are among church officials who have protested the Army's failure to have procedures for discharging objectors, though the Navy and Air Force do have.

Southeastern Jurisdiction W S C S Pledges \$2,159,100 For Its Work

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction has pledged \$2,159,100 for church work.

The breakdown, by conferences announced was:

Alabama-West Florida, \$101,500; Florida, \$182,000; Holston, \$150,000; Kentucky, \$83,000; Louisville, \$76,500; Memphis, \$99,000; Mississippi, \$84,000; North Alabama, \$115,000; North Carolina, \$145,300; North Georgia, \$200,000; North Mississippi, \$63,100; South Carolina, \$167,500; South Georgia, \$145,000; Tennessee, \$111,200; Virginia, \$260,000; and Western North Carolina, \$176,000.

Addressing a meeting of 250 women of the jurisdiction the Rev. Dr. Ronald Meredith said the church must openly discuss vital issues of the day. "The race problem is serious and the church can't sidestep it," he added.

Dr. Meredith, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Wichita, Kans., also spoke during the annual School of Mission and Christian Service.

Divinity School at Duke Schedules Annual Convocation, Lectures

DURHAM, N. C.—Five speakers have been announced for the annual Christian Convocation, North Carolina Pastors' School and James A. Gray Lectures, which will be held concurrently at Duke University Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1.

Heading the program, which is sponsored by the Divinity School, will be Prof. Albert C. Outler, Perkins School of Theology, as the James A. Gray Lecturer, and Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington area of the Methodist Church, as convocation preacher.

Prof. Outler will discuss the forging of Wesley's theology and its contemporary significance.

Special lecturers will be Prof. Frank Baker, lecturer in church history at Duke, who will speak on topics in Wesley studies, and Dr. Jessie H. Ziegler, associate director of the American Association of Theological Schools, Dayton, Ohio, and former professor of Christian Education and psychology at Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago.

Rev. Leon Russell, minister of the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount, N. C. has been invited to deliver the Alumni Lecture. He is also chairman of the Board of Managers of the North Carolina Pastors' School.

The Promises of God

By CHESTER WARREN QUIMBY

When we consider the promises of God, our first impression is how innumerable they are, beyond all counting! How inclusive they are, covering every phase of life!

In this book the author explains how twelve of God's promises relate to our daily living, and the main conditions inherent in these promises. To secure it write The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. 20c each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Special Appointments for North Carolina Conference

The list of pastoral appointments including retired men, for the North Carolina Conference was published in last week's *ADVOCATE*, but for lack of space the "Special" appointments had to be omitted until this week. We are carrying them here. Ministers may desire to clip this list and preserve it for future reference until the Conference Journal is printed.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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First Report of the 1961 Methodist Youth Caravan

First Report of the 1961 Methodist Youth Caravan (From June 24th to the time of arrival in Ilford, Eng.)

In the heart of each member of the 1961 European Youth Caravan, Sunday, June 4, will long be remembered as the beginning of a new and thrilling adventure in Christian sharing.

In addition to Jack and Frances Page who are the counselors for the Caravan, the following young people make up the group: Joan Hayes, Jamesville; Miriam House, Kenansville; Rebecca Johnson, Clinton; Jackie Ward, Rowland; John Dorsey, Raleigh; Allen Fisher, Fairmont; Ward Page, Fayetteville; James Howie, Charlotte.

The members of the Caravan, with their parents and friends, met at the Hay Street Methodist Church at 2:45 p.m. for the consecration service. This service was led by Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions. He was assisted by Rev. Clyde S. Boggs of Clinton. Clyde and Hazel Boggs were the counselors for the 1960 Caravan.

Mrs. Z. T. Kirkman, Mrs. John Raper and Mrs. Tom Hirske, of the Hay Street Church prepared the communion for the afternoon consecration.

Following the service, Lee Hauser Junior, made pictures of the group for the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Fayetteville Observer, and one for each member of the Caravan. We left the church for the train station immediately following the service. Families and friends of the group were there to see us off. Mr. McDonald, district passenger agent, presented a box of candy to the Caravan.

Rev. Holland Hale, Rockingham, and his family joined us at the station for the trip to N. Y. and Southampton. They will be visiting Mrs. Hale's family in England for the summer.

Sue Bingham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Bingham, of Shiloh, joined our group in Rocky Mount. She will visit her sister and brother in England and France.

The train arrived at Pennsylvania station at 6:35 a.m., June 5. We took a subway to Ports Terminal bus station. From there we went by bus to the docks of the Holland-American lines in Hoboken, N. J. After a quick breakfast in the coffee shop, all Caravaners boarded the Groote Beer except Mom and Pop, who waited in line to have all tickets and passports checked. We felt very fortunate to get "tweed" (second) sitting for all meals. There was a mad scramble to locate our cabins, but everyone seemed pleased with his accommodation.

Jackie found a dozen red roses and a letter waiting for her from a special friend; also a basket of fruit and a carton of pepsi-colas from other friends. The Caravan received a warm telegram from Millard Dunn, District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District, wishing for us Bon voyage and a wonderful experience for the summer.

The weather, with the exception of our first day at sea, was mostly overcast. However, we had smooth sailing and no one reported any seasickness.

Aboard ship our typical daily schedule was as follows: Breakfast at 8:15, followed by morning devotions and song rehearsal. Free time for lectures and language classes or laundry from 9 to 11:30. Usually we enjoyed discussion on the deck from 12:00 until lunch time at 1:00 o'clock. Afternoons were free for rest, recreation, writing and reading. At 5:00 o'clock, we met together to work on our songs and programs to be used in the churches where we will visit. Dinner at 6:30 followed by evening devotions and witnessing period. Each member of the Caravan has been responsible for leading the devotional periods.

We have especially enjoyed the wonderful food on the boat. Our two-table stewards and our cabin steward have been very kind, considerate and efficient.

The Caravan is made up of many different personalities which goes to make a very interesting and challenging group. John and Joan's seriousness is tempered by the wit and humor of Allen and Ward. They displayed their wit by giving us a farewell party on deck the day before we landed. At this time, they read a poem and sang a song which they had composed. They also presented each member a gift in quite a unique way.

James Howie is our "happy-go-lucky" member, who has made a real contribution to the morale of the Caravan. Becky's smile and friendliness have added much to our group.

Pop had charge of the Protestant worship hour aboard ship one evening. He also led the prayer for the morning worship service on Sunday. Jackie played the piano. Miriam sang a solo, "Come Unto Me" from the Messiah by Handel. The four boys served as ushers for the service.

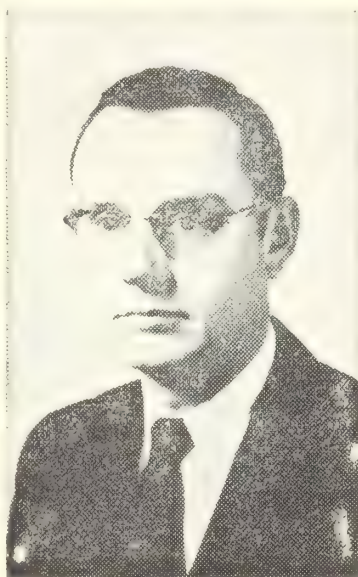
Tuesday, June 13, we were up early and had a good breakfast. All of us were anxious to see land, and all of us agreed that it never looked better. We were impressed by the Isle of Wight as we came in toward Southampton. The Groote Beer did not dock in Southampton. We were transferred to a launch and after a fifty-minute ride, we docked. It did not take long to get our baggage and clear customs and get on the boat train for London. We docked at 3:00 p.m. and left by train for London, where we were met by the Rev. George Groves and Arthur White, a member of Rev. Groves' congregation. It was a happy group to hear the decidedly British accent of Brother Groves asking, "Is this the North Carolina Methodist Youth Caravan?"

We were loaded baggage and all into a "mi-ni" bus belonging to Arthur White and the Groves' car.

Rev. Claude Young Honored As Rural Minister of North Carolina

Rev. Hugh Claude Young, Jr., former pastor of Hayesville First Methodist Church, Clay County, N. C., has been named North Carolina Rural Minister of the Year.

The award, co-sponsored by The Progressive Farmer magazine and Emory University School of Theology, will be an-



nounced in the July issue of *The Progressive Farmer*. North Carolina Council of Churches assisted in the selection of the North Carolina Rural Minister.

Ministers from 12 other states are similarly recognized for outstanding contributions to rural life and religion in the South. An announcement banquet for the ministers is to be held at Emory July 12. Mr. Young plans this summer to take up a new pastorate — Sedge Garden Methodist Church, Forsyth County.

Mr. Young was director of the Group Ministry in Clay County, which has been responsible for developing Christian leadership and strengthening church programs throughout the county.

As director of the Ministry he was a leader in obtaining and building the \$100,000 Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center for Christian education and training. The 4½-acre site and a rough, unfinished lodge were donated to the Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Moore, and \$33,000 to begin the building fund was donated by the wife of late Harold H. Hinton, original owner and developer of the land.

Mr. Young is director of rural church and Town and Country Church Work for Waynesville District. He organized Clay County Ministerial Association and is a leader in Clay County Industrial Council, which has raised \$45,000 for construction of a building to house a dress factory.

Mr. Young's wife, Betty Jean, is church choir director. The Youngs have two children.

And so a happy and eager group of young people from North Carolina were carried across London to Ilford to find new and warm friends among the British Methodists. "Pop and Mom" are staying with the Groves, and the young people are staying in the homes of different members of Cranbrook Methodist Church.

The Caravaners were thrilled to get their first mail from home and friends.

And so we come to find wonderful Christian friends in this land so far from our own.

THE CARAVANERS

Methodist Women Hold School Of Missions at Junaluska

One of Methodism's newest bishops delivered two sermons to 250 women at Lake Junaluska, July 2, representing the top female leadership in The Methodist Church.

Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, presiding bishop of the Western Pennsylvania Area, preached at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. He was elected bishop in 1960.

The bishop's audience consisted of top officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild from the Southeastern Jurisdiction, attending the annual School of Missions and Christian Service.

Friday night, during the annual Pledge Service, presidents of the WSCS in the 16 conferences of the jurisdiction represented here, announced monies pledged for the coming year.

The amount was \$2,159,100, which was \$48,800 more than the total of \$2,110,300 pledged last year.

The money is used for the various programs of the WSCS. These include children's, student and supply work, Christian social relations, missionary work here and abroad, and the spiritual life of the church.

While they were at the Lake the women attended morning instruction in "Churches for New Times," "The Christian Mission in Latin America," "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," and "The Meaning of Suffering."

For the morning classes, instructors were outstanding Methodists and other churchmen. These included:

Dr. James Hamilton and Dr. Howard Yoder, both of the National Council of Churches; Miss Florence Hooper, feature writer for *World Outlook*; Miss Thelma Stevens of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church; and instructors from a college and seminary—Dr. Charles L. Laymon of Florida Southern College, and Dr. Lindsay Pherigo of National Methodist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Ronald Meredith, pastor of First Methodist Church in Wichita, Kans., led a Bible Hour program in Stuart Auditorium for women at 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner of Richmond, Va., is president of the WSCS for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, as well as leader of the WSG. Mrs. Ralph B. Shumaker of Walterboro, S. C., is vice president.

Mrs. Frank A. Calhoun of Clarkville, Tenn., served as chairman of the school; with Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheville, N. C., as dean; and Mrs. George Shiplett of Vidalia, Ga., as registrar.

The women represent 432,000 Methodist women in 17 conferences. Because of the trouble in Cuba, no representatives from that provisional conference of The Methodist Church attended this year. However, two missionaries, evacuated from Cuba, attended the meeting.

The states represented were Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

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A program of study leading to the new Master of Sacred Theology degree will be offered by the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo., this fall.

Salem MYF Observes Christian Adventure Week

BY SANDRA DAY

During the week of June 19-23 the MYF of Salem Church in Oxford held a Christian Adventure Week. We, the young people, met a few weeks before and decided that we wanted Christian Vocations to be our topic for the week. Arrangements were made to obtain several film strips to be used during the week.

On Monday, June 19, the young people along with our counselors and minister, Rev. P. D. Midgett, met at a pond behind the church early in the evening where we enjoyed games and a weiner roast. That night we went to the church for our program. A mock radio show over Station MYF consisted of a panel discussion on Christian Vocations. On the panel were Rev. P. D. Midgett, Rev. Charles Owens, Miss Linda Day, and Miss Sandra Day. Rev. Owens, a missionary to Chile for three years, was very helpful and answered many of our questions on missions and vocations.

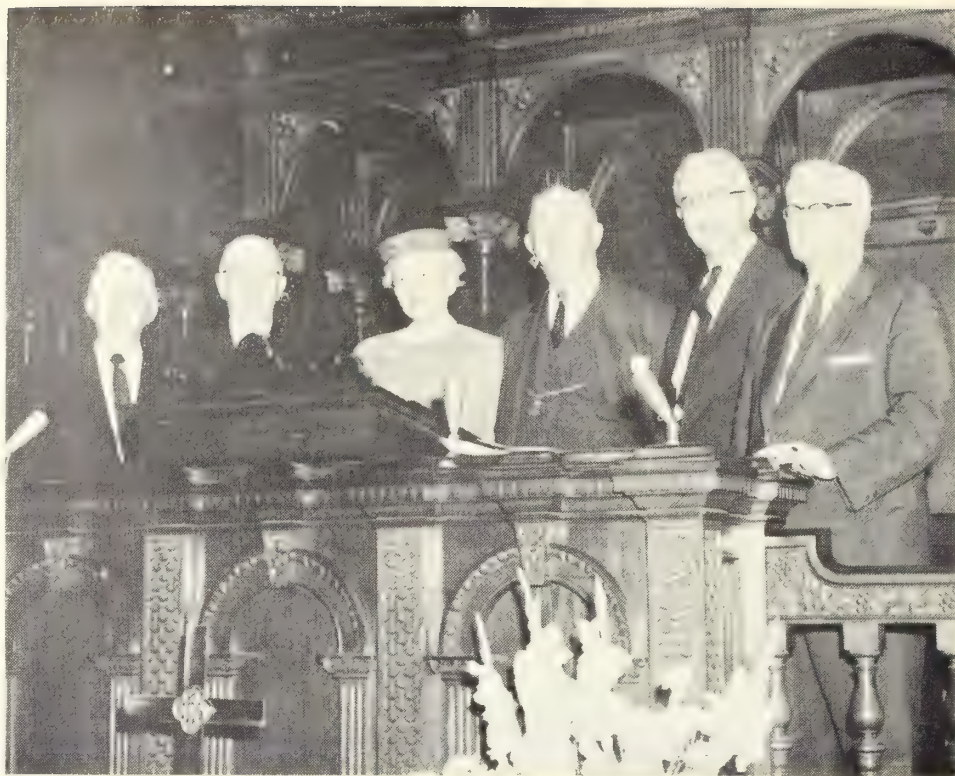
"Careers That Matter" was shown on Tuesday night and proved to be a very interesting and helpful film. A discussion that followed summed up the film and answered many of the questions that we had wondered about during the week. Prior to the film we visited Church members that were unable to attend church. We sang several hymns and had a prayer by one of the young people. We could see that they benefitted from our visit and I feel that each one of us benefitted in some way from these visits.

One of the highlights of the week was the showing of the motion picture "Missionary To Walker's Garage" on Thursday evening. The discussion afterwards inspired everyone and we obtained something from the film and discussion. We then had a prayer period and each one meditated silently or out loud. Each one left the church that night with a feeling that is hard to describe.

We wound up our week with a hamburger fry at the pond behind the church. Those who desired enjoyed fishing and badminton. After we had eaten supper we had a business meeting and joined in singing around a big camp fire. We ended the night and week with a devotional service by the pond. All that participated in our Christian Adventure Week will long remember some of the wonderful experiences that we shared together.

Former President Eisenhower On Board American University

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has joined the two other living ex-presidents as an honorary member of the board of trustees of American University, Methodist-related school here. Mr. Eisenhower broke ground for the university's School of International Service in 1957. Other new board members who are widely known are U. S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan and Edwin L. Jones, construction firm president, both Methodist laymen from North Carolina, and the Rev. Dr. Edward G. Latch, pastor of Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church here.



Shown above is the scene when Mr. Gurney P. Hood of Raleigh was given a citation at the recent North Carolina Conference in Durham, recognizing his outstanding record as a churchman. For many years Mr. Hood, who was former Commissionr of Banks in the state, served the church as Conference Lay Leader, and later as president of the Commission of World Service and Finance. He has represented the church in Jurisdictional and General conferences. Last winter he and Mrs. Hood were given citations by the North Carolina Council of Churches for their long and outstanding service. Mrs. Hood was formerly president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as well as being active in many other ways. From left to right, are: Dr. F. Olen Hunt, Bishop Paul N. Garber, Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, Mr. Hood, Rev. Key W. Taylor, and Rev. W. C. Wilson.

Bishop Garber Makes Changes In Pastoral Appointments

Nine changes of pastors in eastern North Carolina Methodist churches were announced by Presiding Bishop Paul N. Garber.

All of the changes resulted from the death on Friday, June 30, of the Rev. Leon Couch, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro.

The Rev. N. W. Grant, pastor of Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, was sent to Goldsboro succeeding the Rev. Mr. Couch.

The Rev. L. C. Vereen, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, was assigned to the Fairmont Church, Raleigh, succeeding Mr. Grant.

Transferred to Asbury was the Rev. John Thomas Maides, pastor of Longview Gardens Methodist Church, Raleigh; and the Rev. W. B. Cotton, pastor of the Richlands Methodist Church, was assigned to Longview.

The Rev. R. F. McKee, pastor of Trinity Methodist, New Bern, succeeds the Rev. Mr. Cotton at Richlands; and the Rev. R. N. Knight, pastor of LaGrange Methodist Church, was assigned to Trinity, New Bern.

Succeeding to the pastorate at LaGrange is the Rev. Ellis J. Bedsworth, pastor of Beech Grove Methodist—which is in the New Bern District—and the Rev. Charles E. Vale, pastor of St. Paul-Grace Methodist

churches in Rockingham, moves to Beech Grove. Completing the list, Bishop Garber named the Rev. W. S. Thomas to the St. Paul-Grace pastorate.

Educational Leaders To Meet In Nashville July 24-26

More than 250 leaders in Christian higher education from across the nation will convene in Nashville next month for The Methodist Church's 16th Institute of Higher Education, which will be highlighted by an address by a former president of the United Nations General Assembly.

The interdenominational institute, sponsored jointly by the church's Board of Education and Scarritt College, Nashville, is scheduled for July 24-26.

Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon, former UN Assembly president and now professor at American University, Washington, D. C., will address the educators on the evening of July 26 at Peabody College.

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Five Methodist ministers, one of them a woman, who plan to do Christian work with students in colleges have been awarded \$1,000 Baker scholarships for graduate study. The purpose of the grants by the Methodist General Board of Education is to train the ministers for professional leadership in Wesley Foundations, which are Methodist student centers at state and independent colleges and universities.

Older Youth Summer Program

J. CONRAD GLASS, JR.

High School Graduates! College Students! Single Working Youth! Single Youth in the Armed Forces! How will you spend your leisure time this summer? Where will you go on your vacation?

Spend a portion of your summer in surroundings which will challenge you with questions relevant to you and your Christian faith. Share these problems with others as you wrestle with difficult questions relevant to life—your life! Experience group living with others who are attempting to make faith in Christ a living reality in their day-to-day living. Have fun while you are doing all of this. Where are these things taking place? Why, in the summer opportunities offered to you by your N. C. Conference Board of Education, of course.

This summer a two-fold program is being presented. The week-end Older Youth Assembly, July 21-23, and the week-long Older Youth Trail Hike, August 27-September 1, constitute this program. The Assembly will be held at Camp Don-Lee, Arapahoe, N. C., and the Trail Hike will take place along a portion of the Appalachian Trail.

The political scene will be the topic of discussion at the Assembly under the theme "The Cross and the Capitals." State, national and world politics will be touched as these subjects are explored—Governor Sanford's Program on Education for North Carolina, Compulsory Military Training, and the United Nations and the Sharing of Resources and Technical Knowledge between nations.

The Assembly Planning Committee, composed of Jack Edwards, Linda Pearson, Betty Braswell, Rev. Jack Crum and Rev. Cliff Shoaf, state that the purposes of this assembly are:

To provide opportunity for Older Youth to think about their own involvement in politics in the light of Christ's teachings.

To look at some of the ways Older Youth can take effective Christian action in politics.

To provide Christian fellowship and recreation for Older Youth who are seeking to make the the will of God the rule of their lives.

Mr. Tom Lambeth, Administrative Assistant to Governor Terry Sanford, will be one of the resource persons attending the Assembly. Opportunities will be available for you to question him concerning Governor Sanford's Program of Education.

Most of the program will be under the direction of other older youth just like yourself. Mr. Harold Goodyear and Mr. Bill Graham will debate the question of compulsory military training. A "Political Party" will be led by Linda Pearson, past Conference MYF Fellowship Chairman. Other phases of the program will consist of worship, swimming, discussion, canoeing, film "Alternatives", campfire and "pier walking time."

The Assembly begins on Friday afternoon, July 21, and ends with lunch on Sunday, July 23. The cost of the weekend is \$11.00.

A unique opportunity in camping for the N. C. Conference is present for twelve interested older youth. The first trail hike



A farewell gift of a new automobile was presented to Dr. Embree H. Blackard by the congregation of Central Methodist Church, Asheville. Dr. Blackard was leaving the Central pastorate after 12 years to become superintendent of the Charlotte District. Taking part in the surprise presentation were (L.-R.): Canie M. Brown, member of the board of trustees; J. Weldon Weir, chairman of the official board; Mrs. Blackard and Dr. Blackard.

will take place during the last week in August. This is a real experience in small group living for those who are willing to "rough it" for a week.

The hike will be approximately 32 miles in length along the Appalachian Trail in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The hikers will leave Durham on Sunday morning, August 27, and travel to the Cherokee Methodist Center where they will sleep Sunday night. Early Monday morning the "happy wanderers" will go to Newfound Gap where they will embark upon their venture. Davenport Gap is the destination to be reached on Friday. The group will return to Durham that night.

Christian fellowship and vital Christian living will be the experience of the hikers as they travel with the barest essentials. The motto of the hike is "You Bring It; You Carry It."

Equipment suggestions will be furnished each hiker when he registers. Personal hiking and camping equipment will be furnished by the individual. This can usually be borrowed from a Boy Scout. Hikers should not purchase any item until they receive the list of suggested equipment.

Guys and gals, if you want the time of your life, sign up to attend the Trail Hike. The total cost for the hike is \$25.00. This amount includes food, certain equipment, insurance, and transportation from Durham to the mountains and back again. The two meals while in transit to and from the Smokies will be at the expense of the hiker.

See your local pastor or write Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, North Carolina, for application forms for both Assembly and Trail Hike. Hope to see you at one or both places this summer. Bring someone with you.

Four Students Bound For Friendship Tour

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Four students are bound south from here for a summer's friendship tour to Latin America, in a jeep named "Expedition de Amistad de America Central." Their quest for knowledge and direct contact with people of all the Americas will take them to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela, before they return by ship in September. The goodwill tourists are Leonard Detlor of Roselle Park, N. J., Lyndon Wilson of Eden, N. Y., and Ferris Faulkner of Larchmont, N. Y., all of American University, and James Matthew of Albright College, Reading, Pa. Detlor, Wilson and Matthews are Methodists and Faulkner as Presbyterian.

Biltmore Church Honors Pastor and Associate

The congregation of the Biltmore Methodist Church, Asheville, recently honored their newly assigned minister, Rev. Milford V. Thumm and family, and the associate pastor, Rev. L. B. George and Mrs. George, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Thumm and son Mike come to the Biltmore Church from Culowhee. The reception was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church. Mrs. J. W. Carver, president of WSCS presided at the punch bowl, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Greene, wife of the Chairman of the Official Board, and Mrs. A. C. Williams, Chairman of Local Church Activities.



Woman's Activities



Mrs. Meeker Speaks To W. N. C. Women

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Mrs. C. Meeker of New York, editor of *The Methodist Woman* magazine made a talk on, "Living in Time," at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held June 13-15 at Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. Meeker stated, "Because we are learning more of our history and our heritage, women today are living in time. Back in 1869 a group of women decided that something should be done for the women of India. On March 23, 1869 eight women gathered in Boston, Mass. and organized our work. Miss Isabella Thoburn and Miss Clara Swain were our early missionaries. These pioneer women were living in time.

"Today we have established mission work in 33 countries, 700 projects are overseas and 500 are in the United States.

"It has been said that 'We are in the path of change and we must go to meet that change.' There are changing patterns of today that we must meet—the increased number of women working, the population explosion, the growth of nationalism and of the oriental religions. Bishop Booth of Africa has said, 'The greatest problem facing us is that of social classes—some kind of homogeneous pattern may be evolved. We are children of tradition—without sharing, there will never be any solution to our social problems.'"

Mrs. Meeker warned against the growth of other religions, saying that this would force the Christian people to re-think their attitude, that we are going to have "to quit doing things for people, we are going to have to do things with people."

She continued, "Our mission is to witness and proclaim the love of a living God. He continues to work through Christian personalities. We work to build a world of Christian service."

Mrs. Meeker described the vista seen from the windows of the Interchurch Center in New York City. Its height enables one to have a longer view.

Mrs. Meeker also presented a morning meditation at the meeting, using the theme, "Dedicated Hands."

MRS. H. G. ALLEN TELLS OF TRIP TO SARAWAK

Mrs. H. G. Allen of Statesville told of a recent trip she made to Sarawak and other mission stations in Southeast Asia at the annual meeting at Lake Junaluska.

She described the mission work in the villages and told of the people, the homes they lived in and the cordial hospitality shown the group of Americans visiting the stations. She told of a visit to the Winston-Salem District Memorial Hospital in one of the stations, telling the women that when

the Rev. Burr Baughman was on furlough in the United States, that the Methodist people of the Winston-Salem district gave \$30,000 for a hospital in the land served by the Rev. Baughman, whose home is in Hendersonville. He is now in Malaya.

She told of spending a night in "a long house," the center of community activity, a place where all come, with no doors, and of the deep curiosity each group had for the strange ways and customs of the other.

She was one of a party of 12 persons representing the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, who toured many of the mission stations in Hawaii, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, India and Sarawak.

MRS. BROWN NEW PRESIDENT WINSTON-SALEM DISTRICT

Mrs. H. B. Simpson, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Winston-Salem District has resigned because of illness. She has served three years of a four-year term as district president.

At a called meeting of the executive committee Mrs. G. E. Brown of Mt. Airy was elected to fill the unexpired term. She had served one year of a four-year term as district vice president. Prior to that time she had served six years as secretary of supply work in the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference and as president of her local society in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Frank L. Smith of Mt. Airy was chosen as district vice president to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Brown. She is a past president of Central Church in Mt. Airy.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Courses, Instructors N. Carolina Conference School of Missions

The 4 approved study courses and their instructors for the 1961 Annual Conference School of Missions and Christian Service to be held at Duke University August 7-11, have been announced by Mrs. Harold Braswell, conference secretary of missionary education and service.

"Churches for New Times," to be taught by the Rev. Thomas A. Collins and Dr. W. A. Kale, presents facts and principles emphasizing the role of every community in North America as a mission frontier.

The Rev. Mr. Collins, a native of Wilmington, N. C., received his A.B. Degree

from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and his B.D. Degree from Sandler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Before his election in 1959 as the first president of N. C. Wesleyan College, the Rev. Mr. Collins served two pastorates and as Executive Secretary of the N. C. Methodist Board of Missions, in which latter capacity he assisted in organizing 70 new Methodist churches.

Dr. Kale is a native of Asheville, N. C., and an ordained minister in the Western N. C. Conference. He received his higher education at Duke and Yale Universities. Dr. Kale is currently professor of Christian Education at Duke University's Divinity School.

"Land of Eldorado," by Santa Umberto Barbieri, the text for the course, "The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries," describes the coming of Protestantism to Latin America and details its growth, contributions, and failures and indicates the future role of the Protestant Churches. The two classes will be taught by Dr. Leslie Sayre and Dr. Rhoda Edmeston.

Dr. Sayre is secretary of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature in the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches. Born in Globe, Arizona, Dr. Sayre was educated in England and Wayne University, Detroit, Mich.; Garrett Bible Institute and Northwestern University, and Iliff Theological Seminary. Widely experienced in the field of publishing and community development, Dr. Sayre has served in Africa, in rural Michigan, and in Hawaii.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Edmeston is now an American citizen. Her degrees include an M.A. and Ph.D. from Boston University, and M.A. in Spanish from Duke University. For twelve years Mrs. Edmeston was a missionary in Argentina. At present she is editor of *Lecciones Cristianas* (Bible lessons for adults in Spanish.)

The purpose of the Christian Social Relations study course, "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," is to analyze the role of the churches and give examples of the types of activities whereby they exert their influence. It will be taught by Mrs. William C. Smith, of Portsmouth, Va.

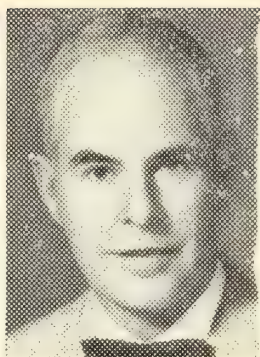
A native North Carolinian, Mrs. Smith holds degrees from Greensboro College and Columbia University; also having done special work in psychology at Cornell University and William and Mary College. She is an experienced teacher, author of many religious articles and has served in a number of capacities in the WSCS on the local, conference and jurisdiction levels.

The Bible course, "The Meaning of Suffering," with the text of the same title, by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, will have two classes, taught by Dr. George Schreyer and Dr. Ethel Tilley. The text is designed to lead to a deeper understanding of the nature, character, and purpose of God, and a steadfast faith even in situations we do not understand.

Like Dr. Kale, Dr. Schreyer is a native of Asheville, and a member of the Western N. C. Conference, and is no stranger to the Duke University campus, from which institution he received his B.D. Degree and at which he was the leader of the Bible study at the 1960 School of Missions. Dr. Schreyer was also graduated from Wofford



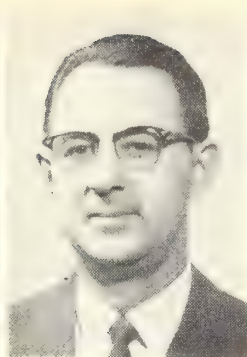
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DR. WM. ARTHUR KALE



REV. THOMAS COLLINS

College with an A.B. Degree and holds a PH.D. from Boston University. He is in great demand as a preacher of the gospel and as a speaker in the field of education. Dr. Schreyer has authored a recently published book, "Christian Education in Action." Dr. Schreyer is professor of Christian Education at Pfeiffer College.

Scholar, poetess, world traveler, and teacher, Dr. Tilley was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University. She has served as Dean of Women at two colleges, is author of Sunday school texts and two vacation church school texts. Dr. Tilley has traveled extensively in a number of foreign countries and throughout the U. S. She is a teacher in the Department of Psychology and Philosophy at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

Registration fee for the School of Missions, \$2.00; Spiritual Retreat, August 5-6 \$1.00, should be sent to Mrs. Shelton Boyd, 400 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C., by July 30.

LETTERS

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in some foreign university for my Ph. D. degree in Sociology I have been trying for this since 1954. This year I got success and I was admitted to the Graduate School of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., U.S.A., and I was required to join on 31st January. I obtained a passport but I couldn't avail the admission as I could not secure a letter of guarantee of support and return passage from someone in U.S.A. to get a visa. Now I got by admission deferred for the September semester and the University of North Carolina has agreed to take me in the fall semester beginning from 13th September 1961. All I need now is a scholarship or a part-time job and a letter of support and guarantee of return so that I may go to the U.S.A. and pursue my studies. I had tried much and approached many people in India but have failed by now in this direction. I do not have any approach to anyone in North Carolina who may give me some financial assistance or part time work. It is far too remote for me to come there on my own expenses and moreover the exchange facilities are not easily available. My Ph. D. Sociology and Anthropology will prove of great value to my Christian community and country. You would be surprised to learn that sufficient facilities in branches like Criminology or Sociology are not available in India and in Debra Dun where I live at present there are no facilities. It is not possible for me to get any help from the government or my church or mission since I am not sponsored by either of them. Kindly manage to get me some scholarship or part time job so that I may pursue my studies in Chapel Hill. Kindly help me in obtaining a letter of guarantee of support and return passage so that I may get a visa. I assure you that I shall never act in any way which would put your name down or blot the exalted name of Saviour Jesus Christ. When I come to Chapel Hill my wife will stay with my mother and sisters and brothers.

I am much desirous to avail of my admission this time and would request you to help me in this concern. I am writing you this letter with great hopes and as the Lord has guided me I feel sure that He would cause you to prove a real boon for me.

With best regards and Christian greetings to you,
Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,
Wise B. Joseph

(Anyone desiring to contact Mr. Joseph should use the above address. —Editor.)

Seminary Dean to Open Talks On 'Art of Living'

Dr. Wayne Kenton Clymer will begin a 13-week series of talks as guest speaker on "The Art of Living" Sunday, July 9 (9:15-9:30 p.m. EDT), on NBC Radio. He is dean of the Evangelical Theological Seminary of the United Evangelical Brethren Church, Naperville, Ill. He has held pastorates at Emanuel Church, Ozone Park, N. Y., and St. Paul's Church, Forest Hills,

N. Y., and since 1946 has devoted himself to teaching.

His first month's subjects will be "On Knowing the Will of God," July 2; "On Being Known by God," July 9; "Saved by Grace Through Faith," July 16; "Standing Between the Mounds" July 23, and "Unloving People and a Religion of Love," July 30. An NBC Public Affairs presentation, "The Art of Living" is produced in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

Town and Country Conference at Junaluska

"Making Methodism Mean More in Town and Country" is the theme of Town and Country Conference for the southeast to be held at Lake Junaluska July 27-30, 1961. It is the only conference of the kind to be held in the southeast this quadrennium.

Many North Carolinians will join in the examination of the "faith, facts, functions and future of the church in town and country during these days.

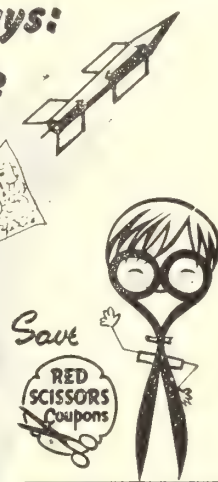
Group discussions will focus attention on a variety of concerns of town and country churches: The program of the local church, the functions of key church officials, farm and land policy, circuits, lay witnessing, group ministry, research, Appalachian Studies, youth, church and community relations, etc.

Rev. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Duke Divinity School, is the chairman of the conference. Leadership will include Rev. Gene Holdredge, Scarritt College; Dr. Ross Freeman and Dr. Earl Brewer, Emory University; Dr. J. W. Sells, Southeastern Jurisdictional Council; Mrs. J. Fount Tillman and Miss Cornelia Russell, Woman's Division of Christian Service; and Dr. Harry V. Richardson and Dr. Ralph Williamson, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



BOBBY LEARNS TO OBEY

KENNETH FAIRCLOTH, AGE 9

One day Bobby's mother said to him, "Bobby, would you please take this note to Mrs. Mills next door? And please don't read it, because it's private."

On his way to Mrs. Mills' house, Queenie, their dog, jumped up on him and knocked the note out of his hand.

When he picked it up he looked at it and he read:

"Dear Martha

Would you like to come to my birthday party tonight?

Sue Smith

P.S. The party will be at my house at 8:00 p.m. sharp. This is private between us."

When Bobby got to Mrs. Mills' house, he said to Mrs. Mills, "This note is from Mom," and then he read the note to Mrs. Mills.

That night at the party, Mrs. Mills said to Mrs. Smith, "Susan, on the note you sent me today it said 'This is private.' Bobby came to me and read the note."

"I'll attend to him," said Mrs. Smith.

After the party, she said, "Bobby, Oh Bobby! Come into the bedroom a minute."

"Yes, Mom, what is it?"

"You stay in here until tomorrow," she said.

"What for, Mom?"

"For reading the note I sent to Mrs. Mills."

Bobby knelt and said a prayer:

Lord Jesus,
Please forgive me.

I didn't mean to read the note."

From then on Bobby always obeyed.

Edward Bok

A number of years ago a little Dutch boy, Edward Bok, came to this country. His family had little money and he tried to help.

One day he noticed how dirty the windows were in the bakery. He went inside and told the baker that he thought the food would look much better if the windows were clean. The baker listened to him and gave him a job. That was his first job.

Edward Bok believed that everyone should make the world better. When he became editor of a great magazine, he

began to publish beautiful full-page pictures that people could frame and hang on their walls to make their homes more beautiful. He thought that dumps and bill-boards and broken-down buildings were ugly, and started a campaign to clean up the towns and the country.

He was very much interested in good health for everyone, too. He noticed that many children drank from one cup in school, and he thought, "That is not good for them. The cup is not always clean, and they may get sick." So he persuaded towns and states to pass laws which prohibited public drinking cups.

Then he began to notice the advertisements for medicine, and to find out just what was really in the medicines that were advertised. He learned that some actually contained poison, and that many others were only colored water. He did not like to see people fooled in this way. At last he got our government to pass the Pure Food and Drug Act. Today we do not need to worry about the food we buy in cans or the medicines we get at a drug store, for under this law we should feel confident that they are all pure and that they contain just what the label says.

Edward Bok is no longer living, but because he lived the world is a better and more beautiful place, and boys and girls live more safely because he cared about children.

—From *Junior Programs*

Latest Models

A balky mule has four-wheel brakes,
A billy goat has bumpers;
The firefly is a bright spotlight,
Rabbits are puddle jumpers;
Camels have balloon-tired feet,
And care spares of what they eat;
But still I think that nothing beats
The kangaroos with rumble seats.

—Clipped

Question in Reverse

Young Beth was continually asking her mother, "What's on TV? Is Kangaroo on now? Is Stubby on now?" and so on and on.

One afternoon she asked if she could turn on TV. When her mother said, "No, not now," she asked, "Why? What's not on?"

Dolly Comes To Grief

One day my dolly said to me,
"Since now my shoes are good,
Let's go out walking through the streets
And into the leafy wood."

I thought it fine to take her out,
And said at once, "I'll go;
But don't you think you'd better wear
Your old shoes—not for show?"

"For in the woods we'll meet with briars
And puddles in the street;
And if you're wearing shoes not new
'Twon't matter to soil your feet."

But dolly (who is somewhat proud)
Thought best new shoes to wear;
So, rigged all up, we started out,
And rambled far and near.

But, sure enough, when nearly home,
While walking down a street,
Just one misstep—and, goodness me!
How muddy dolly's feet!

So now when we out walking go,
My dolly lets me choose
The clothes I wish for her to wear,
And never does refuse.
—From *Sunshine for Little People*
May 1911 Issue



Chuckles

There was a preacher's little boy who didn't like spinach. His father insisted on his eating it, trying to persuade him that it was good, and assuring him that God made it for him.

To which the youngster replied, "I'll bet God didn't taste it when he was making it."

—Clipped

Teacher: "How many bones are there in your body, Willie?"

Willie: "About 950."

Teacher: "My, that's more than most of us have."

Willie: "I know, but I had sardines for lunch."



Bible Quiz

(In what book of the Bible are these stories found?)

1. The story of Noah and the ark —
2. The handwriting on the wall —
3. Elijah fed by the ravens —
4. The parable of the Good Samaritan —
5. The ten plagues —



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The High Priests—Exodus 28
2. The First Commandment—Exodus 20:3
3. On Sand and Rock—Matthew 7:24-27
4. Barley—
5. No, Moses was supposedly buried on Mt. Nebo—Deuteronomy 34:1-6

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 23

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

MARY AND MARTHA: FRIENDS OF JESUS

Background Scripture: Luke 10:38-42;
John 11:1-44; 12:1-8

Lesson Scripture: Luke 10:38-42; John
11:1-5; 12:1-3

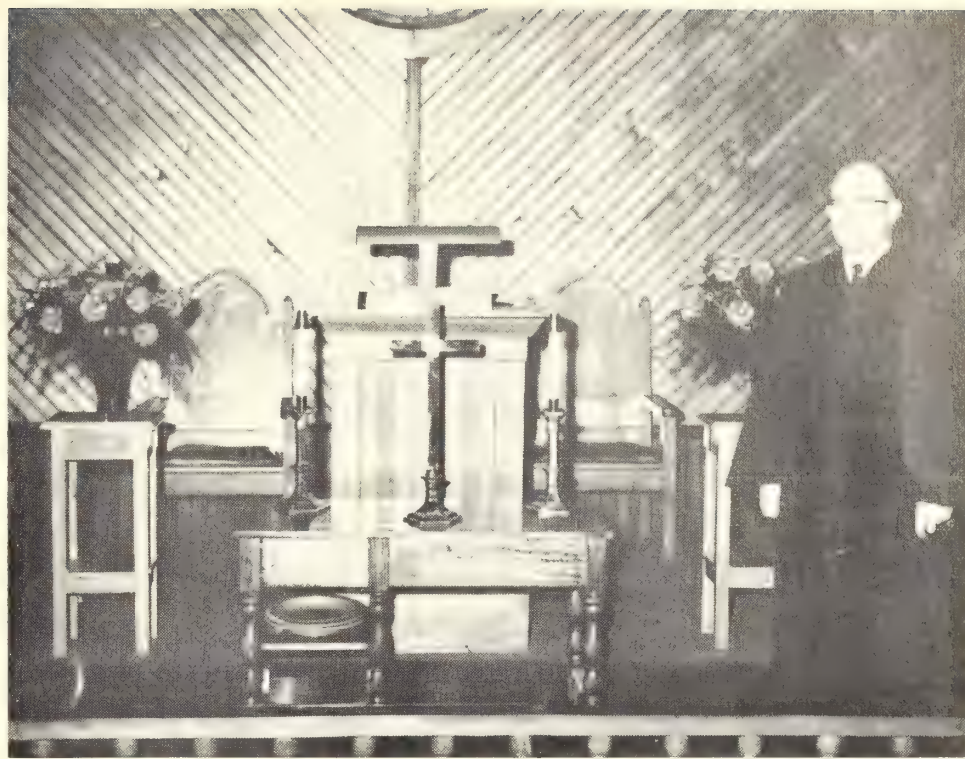
Our lesson today concerns two famous women of the New Testament, Mary and Martha. Their differences of disposition have given rise to much discussion; Mary being what the psychologists would call an *introvert*, while Martha would be called an *extrovert*. Mary was primarily interested in the inner life, being something of a poet and dreamer. Martha, on the other hand, was alert to the needs of the moment; the practical type who likes to see things get done. Rudyard Kipling, in his well-known poem "The Sons of Martha," leaves no doubt in the reader's mind as to which of the two characters he prefers. Martha's sons are the farmers, the engineers, the soldiers, the workers; in short, they are the men who see that the trains run on time, that food is stored up for the future and men have the necessities and the comforts of life. Kipling says about the sons of Mary, contrasting them unfavorably with the sons of Martha:

"And the sons of Mary smile and are
blessed—they know
The angels are on their side.
They know in them is the Grace
confessed, and for them
Are the mercies multiplied.
They sit at the feet—they hear the
Word—they see how
Truly the promise runs.
They have cast their burden on the
Lord, and—the Lord
He lays it on Martha's sons!"

With all due respect to the memory of the great Kipling, we have had about enough of this sort of thing by now. The "practical men" have had their innings, and the score is nothing to brag on. Maybe it is time the sons of Mary had a chance to see what they can do with the world!

In the lesson Scripture we have three incidents involving these two sisters, one from Luke's gospel and two from John's. The first of these accounts pictures a visit of Jesus to the home of Mary and Martha at Bethany, a village on the slope of the Mount of Olives, not far from Jerusalem. Evidently Martha was the older of the two, perhaps a widow. She may have been a person of some means who enjoyed maintaining a home where her good friends delighted to come. In any case, it seems to have been one of the places where Jesus was a frequent visitor.

On this particular occasion it appears that Jesus may have dropped in without having notified the sisters in advance. Perhaps this was one of the times he particularly needed to talk with good friends about the work that he loved. Martha evidently got busy at once preparing a meal, while Mary was soon entranced by a conversation with Jesus. His response to Martha's complaint about getting no help from her sister in-



On Sunday, May 21, the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Crowell led the congregation of Mount Hebron Methodist church in an impressive memorial and dedication service.

The Senior Adult Class presented to the church an Altar Cross in memory of the late W. G. Bates. Mr. Bates was the teacher of the class until about a month before he passed away last December at the age of 94 years and 2 days. Mr. Bates was a devout Christian. He was a faithful member of the church for the past thirty years. Before moving to the Mount Hebron Community, he took an active part in the work of Gilkey and Dysortville Methodist churches. Mr. Bates was a great inspiration to the members of Mount Hebron church.

The Church School presented two Altar

dedicated that it was not food, but companionship, that he needed at this time. Here is a lesson for hosts and hostesses of all times and ages. It is possible to be so concerned with making the proper *material* preparations for a visit that one is worn out when the guest arrives and is in no mood for conversation and fellowship.

The eleventh chapter of John gives an account of the crisis that occurred in the home of the sisters when their brother, Lazarus, died. This story has many puzzling angles to it, not the least of which is the question as to why Jesus waited two days to come to the sisters after he heard about the death of their brother. No one, of course, has the final to this. It appears to have been something of a problem for people at that time, too. We read in John 11:37: "But some of them said 'Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept Lazarus from dying?'"

Concerning the death of Lazarus, Jesus says (verse 4), "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Is John's gospel suggesting that because more time would have elapsed before

Candlesticks, one in honor of Mrs. Hattie A. Jobe, and the other in honor of Mr. Lee Long. Mrs. Jobe is active in all phases of the work of the church and has been a key person in the progress of the church for many years. Her life is characterized by service to her church and community. Mr. Long is a great lover of the church and a skilled carpenter. He has worked diligently, making many teaching aids for the class rooms.

Another faithful and active member of the church is Mrs. Celia Long. Hand rails were placed at the front entrance of the church in her honor.

We at Mount Hebron are proud of all our older people.

MRS. CHARLES E. MITCHUM,
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Jesus saw the dead man, therefore, the miracle would be all the greater? What does he mean by *glorified*? This is the word that is used in the fourth gospel to refer to the death of Jesus. Can this mean, then, that a return to the vicinity of Jerusalem would put Jesus in easy reach of those who were bent on doing away with him? Did the delay represent a time when Jesus was re-thinking his whole life and mission, and asking himself whether this was the time when he would make the move that would lead shortly to his being offered up? This is somewhat the line that is taken in the interpreter's Bible where an attempt is made to say something helpful about the delay of Jesus in coming to the aid of his friends in Bethany. Space is not available to pursue the question further here.

In conclusion we may say that in the sisters, Mary and Martha, we have two types of Christians. The Martha type wishes most of all to *serve* Jesus; the Mary type wishes most of all to *know* him. Perhaps there is not so great a conflict of types here as we first imagined. Martha came to love Jesus through serving him; Mary came to serve him better by knowing him.

Retired Minister and Wife Celebrate 58th Anniversary

Rev. Adolphus Robert Bell, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Josephine Cooper Bell celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary in the dining room of the Carthage Methodist Church at Carthage, N. C., on the afternoon of June 24, 1961.

Many friends and relatives of the couple gathered in the beautifully appointed dining room which was decorated with golden colored chrysanthemums, white daisies, and white gladioli, and attractive arrangements of magnolia placed in each window sill.

A three tier white wedding cake, topped with golden bells, was the centerpiece for the table, and white and gold candles burned during the entire function.

On another table, decorated with a gold cloth, there was a plaque which read, "Golden Anniversary" + 8 = 58," and a color picture of the couple which left no doubt in your mind as to whose anniversary was being celebrated.

The lovely gifts, which were presented were in keeping with the traditional idea of the golden wedding, as each item bore some suggestion of gold, or gold color.

Each one attending enjoyed the love and fellowship which prevailed everywhere in great abundance.

Scarritt College Has Record Summer Enrollment

A record summer enrollment has been recorded in the first session of Scarritt College's Summer Quarter, it has been announced by President D. D. Holt. Enrollment shows an increase of 58 percent over last year.

Largest enrollment is in the Workshop for Workers with Nursery and Kindergarten children. These students come from 27 states and six foreign countries.

The first half of the Summer ends July 14, and the second session begins July 17 and closes August 18. Dr. William H. Harris, professor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University, will be visiting professor during the second session. He will teach the course Christianity, Communism and Contemporary Civilization.

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This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

A new heating plant was installed in the church. The plan to pay for it was for enough individuals to pay weekly amounts that would cover the payments. This worked well at first but soon one after another began to drop out. Soon half of each weekly church offering had to be used to meet the deficit. The faithful few got tired being faithful when most of the other members were paying nothing. The remaining balance owed was \$1,100. The total program of the church was curtailed because there was not enough money to do the things that a progressive church should be doing. The regular payments had to be met. No use trying to expand further areas of Christian service when the church was having such difficulty paying for the heating plant. After about three years of this developing attitude none of the officials had the courage to propose anything else that would cost more money. An atmosphere of defeat was in plain evidence.

A new approach was offered. Why not give all of the members an opportunity to help erase the total debt, and not expect just the faithful few to carry it virtually alone? Thirty-day pledges were solicited; the church responded. On Monday morning immediately following the thirty-day period the treasurer wrote a check for the entire balance—principle and interest. That church came out of a slump and is still thriving and pushing ahead.

SEEN IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE

"It isn't doing the things we like to do,
But liking the things we have to do
That makes life blessed."

'Does Science Threaten Belief in God?' Is Question For Clergy- Press Session on Frontiers of Faith

"Does science threaten belief in God?" A clergy-meets-the-press session on the question will be presented on the NBC-TV Network's "Frontiers of Faith" Sunday, July 16, 1:30 p. m. EDT.

Dr. John C. Van Dyk, who is both clergyman and scientist, and Dr. William H. Lazareth, professor of theology at Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, will be the participating churchmen. Dr. Van Dyk, dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Oklahoma City, is also a chemist, specializing in high-temperature-resistant plastics.

Their questioners will be Robert Cowan, science editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and David Meade, religion editor of the Chicago News. The Rev. Clifton Moore, radio and TV director of the Los Angeles Church Federation, will be moderator.

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Rev. W. L. Loy Died At His Home in Rowland

Rev. W. L. Loy, retired member of the North Carolina Methodist conference, died at his home in Rowland Friday, June 30, at the age of 72. Death followed an extended illness. Rev. Mr. Loy retired from the active ministry in 1958. He joined the North Carolina Conference in Durham in 1916 and served faithfully for 39 years in the pastorate.

Mr. Loy was twice married. His first wife died in 1953 while he was pastor of the Methodist church in Lillington. He later was married to Miss Ann Bullard of Rowland, who survives, together with two sons by his first marriage.

Funeral services were held Sunday Morning, July 2 at eleven o'clock in the Methodist church of Rowland, where he had formerly served as pastor. Participating were Rev. J. H. Parrish, pastor, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern, and Rev. W. G. Farrar. The body was taken to Graham for burial at 3:00 p. m. in the family cemetery.

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A Prayer For America

By W. W. REID

God of America, and God of all the Earth: we come in thankfulness and in humility this day as we think of the great trust thou hast placed in our hands, and the great responsibility that is ours to seek and to do thy will, and to make thy way known. We thank thee for the beauty, and the splendor, and the richness of this good land to which, in thy providence, our ancestors came, and which we call "home." Truly, it is a "good earth" we have been trusted to use and to ready for the service of mankind.

We thank thee for the freedom, under God and under law, which is our heritage. We thank thee that thy Spirit led men to earn this freedom, to wrest it from kings and from the wilderness, to express it in words and in deeds that all may read and understand. We thank thee for the principles of freedom on which the nation is established; and we pray that no carelessness, nor relaxation, nor selfish indifference of ours may diminish this freedom one iota, nor cause it to flicker and fade as a source of light and hope for all men.

We are mindful of, and thankful for, the long line of heroes, mostly unsung, who have won the freedoms we enjoy, and those who in our day are striving to preserve and enhance that freedom. We are thinking of the

prophets and martyrs of the centuries and of the church; in their spirits the flame of freedom grew slowly but steadily. We are thinking of the statesmen and the churchmen who struggled for justice, equality, freedom, and the recognition of elementary human rights for all men; of those who in their day and in the light of their times were driven to use physical force to reach new goals along the path to freedom. And we are thinking of the millions of humble men and women, unnamed on history's pages, who by daily work, and Christian service, and kindly ministry have helped loosen shackles, enlighten minds and spirits, and led men to know themselves as sons of God—entitled to be free.

We thank thee, O God, for this America's great heritage—our great heritage. May we continue to be blessed by thee as we express our appreciation and acknowledge our responsibility by using this heritage of freedom for the liberation, service, and welfare of all thy children the world over. May we use the talents in our hands, and hearts, and minds, and spirits—giving even of our sons and of our wealth—that men everywhere may have and enjoy the freedom, and equality, and plenty thou dost vouchsafe to all. Then, and then only, dare we sing with hope of thy favor, "God Bless America!"

★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ REV. AND MRS. BEN F. STAMEY, of Swannanoa, announce the birth of a son, Ben Franklin Stamey, Jr., July 7, 1961. Weight 6 pounds 13½ ounces.

¶ REV. R. H. EASON, pastor of Westover Methodist Church, Raleigh, and family are on vacation in Newport, New Hampshire for two weeks.

¶ PLANS ARE in the making for the construction of a new parsonage at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, where Rev. G. F. Houck is pastor.

¶ TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH, Gastonia, observed its 42nd Homecoming last Sunday. Rev. R. J. Barnwell, a former pastor, brought the message at 11:00 a.m. A picnic lunch was served after the service.

¶ MINISTERS who would like to have extra Conference Calendars for the Western North Carolina Conference may write to First Church, Asheboro, N. C., for additional copies.

¶ YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK is to be observed at the Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, July 30 through August 3. The theme will be "Christians Around the World."

¶ REV. GROVER C. GRAHAM and Dr. G. Ray Jordan of the Western North Carolina Conference each have meditations in the current issue of the *Upper Room*. Mr. Graham's meditation appears on July 15 of the July-August issue. Dr. Jordan's meditation appears in the same issue for July 31.

¶ MINERAL SPRINGS CHURCH, Union County, will observe its 50th anniversary Sunday, July 23. After the morning services a picnic lunch will be served, and in the afternoon a song service will be held with several invited guest singers taking part. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend. Rev. J. W. Billings is pastor.

¶ REV. GLENN LACKEY, a former pastor, will be the preacher for the Home-Coming service at Catawba Methodist Church July 30. After the service a picnic dinner will be served. There will be no afternoon service. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is pastor at Catawba.

¶ MISS BOBBY GAY BARRETT, an educational missionary of the Methodist Church, who has been serving in Kobe, Japan, will speak at the Lowell Methodist Church, Lowell, N. C., Wednesday night, July 26, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Frank E. Blalock is pastor.

¶ ANYONE having a copy of the Brail edition of the Methodist Hymnal they would be willing to sell are invited to contact Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Stallings, 112 June Street, Thomasville, N. C., or Rev. Orion Hutchinson of Thomasville. The Stallings' little daughter, Becky, 9 years old, who is a student in the N. C. School for the Blind in Raleigh, is anxious to secure such an edition.

¶ Revival services will begin at First Methodist church, Denton, August 13th. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the pastor, Rev. G. A. Hovis, bringing the messages.

¶ Miss Margaret Cotton, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Cotton, joined the staff of Haymount Methodist church, Fayetteville, on July 1, as Director of Christian Education. She is a 1961 graduate of Greensboro College.

¶ DR. AND MRS. WALT HOLCOMB have established at Lake Junaluska a trust fund, the proceeds from which will be used to present an annual observance facing up to the Number One Problem affecting the Methodist Church in the Southeast. July 30 at 7:30, Bishop J. O. Smith will deliver the initial address on the subject selected by a special committee.

¶ DR. CHESTER ALEXANDER, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington since 1942 died of a heart attack just after the close of the morning services last Sunday morning. He had presided at two communion services and had greeted the worshippers at the door at the close of the service. He was a former moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina.

¶ FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Salisbury district, Rev. Earl A. Cook, pastor, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, July 30 at the 11:00 o'clock service. Following the service a picnic lunch will be served. The revival services will begin at the evening service, with the Rev. F. R. Love, pastor of Chadwick Church, Charlotte, as the visiting minister. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 throughout the week.

¶ The 25th annual home coming will be observed at the Oak View Methodist church High Point Sunday, July 30. The church is located in a fast developing residential section of High Point. Rev. W. B. Penny, a former pastor, will bring the home coming message at 11:00 o'clock. Oak View is known for its large number of ministers and missionaries who have gone out from this church. Nineteen in nineteen years. Rev. Robert M. Hardee is pastor.

¶ THE EDITOR PREACHED at the Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, last Sunday in the absence of the Rev. J. W. Page, who is the councilor with the youth caravan in Europe. An appreciative congregation was present. Rev. Kirk McNeil, associate pastor, had charge of the service. At the noon hour it was a joy for the editor and his wife to attend with Mr. and Mrs. McNeil a family reunion and picnic held by the Stubbs family. Both the food and the fellowship were a delight.

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CASA DE MANANA at La Jolla, Calif., a Methodist-related home for older persons, is featured in the June 26 issue of *Newsweek*.

Will Make Effort to Organize New Church at Columbus

Methodism will spring to the challenge of its last major frontier in North Carolina at Columbus, N. C., Thursday, July 20.

This century-old community, the headquarters of Polk County, is without a Methodist Church. It is the last county seat in the state to be void of Methodism.

A team of 30 selected Methodist laymen will come into this expanding town July 20 to make a house-to-house survey. They will meet at 7 p.m. in Evan's Store.

"We will be looking for folks who are interested in a new church," said Dr. Fletcher Nelson, superintendent of the Marion District. Columbus is in this district.

"We are not looking particularly for Methodists," the superintendent continued. "The laymen will pass out mimeographed sheets giving the time of our special worship services, showing the location of the church, and inviting everyone to attend."

The attempt to organize a Methodist congregation here will be made in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, located about a mile outside Columbus.

"It works out fine," Dr. Nelson said. "They worship on Saturday, and we worship on Sunday."

Worship services will be held at 7:30 p.m., starting Sunday, July 30. If enough people respond favorably during several Sundays of worshipping, they will be asked to organize into a Methodist church. After organization property would be purchased and a first unit, costing about \$25,000, would be constructed.

The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey of Statesville, director of church extension for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, will do the preaching, starting July 30.

The laymen who will come here for the survey will be chosen from Methodist churches in Spindale, Forest City, Rutherfordton and the Broad River Charge in Rutherford County. The closest Methodist congregations to Columbus are at Tryon and Mill Springs.

The Marion District includes Burke, McDowell, Polk, Mitchell and Rutherford counties, with about 14,300 members.

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From pestilence and war,
From foes both near and far,
From all Thou dost abhor,
God save America.

With truth and righteousness,
With peace and happiness,
God of the nations bless,
And save America.

For all things right and good,
For which our fathers stood,
For Christ-like brotherhood,
God save America.

To show the better way
To nations far away,
God help us now, we pray
To save America.

—MALLIE T. WHITE

Hamptonville, N. C.

Dr. A. J. Hobbs and Pastors Meet For Business and Fellowship

Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern district, and his preachers planned a family get-together for the ministers and their families, which was held at the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, Thursday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m. The wives and children went immediately to the picnic area while the ministers met with the superintendent to transact certain business and make plans for the immediate future. New ministers in the district were recognized, as were those who moved within the district. Important dates in which matters of concern to the preachers will be taken up were given through December. District directors of every phase of the district program were announced. Information was given as to the questions to be asked at the first quarterly conference. The district was divided into five sub-district groups, with a chairman for each group. From the information coming to us, it was a wonderful meeting held by the superintendent, the ministers and their families.

Dr. Donald M. Fouse Heads Pfeiffer Choral Music Department

Dr. Donald M. Fouse has been named director of choral music at Pfeiffer College effective with the 1961-62 academic year. A holder of a Ph.D. degree from the University of North Carolina in Musicology, he is currently on the faculty of Missouri Valley College.

Dr. Fouse will also serve as head of the College's Department of Music. He will direct the Pfeiffer Concert, the Male Chorus, and the Chapel Choir.

An accomplished cellist, the new head of the Music Department has engaged in extensive studies in the field of Renaissance music. He holds a M.A. degree also from the University of North Carolina and a B.A. from Ohio State University.

Dr. Fouse directed and produced "The Medium" by Giancarlo-Mannote recently which won wide acclaim from critics.

Camp Ground Will Have "Come Together" Service

On July 30 the Camp Ground charge in Albemarle district will have an unusual service called the "Camp Ground Come-Together." It will begin at eleven o'clock in a worship service at the historic arbor at Pleasant Grove Camp Ground. The preacher for this service will be Dr. Horace McSwain of the Conference Board of Missions. There will be an old-fashioned dinner-on-the-ground and singing. At two o'clock the second part will open in which conference leaders will present birds-eye views of the work of the six commissions in the local church. They will serve as a panel moderated by Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, district superintendent, participating in the afternoon will be the following ministers: Cecil Heckard, A. J. Clemmer, Bill Bobbitt, Glenn Lackey, Horace McSwain, Rollin P. Gibbs, and Bud Hancock. Robert F. Nay is the pastor.



These ministers retired at the recent session of the North Carolina Annual Conference at Durham. Reading left to right, front row: Rev. D. A. Petty, Rev. L. C. Brothers, Rev. M. C. Henderson, Rev. G. W. Blount; second row: Rev. W. E. Howard, Rev. J. F. Minnis, Rev. J. H. Miller, Sr., back row: Rev. A. S. Parker, Rev. H. R. Ashmore. Not present for the picture were Rev. E. E. Edmunds, Rev. E. C. Crawford, Rev. A. L. Chaplin, Rev. B. D. Critcher, Rev. L. A. Watts.

Methodist-Related Colleges Rank High

Two out of the five largest private universities in the United States are Methodist-related.

Boston University with an enrollment of 18,977 ranks fourth after New York University (41,348), Columbia (23,620), and Temple (19,201). Syracuse University, the other Methodist-related school, has a student body of 18,195.

A national report of 1960-61 enrollments, prepared by Garland G. Parker of the University of Cincinnati, reveals that the total full-time students in all 1,016 accredited universities and four-year colleges number 2,069,854. There are 2,942,571 part-time students.

The largest public institutions of higher education are the College of the City of New York, the University of California, and the State University of New York.

Christian Adventure Week At Centenary Church

Monday through Friday, July 17th through the 21st, a week of special activities for Junior High age boys and girls has been planned at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem.

A Fellowship Supper will be served at 6 o'clock followed by a period of study, recreation, and worship. Youth committees planning the activities will meet each evening at 5 o'clock. The theme for the week is "Making Our Group Christian."

Approximately thirty boys and girls of the Junior High Department have been involved for the past several weeks in making plans. Adult leadership includes Miss Pat Peterson, Mr. Alan Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Danforth, Mr. Ken Goodson, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Richard R. Hanner, Jr., and Mr. Harold Wright.

Duke Librarian Heads American Theological Library Association

Donn Michael Farris, librarian and assistant professor of theological bibliography at the Duke Divinity School, has been named president-elect of the American Theological Library Association.

Mr. Farris will serve as vice president and president-elect during the coming year, and as president in 1962-63. He will assume the presidency next year, succeeding Dr. Connolly Gamble, Jr. of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Farris served a three-year term on the executive committee of the association from 1953 to 1956. In 1953 he founded and is still the editor of the association's quarterly publication, the *ATLA Newsletter*; and in 1958 he edited for the American Association of Theological Schools, a checklist of basic reference work and periodicals for use in theological libraries, entitled: "Aids To A Theological School Library."

Duke Divinity School librarian since 1950, he was named assistant professor of theological bibliography in 1959. Prior to coming to Duke, he served on the library staffs of the Yale Divinity School and the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

He is a member of the American Library Association, the American Society of Church History and the North Carolina Library Association.

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On Mission to Fiji Islands

The Rev. A. H. McGhee, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church in India, is in the Fiji Islands on a six-month evangelistic campaign under the joint auspices of the International Missionary Council, the National Christian Council of India and the Methodist Church in Southern Asia.

EDITORIALS

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Harken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged."—Isaiah 51:1

Should Catholics Be Treated Differently From Others?

It seems to us that all this talk about Federal aid to Catholic schools is uncalled for. If we believe in the separation of church and state, why not let it go at that? We would not agree that the government should regulate our educational practices by directing the policies of the schools or determining what is to be taught and what is to be omitted. Living, as we do, in a democracy, we have the right and privilege of directing our own course. And for all these years of our national existence we have done that. Why should we suddenly decide that our national constitution is wrong and that we need to break down the policies which have been sacred for centuries?

If Catholics were being denied the full right of citizenship, that would be another matter. But they are not. We have public schools supported by tax money coming out of the pockets of all the citizens. No one class has a monopoly on any one thing. All citizens have the same right to send their children to the public schools, provided by the tax-payers money. The trouble is that here is a group who wants to operate independently and yet have the public pay for it. They have the right to operate independently if they desire, but if they do, then they are expected to pay the bill. If their children's education is costing them too much, let them conform to the plan and send them to the public schools just as others do. Suppose every religious group and every civic group and every fraternal group were to decide they wanted to operate independently, and demand a certain amount of money from the public treasury, what kind of an educational system would we have? A dozen or a hundred splinter groups, none of which working independently could provide the quality education desired and needed. It would mean the undermining and wrecking of our school system. Let every citizen accept and use the public facilities provided by the state and supported by the collective efforts of all its people. The solution has already been provided, if every group will play the game fair and on a cooperative basis.

Retain Respect for the Sabbath

We are glad the Western North Carolina Conference voted so strongly in favor of the resolution outlawing the sale of general merchandise on Sunday. There may be people who consider it cranky or outmoded to take such a position, but we should remember that this is in keeping with the teachings of the Bible. The Ten Commandments have never been repealed, and if we earnestly desire to obey the Divine Will we would do well to conform to these teachings.

Of course we Americans have become so money-conscious that we have compromised our convictions on many things. Even as we write these lines there is a television program sponsored by a group of stores urging people to shop at their stores, located in several cities, on Sunday, and assuring the public that the stores will be open.

There are grocery stores that remain open on the Sabbath. And those people who patronize them are parties to this sort of Sabbath desecration, for the stores would not stay open if the people did not patronize them. As for us, we make it a policy not to trade with stores through the week that remain open on Sunday, for the simple reason that we do not wish to encourage them in this practice. If it were necessary to use Sunday in this way it would be different. But God never makes unreasonable demands upon us. People can make their purchases on the other six days. Too many people have either lost their respect for the Sabbath or their conscience concerning it.

Written on a colonial tombstone in a New England cemetery are these words: "My son, what I bequeath to you, you must labor to retain." Divine Providence has bequeathed to us a day to be kept sacred for rest and worship; let us be careful to retain it.

Pastors, Please Note

There is usually some confusion after annual conference in getting all the changes of addresses of ministers made correctly. We receive a number of Advocates back from the postoffice because the address is incorrect, and we have to pay three cents each for them. May we suggest that each pastor be sure we have the correct address for the Advocate so they will not miss any issues. It will also save us quite a bit of postage. And that goes also for any

others who are not properly receiving the paper. You know we feel you can't be as good a Methodist as you should unless you receive the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Thanks.

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Dr. G. R. Jordan Speaks to Church And Community Workshop

In less than fifty years the Communists have gained control of more persons than the Christian church has in its membership, Dr. G. R. Jordan told the opening session of the Church and Community Workshop at Emory June 27.

Speaking to a joint session of the Church and Community Workshop and the Communications Workshop for ministers, Dr. Jordan, Candler professor of homiletics at Emory, said a billion persons are caught in the meshes of Communism, more than the 858 million Christians enrolled after 1900 years.

Dr. Jordan quoted remarks Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru made to him last summer. "This is a dangerous world in which we live and complacency is dangerous and will be ruinous."

"The soft-voiced, gentle-toned preacher who is using radio and television to build up an audience rating by not offending people is not merely failing his audience, he is making it easier for communism," Dr. Jordan said.

"The strange paradox of one world now in revolution underscores the truth that none of us has the luxury of time and the clock is ticking away.

"We must use every technique and every means available to make high morals and great ethics, real religion, relevant to all life."

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LETTERS

Dear Sir:

The action of the North Carolina Annual Conference in endorsing the foreign aid program of our government came as a great shock to me, and this is to protest the apparent trend in our church to political means to accomplish religious purposes.

The foreign aid program is a generality including among other things activity that is promoting the growth of communism. Witness to this as a minor part is the direct aid furnished the Yugoslavian dictatorship.

The Methodist Church has more important business in connection with saving souls than giving official approval to a doubtful policy in the political field, which has nothing to do with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Methodists need to face their responsibilities as citizens by doing voluntarily what is required to render aid to less fortunate brethren overseas rather than trying to participate vicariously through the taxation process to require all citizens to contribute when the distribution of such tax is on a political rather than religious basis.

The Church is receiving adverse criticism because of excursions into fields that deal with restrictions of the rights of individuals. The Church was founded by Jesus to protect the individual from the effects of evil, so he would be strengthened to fight against evil. Jesus warned against governments as sources of strength, and was crucified for political reasons.

It is not Christian to advocate taxation for unchristian purposes, and the foreign aid money comes from taxes.

It is not Christian to endorse policies of doubtful political purpose when it is known the basis for it is bribery.

Any program that drives people to communism is on the face of it poor politics and unchristian, and, if there is any doubt as to the merits of this conclusion consider the most recent fiasco in Laos. Each dollar extracted as a tax for foreign aid is one dollar less that would be available to go voluntarily through Christian missions.

Sincerely,
S. A. Chalk, Jr.

Morehead City, N. C.

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Dear Brother Starnes:

As you will recall last October you visited me in Duke Hospital. Since that time I have recovered sufficiently to continue my work on the West Rockingham Charge. Since my wife is an English girl we decided to visit her father here in England this summer, so here I am.

We left Rockingham on June 4th for Fayetteville where we boarded the same train with the North Carolina Caravan, and we also continued with them on the same boat to London, where they went their way and we were met by my wife's family. Since that time we have made Luton our headquarters. This is a town 30 miles north of London, with a population of 130,000, and the home of the Vauxhall auto which we have in America.

During the last week I have had the pleasure of attending the worship services at the Wesley Chapel, home of Methodism, and having communion with the congregation. To visit this Chapel and see the home of John Wesley and his grave helps one to fully appreciate the wonderful Christian heritage which is ours in Methodism.

I have been to a number of interesting places such as Buckingham Palace, and other places. One which stands out for me more than Westminster Abbey is Central Hall, one of our Methodist Churches. I met the wife



The Building Committee with a few members of Lycama Methodist Church met recently to break ground for a new parsonage. The members of the committee on the front row are, the minister, J. F. Minnis, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lamm, Mrs. Gunter, Mrs. High, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. J. C. Lamm, and Mr. Pope.

of the minister, Mrs. Derrick Greeves, and she and her three daughters took me through the church and explained the function of this historic building. It was a great experience to see the great pipe organ which is the third largest in London, also to know that this was the place for the first United Nations Assembly. The plaque is on the church giving this information.

Another interesting experience was that of meeting and talking with the Rev. William Gowland of the Industrial Mission of Luton. He is doing a great work in the factories and sections of this country that have been neglected. Next week I am to be his guest for the evening and we will tour some of the works he is participating in.

On July 7 we visited my wife's uncle, Teddy, who is a retired Methodist minister. He served most of his works around Birmingham and Manchester, England. When he retired he was the Superintendent of a District Circuit. He is a very active person even in retirement. We hope that he will be able to visit in our home in Rockingham this fall and to have him preach for us during his visit.

We have plans to visit other parts of England before returning home on August 7. While here our address is Holland Hale, 78 Wildsen Avenue, Bedfordshire, England. We hope all is well in our dear old North Carolina Conference.

Our very best wishes,
HOLLAND HALE AND FAMILY

Dr. Shirley Greene Speaks on Pockets of Poverty in the U. S.

"America has the means to eliminate poverty but lacks the will to do so," and official of the United Church of Christ told members of the Church and Community Workshop at Emory University recently.

Dr. Shirley Greene, secretary, Town and Country Department of that church, said one in five Americans is still living below the level of minimum subsistence and far below the level defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics as an adequate American level of living.

"At some undefined date in the last 25 years the U. S. crossed a great economic watershed from an economy of scarcity to an economy of abundance. This creates a

whole new set of ethical issues which we have barely begun to define, much less to absorb in our national ethos.

"When resources are inadequate to provide the necessities of life to a total population, some poverty is justifiable and inevitable. When resources become abundant, what is the moral justification for continuing pockets of poverty?"

Dr. Greene said a large part of our rural poverty lies in areas such as the southeast where the farmer works all the time but with such poor and limited resources he produces comparatively little in return for himself. There are still too many people trying to make a living from farming in low-income areas or rural America. He said we need retraining and job placement for many of them. For those remaining he urged more technical aid and credit.

"Localized self-help programs are usually not enough," Dr. Greene added, "There is no virtue in exchanging rural poverty for urban poverty." He suggested the need of jobs for those forced off the farm.

"In the long run, million dollar 'coming out' parties for society debutantes and multi-billion dollar shots at the moon are no substitute for decent food, housing, clothing, health and education for the nation's and the world's little people. This truth the church must preach, in season and out of season, and it must preach it first to itself. For the pews of the churches are all too often the sanctuaries, and the pulpits the sanctifiers, of vested privilege, wealth and exploitation."

Dr. Frank Caldwell, president of the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, told the ministers that this era, in which Biblical knowledge is so scant, Biblical interpretation so varied, and in which people are deluged with an avalanche of Bible translations, tends to produce congregations of people who are almost theologically illiterate.

"We cannot afford in our sermons to take for granted that our hearers have really heard and understood the Gospel in its essence."

Outpost Church Schools In North Carolina Conference

HAROLD D. MINOR

Take a conference-wide religious census. Assign every square foot of ground to some church. *Knock on Every Door*. Observe Church School Rally Day. Follow-up with Visitation for Decision in every church. Share results on a telephone hook-up to nine District Victory Rallies. Teach classes in the meaning of church membership. Teach for decisions in regular classes.

Gather local church leaders in district planning sessions on Outpost Church Schools. Locate areas needing Outpost Church Schools, based on the census and other data. Report findings to the District Outpost Committee for review and assignment. Recruit leaders for Outpost Church Schools. Train leaders in the special needs of Outpost work. Begin to work in the Outposts.

Stir this all up together, let the Conference Boards of Education, Evangelism and Lay Activities join in sponsorship, spread the work from Annual Conference time through the next Easter, and you have a United Witness for Christ and His Church. This is the conference program for this year and other agencies have cooperated most helpfully. For example, the Conference Board of Missions and the Children's Home each eliminated a series of district meetings from the calendar and the Conference Board of Lay Activities will help recruit local church leaders for the Outpost Church Schools.

The "Knock on Every Door" religious census and "Visitation for Decision" phases of the United Witness is under the guidance of the Conference Board of Evangelism. However, Church School Rally Day is an important aspect of the program. The Outpost Church School phase will be directed by the Conference Board of Education.

Each District Superintendent will assign each pastor-in-charge a geographical area of responsibility for the census. In each local church the census committee is composed of the Commission on Evangelism, the Commission on Education and the Commission on Missions.

Training sessions on the United Witness will be provided for District Directors of Evangelism, and District Directors of Children's Work, Youth Work, Adult Work and General Church School Work. Sessions for these latter four Directors will be led by members of the staff of the Conference Board of Education, including discussions of the need for outreach and ways of working with persons in Outpost Church Schools.

Pastors will have opportunity to become acquainted with the census and visitation program at the annual Pastor's Conference on Evangelism.

Each District Planning Session for the United Witness will include the District Superintendent, Director of Evangelism, Missionary Secretary, Director of General

Church School Work, Lay Leader and District Committee on Evangelism.

The Visitation for Decision includes four aspects: A 24-hour Prayer Vigil in each church; a two-night training course for visitors; a four-night period of visiting by teams, after supper together; and nine simultaneous District Victory Rallies linked by a telephone hook-up to share reports and hear a message from Bishop Paul N. Garber.

To conclude this phase of the effort, Church Membership Sunday will follow a period of training for all who have been won to Christ through Visitation for Decision.

Our concentration on Outpost Church Schools will begin with a series of District meetings for selected individuals: pastors, official board chairmen, church school superintendents, district lay leaders, associate district lay leaders, local church lay leaders and chairmen of the five local church commissions.

Each meeting will be under the direction of the District Superintendent. Resource persons for the meetings are the Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Education, Dr. C. P. Morris, and the Rev. Randle B. Dew, Department of General Church School, General Board of Education.

The needs for Outposts will be pictured, including analysis of the groups of persons not being reached by The Methodist Church. Suggested ways of discovering sites, organizing, and sustaining Outposts will be discussed, resource materials distributed, and responsible commitments to the plan secured from lay and clerical leaders.

Next, each church will examine its census data and community, for geographical areas of neglect, or groups of persons not responding to the present mission of any church. Examples of such groups are: persons who must work Sunday morning, or persons of educational, cultural, economic, or racial backgrounds, different from the majority of members of a given church.

Reports from the local churches will all be made on one day to the respective District Outpost Committees, each composed of the District Superintendent, Director of General Church School Work, Director of Evangelism, Missionary Secretary and Lay Leader. Each report will contain two items: (1) A list of possible sites for Outpost Church Schools; (2) A notation of any Outpost the local church has agreed to sponsor under its Commission on Education.

The District Outpost Committees will immediately review all their reports. They will give necessary approval to Outpost Church Schools which local churches had agreed to sponsor, indicated by the required written permission of the District Superintendent. Also, they will make plans for securing sponsorship for needed, but unsponsored Outposts; for example any outside the

bounds of an established parish, or in an area where parish boundaries overlap.

Commissions on Education in local churches will secure final commitment from persons to serve as organizers and leaders in Outpost Church Schools. In many cases these will be persons who have served as certified Lay Speakers. Of course, the majority will be among the best qualified and trained church school leaders of the sponsoring church.

Further specific training will be provided for all teachers, leaders, and administrative officers of the Outpost Church Schools, and members of Commissions on Education of sponsoring churches. In each District, a two-hour Outpost Workshop for these persons will be conducted by the staff of the Conference Board of Education.

As soon as possible following these Orientation Workshops, the sponsoring churches will begin conducting their respective Outpost Church Schools. Each District Director of General Church School Work will be responsible for counsel and assistance, maintaining contact with sponsoring churches and reporting periodically to the Conference Boards of Education, Evangelism, Missions and Lay Activities.

In addition the staff of the Conference Board of Education will continue to be available for help in use of materials, equipment, space, time, understanding persons, teaching procedures and other ways.

Camp Ground to Observe Youth Activities Week

The Camp Ground charge in the Albemarle district will have Youth Activities Week July 16-20. The theme for the week will be "My Time to Live." Meetings will begin and end at the Union Church and will progress each night to other churches of the charge. Discussion groups will be led each evening by ministers of Union County for both senior and junior high groups. These will be on the following topics: "My Time to Believe", "My Time to Belong", "My Time to Choose", "My Time to Follow Christ Above All". Speaker for the closing dedication service on Thursday night will be the Rev. Harley Williams of Monroe. Fellowship and worship each evening will be conducted by local youth under the direction and leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Nay and Miss Doris Davis.

An interesting feature of the week will be the opening night's activity, "A Heavenly Party". This will begin at 6:30 p. m. at the Union Church where the youth will have get-acquainted games and board the "Glory Bound Special" for the heavenly trip. Stops will be made along the way at several "clouds" for other fellowship experiences in the community. When they finally reach the "Pearly Gates" they will be met by St. Peter, Gabriel, and a number of angels. They will be fed heavenly refreshments by the Union W.S.C.S. (angel food cake). After they join the heavenly choir they will be led to the "Jordan River" for a Galilean Service which will highlight the theme of the week, "My Time to Live," and set the stage for the week's activities. About seventy-five youth will participate along with adult friends of youth.

Interesting Methodist Matters

The Rev. A. Otto Bishop, who for 41 years has been pastor of Minerva Wesley Chapel in Iowa, was retired June 22. His pastorate is said to have been the second longest in The Methodist Church.

Establishment of a Center for Church Business Management, first such training offered by a Methodist institution, has been announced by American University and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. The program will begin in September.

WORTH REMEMBERING

"I feel guilty and concerned that we are going forward in integration in athletics and the military much faster than in the church." —BISHOP RICHARD C. RAINES

Wayne Proudfoot, Tacoma, Wash., is the new president of the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement. He is a graduate of Yale and plans to attend Harvard Divinity School this fall. He succeeds Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., Newport, Ark.

A new position, director of the Washington Legislative Office of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, has just been filled by the Rev. Harry W. Campbell, formerly of Attica, Ind. He is a former practicing attorney as well as a minister.

Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, 35, has been appointed dean of the Southern California School of Theology, Claremont. Since 1957 he has been teaching religion and fine arts at the school. He is considered the youngest dean of the 12 Methodist-related seminaries.

The President General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, the Rev. Prof. Hubert H. Triggs of Brisbane, and Mrs. Triggs were honored at a luncheon at the Interchurch Center in New York June 27. They are enroute to Oslo for the World Methodist Conference after a series of speaking engagements in the U. S.

A workshop for administrators of homes for older persons, sponsored by the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church, was held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor June 21-24. Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, Chicago, general secretary of the board, and several other staff persons and experts in the field were speakers.

Dr. Kenneth Watson, pastor of Community Methodist Church, Tujunga, for the last six years, will become the new executive director of the Religion and Labor Council of America, Washington, D. C., July 1. The Religion and Labor Council is an inter-faith organization which believes that work and worship, religion and labor, belong together. It seeks to aid clergymen and laymen in understanding labor-management relations, religious implications of automation, unemployment, migrant labor, the labor union and corporation.

A semester's study of national government at the scene of action closed in early June for 110 students from 51 American colleges and universities. They participated in the Washington Semester Program of American University, Methodist school in Washington, studying government, attending seminars, and seeing the capital's culture. Included in the group were 21 Methodists from 14 schools.

The Rev. Dr. Kermit L. Long, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., is the new president of the Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

He was elected at the council's annual meeting, June 30 to July 5 at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. George A. Fallon, Lakewood, Ohio, who had been president of the council since it was organized six years ago.

The third annual Methodist Writers' Conference has been scheduled for July 17-20 at Lake Junaluska Assembly. Emphasis on the minister's writing has been added to this year's curriculum. The new course will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. Wallace Friday, pastor of Washington Street Methodist Church in Columbia, S. C., and the author of several devotional books and a weekly newspaper column. Dr. Friday also will serve as conference director. Evening speaker will be Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco, who is president of the Methodist General Television, Radio and Film Commission.

One of the largest downtown churches to be built on the west coast in recent years opened Sunday, May 7, when First Methodist Church, of Glendale, Cal., moved into its contemporary, \$1.3 million sanctuary. Under construction the last 18 months, the church has been a dream of the 3,000-member congregation for 12 years. Its location in the heart of downtown Glendale is testimony to the congregation's vision and courage to make the strongest possible impact for Christ upon their city. Dr. Kenneth A. Carlson, minister, said a church was envisioned whose "awesome beauty would stab men wide awake, prompt the heart to worship, whose every column and soaring arch, every tint of color, probing light and quiet shadow, would join to help the heart to say, 'Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.'"

Will Preach in Norway

A 35-member evangelistic team from the U. S. will visit Norway for a week of preaching and visiting in 20 Methodist churches August 7-13, on the eve of the World Methodist Conference in Oslo.

Following their week's work, the mission members will join about 2,000 other Methodists from around the world at the Oslo conference.

The mission, requested by the Methodist church in Norway, will be sponsored by the Boards of Missions and Evangelism. The Rev. Dr. George H. Jones, Nashville, an associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism, will direct the mission.

Youth Activities Week Closes at Pembroke

Over one hundred young people, their counselors and pastors of the Methodist churches comprising the Pembroke Sub-District have just completed a highly successful week of Youth Activities. Meeting at First Methodist Church in Pembroke, July 2nd through July 8th, the program for each night was begun with a recreation period including soft ball, volley ball, croquet, badminton, and horse shoes. This was followed by refreshments, after which the youth divided into three groups for a lecture and discussion period. The general theme "AWAKE" was discussed each night under the following topics: Sunday—"Awake to God"; Monday—"Awake to Holy Habits"; Tuesday—"Awake to Witnessing"; Wednesday—"Awake to Stewardship"; Thursday—"Awake to the Christian Home"; and Friday—"Awake to Prepare and Serve." At the conclusion of each class session the entire group met together in the church sanctuary for a period of singing and a closing devotional message, prayer and meditation.

The concluding event of the week was a trip to White Lake on Saturday, where all enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and a picnic supper.

Participating Methodist churches were Sandy Plains, Prospect, Ashpole, Fairview, Pleasant Grove, Philadelphia, and First Methodist.

NEILE MANGUM
Publicity Committee

A Badly Confused World

All people everywhere seem to feel very strongly that our current civilization is dreadfully confused, and is quite uncertain as to whence it came, how it got to its present condition, and whither it is going. In the current issue of the *Upper Room*, Francis Sayre says: "If God's divine gift of freedom is real, it must inescapably carry with it the freedom to choose evil or good. Otherwise, there can be no freedom. In this present world crises, God, ever trusting, awaits man's answer. What an awful prospect does all this place before us? And what is it that has brought all this upon us?"

If we turn and ask as to the cause of all this confusion, worse confounded, it is clear to me that God is being largely ignored in the life and habits of the people about us. If the religion of our churches today be compared with that of the New Testament period, the contrast is as distinct and as real as that between light and darkness. The Bible tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and ours is a generation that is as utterly devoid of that fear of the Lord as one can well imagine. Moreover, until we shall abandon this kind of living and give God his place in our current life, we shall go on downward and downward until we shall strike the bottom. And what a bottom it will be!

Let us abandon our mechanical way of life, open our souls to God's Spirit, and give to Him the complete control and guidance of our lives!

W. R. CULLOM
Wake Forest, N. C.

G. W. Barnes Honored For 38 Years Service

After serving 38 years as Church School Superintendent of Ebenezer Methodist Church, Belmont, N. C., Mr. G. W. Barnes recently turned his duties over to his successor.

In recognition of Mr. Barnes' service to the church, the congregation held an appreciation program during a recent Sunday morning Worship Service. Representing the Official Board of the church, Mr. Sidney



Cauble presented Mr. Barnes a Bible and a gold engraved certificate of appreciation signed by all the members of the church.

Mr. Barnes organized the first church school 38 years ago in an old frame building, with an enrollment of about 30 members. Since then he has seen babies grow into adulthood and has had their children in his school.

He has seen the construction of a modern brick church to provide ample space for the congregation which has grown through the years.

In the early years of his superintendency, it was part of Mr. Barnes' duties to build the fires in the many heaters in the winter and to do odd jobs throughout the year in maintaining the church.

Some of the older members have said that he also had to carry a large portion of the financial burden when at the year's end the budget needed a boost in order to clear all obligations.

Helping him immeasurably has been his wife, Ethel, who has served as superintendent of the children's division for many years.

The picture shows Mr. Barnes on the left, being presented the Certificate of Appreciation by Mr. D. S. Cauble.

James W. Crawley, Pastor

Youth Activities Week At First Church Denton

Youth Activities Week began at First Methodist Church, Denton, Sunday evening, July 16, with all the Methodist churches in the Denton area group taking part.

Classes were divided as follows:

12-14—"I belong to the Church."

15-17—"About Myself."

18-23—"I Serve."

Adults—"Keeping Up With Teenagers."
Rev. G. A. Hovis, pastor.

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WORTH QUOTING

"One of the tragedies of our time is the persistent belief that the reconciling power of Christ is too tame for the magnitude of our problems."

How Important Is The Church?

By D. W. CHARLTON
Swansboro, N. C.

The famous English professor, William Lyon Phelps, was also a vibrant, radiant preacher. He gave church membership a very high rating, and often spoke of the honor of being affiliated with the church. Yet we are painfully aware that many take their church membership lightly.

In church deeds there is a "trust clause" which states that "premises shall be used, kept, and maintained as a place of divine worship." Now every church member should regard his life as a trust from God.

When Christ told the story of the talents he was saying that God had invested people with time, talents, and money, and that the Lord expected the most faithful use of them.

Business men pay thousands of dollars for brand names that help them sell their commodities. Is the name Christian as applied to church membership of high character and worthy living? When Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world," he was investing the name of his followers with real significance.

An active church relationship is not sporadic, but daily and dynamic. It is regular and consistent. It means growth and unfolding in the religious life, and in usefulness and influence.

The heart beats 103,000 times a day, and our blood travels 168 million miles in the course of a day, we are told. Regular, systematic pumping of the heart, and the functioning of every part of the body keeps us alive. So the church is "the body of Christ" and every member should be an effective part of the spiritual organism.

Some church members fail to worship with a worthy offering on the first day of the week. One pastor ran an ad in the Saturday's newspaper: "Service will be held at Ebenezer Church. To run the church we need your hymn book and your pocketbook. Come and bring both."

More than 50 million dollars was unclaimed in banks in 1959. But unused and undedicated money to Christian causes would far surpass dead money in the banks.

A sixteen-year-old boy was once on his way to New York to hunt a job. A canal boat captain met him and counseled with the youth. "Give your heart to God," he urged. "Give to Him all that belongs to Him, and the tenth of every dollar that you earn." That boy was William Colgate, who became a prosperous, dedicated business man, giving millions to the Lord's cause.

"Let every one of you," as Paul says, share in the program of the church, both for your sake and that of the church. The individual may seem lost in the crowd and feel that he is not missed, but every one may be a vital part of the Body of Christ. An orchestra was once playing a selection when the conductor stopped the music. The operator of the smallest instrument, the piccolo, had ceased to function. His silence was immediately detected. The church is affected by inactive members.

Commitment of life is essential for the growth of the church and the Kingdom. During the Dark Ages when Christianity was making its impact on the northern part of Europe, many savage tribes were baptized. But many refused to give up their brutal battles, and they would enter the

water, holding their battle-axes aloft. "This hand was never baptized," they would say, and they continued their bloody practices. While we do not carry battle-axes, we often obey the sinful, destructive human instincts rather than God. "They first gave themselves," said Paul of the early Christians.

Communists claim that they will win over Christianity because they are all-out for their beliefs while Christians give the left-overs to the church and the Kingdom. There's a disturbing complacency about the total program of the church.

A dedicated life means that we shall live at the highest spiritual level, lured by the gleam and glory of godliness, and to be great in character and quality and achievement.

Usher Resistance to Worship

By E. M. HOSMAN, Dean

Resistance results in heat. I got hot. It was the Sunday before Christmas. If ever I am in the mood to worship the King, it is at Christmas time. I approached the entrance to the sanctuary. I guess I wasn't particularly wanted. At least no usher was there to usher me into the House of God. Nevertheless, I went in—still no usher, except in the far corner apparently waiting until I should "Eenie, meenie, minie, moe" to which aisle I should go.

Since my dubious friend in the far corner was the only usher in view, I took a chance and headed for his station. I reluctantly interrupted his visit with his fellow usher. Finally, he handed me the order of worship and started down the aisle without so much as a welcoming nod, a whispered word, or even an inquiry as to where I would prefer to sit. I really was tempted to sit not so forward as he indicated, but my good manner triumphed, although my blood pressure was getting higher with each step.

The service began—the call to worship, the opening music, the scripture reading—all brought me back to the atmosphere of worship. But just as the choir reached the high point in its anthem, *wham!* The usher breezed by to slam the window down. When the minister announced the offering there was an embarrassing delay—the ushers were late. Just before the minister began his sermon, some late-comers were squeezed into my pew, upsetting the poise and worshipful mood of all concerned.

Yes, it was a beautiful service and an inspiring sermon, but with lots of "usher resistance." All of which suggests that ushers should be as well trained for their part in the worship service as the musicians, the minister and others who help a congregation enjoy a satisfactory worship experience.

Such training for ushers is available. A community-wide school for church ushers may be arranged under sponsorship of local churches, council of churches, and ministerial associations. Individual ushers, especially usher chairmen, may enroll for a correspondence course with the School for Church Ushers, 1112 North 36th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Upon request, Dean Hosman will be glad to send information about how usher training can help you and your church lessen "Usher Resistance to Worship."

Terrell Charge Holds Youth Activities Week



The Terrell Charge of the Statesville District held its Youth Activities Week during the week of June 25, with an average attendance of 55. Two quest groups were held. One concerned itself with the great beliefs of our Christian faith, and the teachers for this group were Mrs. B. L. Kiser and Miss Lucy Lee Gabriel. The second was a discussion group led by Mr. W. A. Sigmon and it used the book *Choose Life*, which is written to help youth find Christian answers to daily problems. Other activities of the week included a picnic supper, Indian campfire and marshmallow roast, home made ice cream, a cookout,

folk games. Mrs. Joyce Sherrill and Mrs. Bill White, Counselors for the group worked very faithfully to make the week a success.

The week ended with a campfire worship service and candle lighting service. The service was conducted by the pastor, C. Frank Pennigar. Each person placed a pine cone on the fire which represented the things he wanted Christ to forgive in his life and lighted a candle and formed a cross and thus pledging themselves to live for God. Miss Terra Sigmon brought the service to a great climax as she sang "Lord Make Me More Holy" from a concealed position.

Cluster Groups Help Smaller Churches

Methodist churches with too few older youth and young adults to maintain satisfying groups of their own are experimenting in an interesting manner with a new venture. They are joining with other churches in the neighborhood to organize inter-church cluster groups.

These groups make possible an opportunity for fellowship and study for persons in the early adult years who share common experiences and needs. They can reinforce one another in their search for relevant answers to great questions. Mutual experiences of this kind encourage continued Christian growth.

How such groups may be organized is described in a new leaflet *Cluster Groups—An Interchurch Program for Older Youth and Young Adults* (4113-B), available free from the Service Department, Methodist Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Directory of World Agency Jobs Released

The first comprehensive listing of opportunities for service by youth and adults here and overseas was released this week by the National Student Christian Federation. Included in Job descriptions are opportunities in government, international agencies, business, and Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish national and world agencies.

R. Sargeant Shriver, director of the U. S. Peace Corps has written the foreword

in the NSCF publication, *Careers in World Affairs*, which was prepared jointly by its Commission on World Mission and the World Affairs Center.

"This booklet," says Mr. Shriver, "points to thousands of opportunities for Americans of all ages to devote their energies and many kinds of skills to the same public service objectives to which the Peace Corps is dedicated."

The wide interest generated by the Peace Corps has resulted in increasing demands for factual information, the Rev. Douglas Cook, director of the NSCF Commission on World Mission, explained. The directory is intended for college and university workers, guidance and placement officers, pastors personnel counselors, and others concerned with "putting the right man (or woman) in the right job."

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O Lord! How Long?

The world is not right
Nor can be yet
As long as some toil—
Their lives just a drub—
While others can move them
As pawns in a bet
And trample their lives
As they would a grub
And only look back
If the ground should be wet!

It will come—Oh the time!—
When man will be just!
If not since he may,
Aye, then, since he must!
—SNEED OGBURN

S. C. Methodist Conference Honors Dr. D. E. Camak

Delegates to the S. C. Methodist annual conference gave a standing ovation recently to the man who established an institution where ambitious students without money could work in a textile mill one week and go to school the following week.

Dr. David English Camak, 81, who founded the Textile Industrial Institute in Spartanburg in 1911 told the delegates how he kneeled in the fields near his home in Winnsboro at an early age and gave his heart to God, and how he prayed. "God, make me the largest use to the largest number during my life."

The delegates listened intently as Dr. Camak told how the "raw, shy, hungry, illiterate—the purest Anglo-Saxons" came down out of the mountains after the turn of the century to work in Piedmont area cotton mills.

And he recalled how he dreamed of a place where they could study and work.

He mentioned his book, "Human Gold from Southern Hills," which tells the story of his struggles in starting the institution and of the promising young men that he discovered.

One chapter of Dr. Camak's book tells of an Anderson youth who entered Textile Institute at 18 to undertake 7th grade work one week and work in the mill the next. Fifteen months later he entered Wofford College and is now a U. S. Senator. He is Olin D. Johnston.

Glenn Smith was the first boarding student at the institute. He entered at the age of 19, having started to work in a cotton mill at the age of 7 to help support his family.

The student graduated in five years, worked his way through Wofford College and served 40 years as a minister of the gospel.

Ninety-one of the graduates of the institution have served or are serving as ministers in the S. C. Methodist Conference.

Dr. Camak lives in Greer.

Dr. Robert Mayfield to Attend Consultation On Stewardship

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities, will attend a consultation on stewardship at Bossey, Switzerland, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Department of the Laity of the World Council of Churches. It will bring together a select group of some 50 outstanding church leaders from all sections of the world to probe into the theological aspects of Christian stewardship. A series of working papers will be presented for study and discussion.

Dr. Mayfield is the only American Methodist invited to attend the meeting. There will be 10 representatives of various church groups in the United States and five from Canada.

One phase of the work of the General Board of Lay Activities is a section on Stewardship and Finance.

Denton Area Group Ministry Planned

The Methodist Churches of the Denton area are planning a unique Group Ministry program. This program will be a cooperative venture for the ministers and laymen of these churches and the administration and selected students of Pfeiffer College.

Through the efforts of the Rev. John H. Carper, District Superintendent of the Thomasville District of The Methodist Church, five work scholarships at Pfeiffer College are being underwritten by interested laymen of the District. Five ministerial students at the College will be chosen by College officials as the recipients of these scholarships. In return for this financial aid, the students will work as assistant pastors of five rural charges of the Denton area. The churches receiving the services of these students will provide for their transportation. The Duke Endowment has agreed to provide funds for the promotion of this effort.

The Rev. Fred A. Barber, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Denton, has been appointed Supervisor of the Denton Area Group Ministry by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

The Group Ministry will work to the advantage of both students and churches. The students will receive valuable experience and training in the pastoral ministry without having to assume the full responsibilities of the pastorate. They will have the counsel of both the pastors under whom they serve and the officials of Pfeiffer College. The twenty-four churches which comprise the five charges to receive students will have pastoral oversight and increased frequency of worship services which they could not otherwise afford.

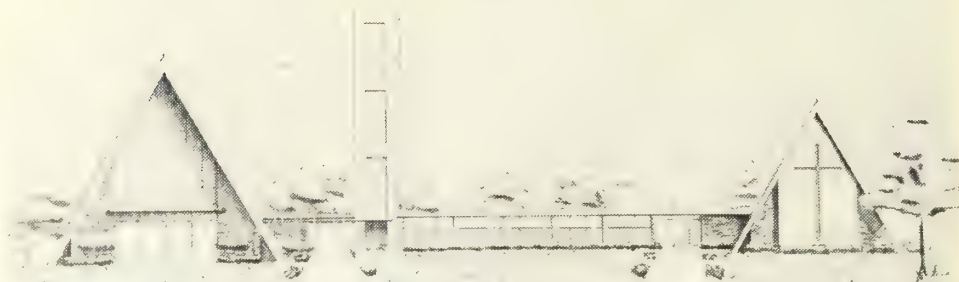
The Denton Area Group Ministry was inaugurated Saturday, July 8, when representatives of Pfeiffer College, the Duke Endowment, interested agencies of The Methodist Church, and pastors and laymen of the Denton area churches met at Clear Springs Church, Denton, in a dinner meeting. A second meeting was set for August at which time the schedule for the student pastors and other details will be determined.

The Christian Action League Formed in Catawba County

The first County organization of the Christian Action League of North Carolina was organized recently in Catawba County. The meeting was held in the Highland Baptist Church in Hickory, with the pastor of this church, the Reverend J. Howard Cates, serving as chairman. The officers and committee members present chose the name "The Christian Action League of Catawba County" since it is in harmony with the principles and objectives of the North Carolina League.

This church-related state-wide organization is interested in finding a solution to the beverage alcohol problem. It approaches the field from the total abstinence standpoint; in fact, it believes that total abstinence is the only control. It promotes a program of alcohol education in the schools. The Executive Director of the North Carolina League is the Reverend D. P. McFarland, 424½ Fayetteville Street, Raleigh.

Proposed Plan For Hickory Grove Church



Ground was broken May 7, 1961 for the first unit of the Hickory Grove Methodist Church of the Greensboro District. Dr. J. Clay Madison, District Superintendent, participated in the groundbreaking ceremonies. The first unit which is being constructed is the center one. It will contain nine classrooms including a nursery, kitchen, Sunday school superintendent's office, restroom, furnace and storage rooms. This unit will cost approximately \$54,000 and should be ready for service by the middle of October.

The MYF members were the first to believe that this community could have better facilities in which to worship and learn. In the past few years they have given almost \$2,000 for the new educational build-

ing. In July, 1960, the church voted to secure the services of the Rev. Roland P. Gibbs who is director of Field Service for the WNC Conference. A group under the direction of his leadership raised almost \$27,000 to be paid within the next three years. The Greensboro District Mission Society has given \$2,000 and has voted to give \$500 more. The members of the church and community have already raised more than \$17,000, about \$10,000 of which has been since September 1960. Mr. Clyde Cole is chairman of the Building Committee. He and the other members of the committee have worked diligently and are grateful for the cooperation which they have received. Adrian P. Stout of Greensboro was the architect. Rev. B. Dean Brown is the pastor.

Rev. E. W. Fox, Retired, Died Wednesday in Statesville

Rev. E. W. Fox, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, died at the Davis Hospital, Statesville, last Wednesday, July 12. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past three and a half weeks. He was 90 years of age.

Mr. Fox was a native of Siler City, and had served many years in the pastorate and as district superintendent in the Western North Carolina Conference. He was admitted into the conference in 1895 and served in the North Carolina conference in the eastern part of the state until 1903, then returned to the Western North Carolina Conference where he served until his retirement in 1939. Even after retirement he remained active in the work of the church in various ways. He preached his last sermon in Broad Street Church, Statesville, on his 90th birthday, February 5, 1961. He recently received the "distinguished Citizenship Award" of the Statesville Civitan Club.

Mr. Fox was married September 8, 1897 to Elizabeth Coble, who died in 1959.

He is survived by one son, Dr. R. E. Fox, of Albemarle, one daughter, Mrs. S. A. Rhyne, of Statesville, one brother, M. M. Fox, of Siler City, and one sister, Mrs. Flora Elkins, of Fredericksburg, Va., and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 14, at Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, con-

ducted by Dr. J. Elwood Carroll and Rev. Walter Lee Lanier. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery.

The family requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to the building funds of the Methodist churches in Statesville.

Active pallbearers were Dr. Carl King, Dr. Horace McSwain, and Revs. John K. Miller, G. E. White, Garland Stafford and Rollin Gibbs.

Honorary pallbearers were ministers of the Western North Carolina Conference who attended the funeral.

Questionnaire On Hymnal Answered By Clergymen

More than one-half of all Methodist ministers in charge of local churches have returned the Hymnal Questionnaire mailed to them by the Commission on Worship.

The commission chairman, Bishop Edwin E. Voigt of Springfield, Ill., announced that 11,500 replies have been returned from every conceivable type of Methodist church in every annual conference. Bishop Voigt said that the results of the questionnaire are providing invaluable help to the Hymnal Committee of the Commission on Worship.

The 1960 General Conference directed the Commission on Worship to revise *The Methodist Hymnal*, including the Responsive Readings, and report to the 1964 General Conference.

Council of Evangelism to Form Groups of "The Twelve"

The Methodist Council of Evangelism has voted to promote the forming of "The Twelve" in Methodist local-churches around the world.

The groups get their name from the number of Jesus' Disciples.

Group members pray, meditate, study, and witness for Christ, said the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Nashville, director of the Department of Spiritual Life of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

The council voted to promote "The Twelve" not only in churches but in Methodist annual conferences and districts. This action was taken at the council's annual meeting, June 30 to July 5 at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C. The more than 300 delegates to the meeting included secretaries of evangelism of Methodist annual conferences and districts and others especially interested in evangelism.

There are two primary purposes of "The Twelve" groups, said Dr. Thomas. One is to deepen the spiritual life of those who meet, and the other is to witness for Christ.

"These groups," he said, "link the concern for that which is deeper to the New Testament dynamic to go out and win people for Christ."

Sociologist Says Rural Church Deserves More Attention

More than half of church parishes in rural America fall below decent standards in adequacy of Christian programs and leadership, an Emory sociologist told ministers at the Church and Community Workshop at Emory University Thursday morning, July 6.

Speaking to 161 ministers attending the annual workshop, Dr. Earl Brewer said, "A surplus of substandard churches with low income and under-trained pastors and 'subsistence' spiritual programs constitutes a Christian problem in today's secular world as serious as agricultural problems in industrial society."

"In the agricultural revolution farms are embarrassingly successful in the production of food and fibre. Christian parishes in town and country could well afford this same kind of revolution.

"Christian leaders, especially ministers, seem to have turned their backs on rural and farm life. Many of us grew up in the country and have been moving away from it ever since. . . . The ecclesiastical status winds consistently blow in the rural to urban direction and we do not like to buck them.

"We should be concerned with agriculture because at bottom our lives depend on it. Without its products our industrial economy would wither. Historically, Protestantism laid its foundations across this country among farmers and frontiersmen. Our spiritual and temporal economy is considerably involved in the farm problem today."

Farm population declines rapidly while urban populations grow, Dr. Brewer said, citing statistics for Georgia in the last decade where cities grew 39.8 per cent and rural population decreased 6.5 per cent.

Statesville District Unveils Marker At Rehobeth Church



At the annual Homecoming of Rehobeth Methodist Church in Catawba County the Statesville District unveiled and erected a historical marker commemorating the founding of the first Methodist church in North Carolina west of the Catawba River. Daniel Asbury, a cousin of Francis Asbury, organized the Lincoln Circuit in 1790, and during this same year he organized Rehobeth Church. The first church building was erected this same year and the structure was of hewed logs cut on the grounds. At a meeting to decide how to build the house of God and when to begin work the slogan for the occasion was: "Who will cut down the first tree." On the appointed day, a Mr. Howard arose early before it was day and cut down his tree. The first house of God on the Rehobeth grounds was built entirely with free labor.

It was during his ministry at Rehobeth Daniel Asbury held at this location the first camp meeting to be held in America. The camp meeting was continued for about four years at this location and it was then moved to Bethel. Historic Rock Springs and Ball's Creek Camp Meetings are a continuation of this movement.

The unveiling service was conducted by Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, District Superintendent of the Statesville District, and he was assisted by Rev. C. Frank Pennigar, pastor of Rehobeth Church. The marker was unveiled by Cathy McGee, a generation descendent of Daniel Asbury and Joel Berry, a 6th descendent. The marker was erected at Terrell on highway 150. The photographer was Mr. Clinton Holdsclaw of Mooresville, N. C.

Americans Give to Churches One Dollar Out of a Hundred

Americans give one dollar out of a hundred in disposable income to their churches, an official of the American Council of Churches told the Church and Community Workshop at Emory University.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of Research Publications for the National Council of Churches, said Protestant church members give to all church causes about \$1.25 weekly.

"This one per cent is a large sum in the aggregate, enabling churches to erect and administer buildings, carry on large publishing operations, employ considerable numbers of people, and raise money for huge parking lots as well as for resettlement of refugees.

"The Protestant churches give some support to about 4,800 church schools of elementary and secondary grades. This is but one of the educational interests.

"About 20 per cent of the money received by local churches is used for benevolences, including home and foreign mis-

sions, education and social welfare.

Dr. Landis said a recent study showed churches were considered by those who worked for them to be neither the best nor the worst of employers. However, "The economic practices of the church are often under scrutiny because they are not generally in accord with the declared social purposes as stated in their pronouncements to the secular world. Persistently low salaries of ministers and other church employees, compared with most professions, raise important issues for church members."

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Woman's Activities



WSG Has Two New Chairmen

By MARY GARDNER

A former N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild District Secretary and chairman of status of women has been appointed conference chairman of Spiritual Life. She is Miss Lillie Smith, a member of the Front Street Methodist Church's WSG. Miss Smith succeeds Miss Agnes Gunter, resigned.

Mrs. W. C. Gardner, of Fayetteville, is the conference Guild's new chairman of missionary education and service. Mrs. Gardner has also served as conference recording secretary. Registrations for the WSG Weekend of Study to be held at Duke University, August 12-13, should be sent to Mrs. Gardner, 214 Judd Street, Fayetteville, N. C., by August 1.

N. C. CONFERENCE WSCS RETREAT SCHOOL OF MISSIONS WSG WEEKEND OF STUDY SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

Schedules for the 15th Annual N. C. Conference WSCS Spiritual Life Retreat, August 5-6; the School of Missions and Christian Service, August 7-11, and the 3rd Annual WSG Weekend of study, Aug. 12-13, have been announced by Mrs. Harold Braswell, conference secretary of missionary education and service, and Miss Juanita Stott, conference secretary WSG, respectively.

Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, August 5

Mrs. R. L. Jerome, Chairman
Miss Mary Finch, Leader

12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.—Registration.

12:00-1:00—Lunch.

4:00-5:15—First Session, Union Ballroom.

5:30-6:30—Dinner.

7:30-9:00—Second Session.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 a.m.—Breakfast.

9:30-10:30—Third Session.

11:00—Worship, Duke University Chapel.

12:00-1:00—Lunch.

3:00-4:00—Closing Session.

5:30-6:30—Dinner.

School of Missions

Theme: "In Thee Our Life is One"

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon—Registration.

12:00-1:00 p.m.—Lunch.

1:00-2:00—Registration.

2:45—Orientation.

3:30-5:20—Class Sessions.

5:30-6:30—Dinner.

7:00-7:45—Films.

7:45-9:00—Leadership Training Program.

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY NOON

7:00-8:00—Breakfast.

8:15-9:15—Bible Study (entire school).

9:25-11:15—Class Sessions.

11:20-12:00—Tuesday, meeting of sub-district leaders; Wednesday, preview of study courses for day students; Thursday, meeting district Seminar Leaders.

12:00-1:00—Lunch.

1:30-3:30—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Clinics for Officers' Training.

3:30-5:30—Rest and Study.

5:30-6:30—Dinner.

7:45—Evening Assembly.

Other Events.

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., tea, Methodist Retirement Home.

6:30 p.m.—Organ Recital, Duke University Chapel.

WSG WEEKEND OF STUDY

Saturday, August 12

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon—Registration.

12:30 p.m.-1:30—Lunch.

1:00-2:00—Registration.

2:15-2:50—General Session.

3:00-5:15—Class Sessions.

5:30-6:30—Dinner.

7:15-8:30—Clinics.

8:40-9:30—General Session

9:30—Social Hour.

Sunday, August 13

8:00-8:45—Breakfast.

8:45-10:30—Class Sessions.

10:30-11:00—Free Time.

11:00—Worship, Duke University Chapel.

12:30-1:30—Dinner.

W. N. C. Conference

By Mrs. JOHN C. WRIGHT



SCHOOL OF MISSION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

PFIEFFER COLLEGE, AUGUST 14-18

The 8th annual School of Missions for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church will be held at Pfeiffer College August 14-18.

The theme will be, "In Thee Our Life is One."

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., conference secretary of missionary education, says that an emphasis is being placed on district officers for the year of 1961. She says, "It is of the greatest importance that all district officers attend and that each local society

send four representatives, one for each approved course.

"Visitors are invited on Wednesday and Thursday for classes in the mornings and clinics in the afternoons."

These are the courses of study:

CHURCHES FOR NEW TIMES, taught

by Miss Jane Stentz of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Text: *Edge of the Edge*, by Theodore E. Matson.

THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN LATIN

AMERICA, taught by Mrs. J. W. Payne, former president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Miss Mary Bethea, deaconess and dean of women at Pfeiffer College. Text: *Land of the Eldorado*, by Sante Uberto Barbieri.

THE CHISTIAN AND RESPONSIBLE

CITIZENSHIP, taught by Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, secretary of Christian Social Relations in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Text: *Under Orders*, The Church and Public Affairs, by Roswell P. Barnes.

THE MEANING OF SUFFERING, taught by Miss Mary Floyd, deaconess and professor of religion at Pfeiffer College, and Dr. Leon Crouch. Text: *The Meaning of Suffering*, by Ralph W. Sockman.

Dr. Robert T. Osborn will conduct the Bible Hour in the evening.

A special emphasis will be placed on Leadership Education and on officer training in the clinics to be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. On Tuesday the clinic will feature the work of district officers. On Wednesday the duties of local officers will be discussed.

The cost of the school is \$15.00 for room and board and \$2.50 registration fee. The registration includes the insurance fee. Day student registration fee is \$2.00. Extra meals will be served at a nominal fee.

Those who attend the school are asked to bring the following items: a Bible, notebook, pencils, a pillow, towels, bed linen and blanket, and other supplies that would be helpful in the classroom work . . . Also bring a spirit of friendliness and a desire to be a better-trained consecrated Christian.

Send registration card with fee to Mrs. J. B. Duckett, Elizabeth Ave., Forest City.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The Spiritual Life Retreat for the conference will be held on August 12th and 13th at Pfeiffer College, with Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, former conference officer, as leader. The theme will be, "The Patterns of Meditation and Prayer."

Registration will be from 1 p.m. on August 12th to 2:30 p.m. The Retreat will begin at 3:30 p.m. and will continue through Sunday evening, closing with the communion service.

The cost of the retreat is \$7.00 for room and board and \$1.50 for registration and insurance.

Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of spiritual life, is in charge of arrangements.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

Three hundred Methodist women from nine southeastern states spent a week at Lake Junaluska from June 29th to July 6th

at the Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service.

The studies for the coming year were presented by national leaders of the Methodist Church and clinics in every department of work in the Woman's Society were held. Dr. Ronald Meredith, pastor of First Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, was the speaker for the Bible Hour each evening.

Five officers of the Woman's Division of Christian Service were present for the school, Miss Beverly Berry, assistant treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Stinson, secretary of missionary education; Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary of the department of Christian Social Relations; Miss Helen Johnson, secretary of promotion; and Miss Lillian Johnson, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Faculty members included Dr. Charles Laymon of Florida-Southern College and Dr. Lindsey Pherigo of St. Paul Methodist Theological Seminary in Kansas City for the Bible study; Dr. Theodore Leonard of the Division of National Missions for "Churches for New Times;" Miss Florence Hooper of Baltimore, Md., feature writer for the *World Outlook*, and Dr. Howard W. Yoder of the National Council of Churches for Latin America; Miss Thelma Stevens and Mr. James Hamilton of the National Council of Churches as teachers of the class on Christian citizenship.

A pledge of \$2,159,100 was made to missions by the presidents and treasurers of the 16 conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. This represented an increase of \$48,000 over last year.

By conferences the pledges were: Alabama-West Florida, \$101,500; Florida, \$182,000; Holston, \$150,000; Kentucky, \$83,000; Louisville, \$76,500; Memphis, \$99,000; Mississippi, \$84,000; North Alabama, \$115,000; North Carolina, \$145,300; North Georgia, \$200,000; North Mississippi, \$63,100; South Carolina, \$167,500; South Georgia, \$145,000; Tennessee, \$111,200; Virginia, \$260,000; Western North Carolina, \$176,000.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner of Richmond, Va., president of the SE Jurisdiction, presided over the executive sessions. Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, secretary of missionary personnel for the Woman's Society of the Jurisdiction, was dean of the school.

The representatives of the Western North Carolina Conference attending were Mrs. Carl King, Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, Mrs. Hugh Wilkin, Mrs. E. D. Chandler, Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr., Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, Miss Mary Bethea, Miss Mollie Townsend, Mrs. H. J. Wise and Mrs. John C. Wright, all of the Woman's Society. The representatives of the Guild were Mrs. Ira Shelley, Miss Joyce Shook and Mrs. Florence Sherrill.

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PASTOR ELECTOR MAYOR

While he was away at annual conference in mid-June, the Rev. Joseph T. Carson, Jr., Methodist pastor at Louisa, Va., was elected mayor of that town. He didn't campaign or even get to vote, but was chosen by a vote of 119 to 95. Carson, 34, will preside over a council only one of whose members is a member of his congregation—one of four denominations in the town.

Leet Evangelistic Team Holds Successful Meeting at Bethlehem

The L. O. Leet stewardship team held a very successful meeting at the Bethlehem church, located at Bogue, N. C. in the New Bern district, running from May 24 to June 4. Much preparation was done by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Casey, and his people. The attendance on Victory Sunday for this small church was 136, the largest it had ever experienced. Out of the 136 present, 32 were too young to write. Out of the 104



challenged to tithe for the next twelve months, 54 signed tithers pledges, which gave 51 per cent plus. This was the 341st church to have this team, and the 166th church to have achieved the 100 per cent attendance of all active members, and the 95th church to have achieved the 100 per cent plus. Bethlehem church is expecting this to be one of the greatest years in the service of Him who gave His only Son.

During the closing Sunday morning service, Mr. Theodore Smith, with his mother and sister, Fannie Shipp, presented a flower urn to the church in memory of his father, who had passed away a few days before.

Conference of Methodist Youth Meets Aug. 16-23 in Michigan

The annual meeting of the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship this year will be an integral part of the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly, August 16-23 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

About 2,000 youth and adult workers with youth will attend the assembly, approximately 1,600 of them from the United States, 250 from Canada, and 150 from overseas countries.

The MYF group will be composed of about 200 delegates, including MYF presidents of Methodist annual conferences, some Methodist overseas delegates, and others.

Theme of the assembly will be "Entrusted With the Message of Reconciliation." Sub-themes will be "The World We Live In," "The Gospel We Live Under," and "The Mission of the Church."

The National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is the MYF organization on the national level to discuss the life and mission of the church.

Grace Methodist Church To Celebrate Birthday

Three years ago, July 23, 1958, 48 people gathered together in the parsonage basement of Grace Methodist Church, in Winston-Salem, then the only property the church owned, and a new church was born. On August 24, Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, who was then district superintendent, presided at the first quarterly conference and the first officials were elected. On September 16, 1958, the W.S.C.S. was organized. On January 11, 1959, the MYF was organized. On October 4, 1959, the church moved into the present building.

This all began on the fourth Sunday in July, 1958. Because of what has happened during the past three years, this Sunday, July 23, should be a big day for the church. During these past three years 128 men, women, and youth have united with the church. With 20 transferring to other churches the membership is now 108. The Lord has been good to us. Let us be thankful for His goodness.

The church extends an invitation to all to share in this wonderful day on this wonderful occasion. Because of this the church invites each one to worship in the 10:00 o'clock service on Sunday, July 23, 1961.

All former members as well as present members are urged to be present on this important day.

In Christ's Name,
EDWARD M. HEATH, Pastor

Pastors and Families Enjoy Fellowship of Shady Grove

The former ministers and their families who have served the lovely Shady Grove Church in the equally lovely Jonathon Creek Valley (a few miles from Lake Junaluska) have had a special treat for four out of the past five years.

Each Saturday night during Annual Conference the ladies of this church have served a fellowship supper. Needless to say, we all have a wonderful time renewing old and dear friendships, catching up on the local news and eating too much of the good food these ladies are famous for.

This is real fellowship and it is deeply appreciated by all the ministers and their families.

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Million Dollar Check For Ministers Reserve Pension Fund

A million-dollar check from the New England Annual Conference to the General Board of Pensions in Chicago on June 29 signalled the full transition of that conference into the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund of The Methodist Church.

This was the largest payment on account of accrued pension liability which an annual conference has ever made to the general board, according to the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Calkins of Chicago, general secretary of the board.

The million-dollar check represents the New England Conference's down payment on the reserves required to meet its unfunded pension liability as of July 1. The remainder of the liability will be amortized.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Ruth and Her Sunday School

By Rev. C. L. Grant

Ruth lived in the country with her father and mother. She attended the consolidated school in the community during the winter months, and in the summer she went to spend a month with her grandmother who lived in the city.

Ruth always looked forward to the time to go and see grandmother. Toward the close of school her little heart was thrilled with the joy of going away for a vacation. So on Friday morning she arose early, all enthused over the last day of school. Her mother hastened to get her ready, and as she was helping her put on her coat, Ruth said, "Mother, I will go to grandmother's tomorrow." "Yes," replied her mother, "you may go tomorrow."

All of a sudden Ruth thought of her Sunday School teacher, and said, "If I go away to grandmother's I will miss Sunday School."

"Oh, no, my dear! You can go with grandmother to her Sunday School."

"I'll stop as I go to school," said Ruth, "and tell my teacher that I will go with grandmother to her Sunday School, and when she misses me she will know that I am in Sunday School."

Ruth went toward school, and presently overtook Frances, her neighbor. They went on together, and soon came to the home of Ruth's Sunday School teacher. Ruth said, "Frances, I'm going to see grandmother tomorrow and stay a month. I must tell my Sunday School teacher that I will go with grandmother to her Sunday School."

Frances just smiled, and said, "Your Sunday School teacher cares nothing for you." "Yes she does, Frances," replied Ruth, "any good Sunday School teacher loves her class."

Frances could not appreciate the Sunday School like Ruth did, because her parents would not go with her. Her father and mother were too worldly, and went to worldly places, and all their thought was on worldly things. They had no time for the church.

Ruth ran and told her teacher goodbye, and hastened on to school. When the day was over she hurried home.

Early in the morning Ruth and her father set out for grandmother's, and in a short time they had arrived. Ruth was glad to see grandmother. She had been there just a little while when she

said, "Grandmother, are you going to Sunday School tomorrow?"

"Oh, yes, dear, I go every Sunday," she replied.

"Will grandfather go with us?" Grandmother gave her no answer, for she knew that grandfather had stopped going to Sunday School. Ruth could not understand why grandfather was not going to Sunday School. He was out until late that night.

Early in the morning Ruth was up helping grandmother with breakfast. When it was ready, she ran to call grandfather. "Hurry and get up, grandfather, breakfast is ready. And grandmother and you and I are going to Sunday School."

"Oh, no, Ruth, I can't go. I must rest so I can go to my office Monday."

"Well, grandfather, I just can't see why you won't go with us to Sunday School." Tears came into Ruth's eyes. She looked into her grandfather's face and said, "Mother has told me about Jesus and how he loves everybody, and did you know he loves you? Mother said he has gone away to prepare a beautiful mansion for all that love him and go to Sunday School. And if you don't go with us to Sunday School he won't build one for you, and money can't buy your place."

Grandfather dropped his head, and with tears in his eyes, said, "I will, Ruth," and embracing her in his arms, said, "I have never given any money into Sunday School and church, but I am going to start today."

Ruth, grandmother and grandfather all went to Sunday School happy. Ruth went to the little girls' class, grandmother went to hers, and grandfather went to the men's class. The teacher said to him, "We welcome you into our class."

"Yes," grandfather replied happily, "I want to join the class. I now see life in a new way. I want to spend some of my money in the Sunday School and its program. I never realized until this morning that it was my duty to God, and to my fellowman, to help support the Sunday School. My dear little Ruth has led me to see that by living like Jesus, attending Sunday School, and helping to bring about his kingdom, I may pay him for my mansion in the sky."

If all little girls would work like Ruth, many more would be in Sunday School. I wish all sinners had a little Ruth to lead them to find Jesus.

Little Lamps

My friends are little lamps to me,
Their radiance warms and cheers my ways;
And all my pathway day by day
Is brightened by their rays.
I try to keep them bright by faith,
And never let them dim with doubt,
For every time I lose a friend
A little lamp goes out.

—SELECTED



So Much to Be Grateful For

"It's so hard to have nothing to eat but soup, when others have every sort of good food," muttered Charlie as he sat with his bowl before him.

"It's so hard to have to get up so early on these bitter cold mornings, when others can enjoy themselves without an hour of labor," he continued.

"And it's so hard to have to trudge along through the snow, while others go about in their cars."

Grandmother had been listening to Charlie's complaints. "It's a great blessing," she said gently, "to have soup when so many are hungry. It's a great blessing to have a roof over one's head, when so many are homeless. And it's a great blessing to have sight, and hearing, and strength for daily labor, when so many are blind, deaf, or suffering."

"Why, Grandmother, you seem to think that nothing is hard," said the boy, still in a grumbling tone.

"No, Charlie, there is one thing that I think is very hard," she replied.

"What's that?" asked Charlie, thinking that at last his grandmother had found some cause for complaint.

Drawing the boy up close to her, she said, "I think that a heart is very hard that is not thankful for so many blessings."

—Clipped.



Chuckles

A wise guy said to the bus driver one morning, "Well, Noah, you've gotten here at last. Is the Ark full?"

"No, replied the driver, "we need one more monkey. Come in."



Bible Quiz

1. What boy was laid on an altar by his father, ready to be sacrificed?—
2. What animal did Aaron make out of gold?—
3. Who was the first person in the Bible who said "I was afraid"?—
4. On what lake did Jesus speak the words, "Peace be still"?—
5. Who put Joseph in prison in Egypt?—



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. In Genesis, Chapters 6 thru 9
2. In Daniel, Chapter 5
3. In I Kings, Chapter 17, Verses 1-7
4. In Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 25-37
5. In Exodus, Chapters 8 thru 12

Sunday School Lesson

FOR JULY 30

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Background Scripture: John 11:5-16;
14:3-6; 20:24-39; Acts 13:1

Lesson Scripture: John 11:7-8, 16;
14:3-6; 20:24-39

"Jesus was fair to Thomas; most of us are cruel. Jesus saw his strength; we see his weakness. To us he is Thomas the Doubter. Jesus saw in Thomas not only a man slow to believe, moody, gloomy, seeing too much the difficulties of faith, but an honest mind, heroic heart as well." So writes Frank S. Mead in a fine little book entitled "Who's Who in the Bible" consisting of 250 short sketches of Bible characters. The teacher will find this book helpful for this series of lessons and also for general use. Published by Harper and Brothers, it can be ordered from the Methodist Publishing House.

A man wrote recently "when I was in college I didn't believe anything; now I believe everything." He had made the pilgrimage from doubt through to faith, as our lesson title puts it. It is quite certain that belief and doubt have a good deal of emotion mixed with them. Pascal once wrote: "There is enough light for those who wish earnestly to see, and enough obscurity for those of contrary mind." Drummond said this another way when he wrote: "Doubt is *can't believe*; unbelief is *won't believe*. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness."

From our Scripture references we see Thomas as a man who (to use an American slang expression) "was from Missouri"—he had to be shown. This is not necessarily reality, not just to hear someone talk about it. Thomas Carlyle must have had this kind of man in mind when he told the new minister: "What this parish needs, is what every parish needs, a man who knows God at more than second hand."

The first of our Scripture selections (John 11:7-8, 16) shows Thomas as a man of courage. Upon Jesus' announcement that he intended to go to Jerusalem Thomas said to the other disciples "Let us also go that we may die with him." As Andrew Blackwood says (see International Lesson Annual), "A man of this kind may feel confused, but his heart is sound."

In the next group of verses (John 14:3-6) Thomas appears disturbed by the announcement that Jesus will soon leave his friends, in spite of Jesus' assurance that their fellowship will not be broken permanently. Thomas says "How can we know the way?" Like Martha, he was the sort who wanted things spelled out, definite, clear. Jesus responded with one of the great "I am" passages that we find in John's gospel: "I am the way, the truth and the life." To a person of Thomas' temperament "truth" may have seemed hard to come by, and "life" might have appeared a bit vague. But when Jesus used the symbol of the pathway (something definite to follow), then Thomas could understand. It is interesting to note that earliest Christians came to be known as "followers of the Way." Jesus said in John 7:17 "He that willeth to do His (God's) will

shall know whether the teaching is from God." This ought to be a fair enough test for any doubter. All we have to do to test the truth of the Gospel is to give it a fair trial in the realm of action. This is something very few of us have done. One recalls Mark Train's conversation with a disturbed man who had said there were a great many passages in the Bible that he couldn't understand. Twain replied: "It isn't the passages I *don't* understand that disturb me; it's the ones I *do* understand."

The remainder of our assigned Scripture relates one of the post-resurrection experiences in which Thomas is again portrayed as the doubter. However, it might as well be pointed out that he wasn't the only one who was afflicted with uncertainty (see Matthew 28:7E; Mark 16:11-13; Luke 24:11-25 and 28). But Thomas was not one to hide his misgivings, and because of this he drew from Jesus a willing validation of his identity. From this distance we may wonder what place this story has in the teaching of the Church. Isn't it clear that it must have been intended for those second-generation Christians who had neither seen Jesus in the flesh nor shared the post-resurrection experience? This would seem so from the blessing Jesus confers upon those who "having not seen, have yet believed." All of which adds up to the fact that, in the last analysis, it is "the soul's invincible surmise" that we have to trust, "believing where we cannot prove." The great affirmation of Thomas "My Lord, and my God!" has been made by multiplied millions during the Christian centuries. These have received Jesus on the testimony of others, but nevertheless it has been, and is, one of the best established facts of history—that they have received him.

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After 42 years of teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and its predecessor, Westminster, Dr. J. Montgomery Shroyer, professor of New Testament, will retire in June.



These pioneers at the new Rougeмонт Methodist Church playground not only use the facilities, they helped construct seesaws, a merry-go-round, and an outdoor chapel. From left to right are Butch Thacker, Jim Denny, Gene Berry, Grafton Cockrell, Director, LeGrand Anderson, Susan Ashley, and Elaine Berry.

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Resolutions of Tribute to Bambridge T. Williams

Whereas, Bambridge T. Williams, born September 2, 1891, was throughout his entire life either associated with, as a child, or was a devoutly active member of the Cokesbury Methodist Church of Stedman, N. C., and having passed away, May 31, 1960, and

Whereas, during his life-time he served in every major official position in the church, to wit: as a trustee as a steward, as superintendent of the Sunday school, as a teacher therein, and as a class officer, and

Whereas, for a period of thirty-five years he faithfully served as the treasurer of the church, and

Whereas, he was throughout his life-time a true example of the Christian faith, making the same evident by his loyal service to the entire community as a rural mail-carrier for nearly forty years, by being a kindly servant and neighbor to all he knew through many acts of goodness and helpfulness, and by serving his country both at home and abroad as a member of the armed forces during World War I, and

Whereas, he was highly respected and deeply loved by all his fellow-members of the church because of his unstinted devotions to all groups therein, including children, youth and older folks, giving in service to His Heavenly Father in all matters, large and small, showing wisdom and understanding in all his deliberations and acts of service, and therefore

Be it resolved, that we, the Official Board of the Cokesbury Methodist Church, in behalf of all the official bodies and the entire membership and constituency of the church, herewith express our deepest sorrow in the loss of so valued a laborer and friend of the Kingdom of God through His Church, and that we, herewith, extend to his wife, his children and all members of his family, our most heart-felt sympathy and Christian assurance that our prayers are unceasing to the end that God's great comfort and His abiding love be ever present with them all, throughout all time to come, and

Be it further resolved, that we assure them of our constant concern and love for them in their hour of bereavement, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions of tribute and respect be presented to the family, published in the local newspaper, and the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and that they be spread on the minutes of the church.

Signed: MORRIS L. HUSTED, *Pastor*
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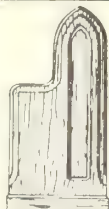
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Mr. Cecil E. Lapo to Succeed Dr. Bliss Wiant

Cecil E. Lapo, minister of music at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, has been elected director of the ministry of music of the Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

Mr. Lapo will succeed Dr. Bliss Wiant, who will retire September 15 after serving more than four years in that capacity. Dr. Wiant plans to become visiting professor of church music at Scarritt College in Nashville, beginning the fall term of 1961.

Mr. Lapo studied at Akron (Ohio) University and Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N. J., receiving a bachelor of music degree from the latter. He has taught at Oklahoma City University and at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, although his work has been primarily in the local church.

He has served seven years in the Presbyterian church and 20 years in Methodist churches. He has been at St. Luke's in Oklahoma City since 1953 and earlier served on the staff of First Methodist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Also a composer, Mr. Lapo has had 35 anthems published.

He was the first president of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Religious Drama Workshop Set for July

Leaders in drama from local churches and college campuses will meet July 22-29 in the thirteenth annual Religious Drama Workshop. Sponsored by the division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, and directed by A. Argyle Knight of the Methodist Board of Education, the workshop will be held at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Through workgroups, discussion, and worship, the delegates may discover and explore new ideas and techniques in religious drama, and deeper meaning and insight in the Christian faith.

On the faculty of the workshop are drama instructors and specialists including James Carlson, director of the Hamline University Theatre, Alfred R. Edyvean, Drama TV, Christian Theological Seminary, Amy Goodhue Loomis, director of drama at Vincennes University, and other leaders.

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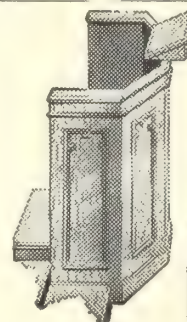
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Missions in Spirit and Practice

Board of Missions Receives a Letter

The Methodist Board of Missions received a letter recently from a Methodist minister in the North Iowa Annual Conference. Though not intended for publication, it has a message all its own:

"At our North Iowa Annual Conference, I dedicated my pay raise for this year, 1961-1962, to help support a missionary from your headquarters that otherwise wouldn't be able to go into the field.

"It is my understanding that there are missionaries who are trained and ready to serve, but that there aren't enough funds to send them.

"Because I am taking on another church, my raise this year was \$1,200 over my salary with one church. You will be receiving from me \$100 a month as an Advance Special to go for the salary of one of our missionaries. I announced this on the conference floor and urged others to do what I was doing. Thus, I hope other monies like this will be coming in."

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ REV. A. S. PARKER, retired, now lives at 2720 Vanderbilt Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Elkin, had as the visiting minister on Sunday, July 16, Rev. Cato Dick of Abingdon, Va.

¶ THE NEW ADDRESS of the Rev. H. R. Ashmore, who retired at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference, is 314 Eden Terrace, Archdale, N. C., P. O. Box 174.

¶ REV. JOEL T. KEY, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church, Greensboro, assisted the Rev. J. P. Kincaid, pastor of the Reidsville circuit, in a revival meeting at Lowe's Methodist Church last week.

¶ REV. R. C. GOFORTH, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hickory, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at Highland Methodist Church Sunday, July 16, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. R. J. Barnwell.

¶ REV. CECIL HEFNER and Rev. Sherrill Biggers left Greensboro Sunday night, July 16 for New York, where they boarded a plane on Monday night for Rome, Italy, on the first lap of a trip to Holy Land. They will return by way of Oslo, Norway, and attend the World Methodist Conference, of which each of them is a delegate.

¶ A FAMILY PLAN revival for the Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord, is being sponsored by the young people of the church. The services will be held from Sunday, July 30 through Wednesday, Aug. 2. Rev. Earl Grove will be the visiting preacher, and the song service will be led by Rev. Jimmy Long. Rev. Grady Dulin is the pastor.

¶ MR. MORRIS WILLIAMS, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Morris Williams of Fletchers Chapel Church near Durham, and Miss Ruth Whitmore of Summit, New Jersey, were united in matrimony June 7 at Summit, N. J. Morris is a rising senior at Duke University and is on the dean's list and a member of the judicial council. His wife will transfer to Duke for the remainder of her college work. The young couple are working during the summer in Vermont under an assignment of the State Council of Churches.

¶ YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK will be held at the Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, July 30 through August 4. The time is 7:30 each evening. The theme of the week is: "Jesus Christ is Lord." The speakers are as follows: Dr. Thomas Collins, president, Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount; Rev. Edward Owen, Youth Director, Rosemary Methodist Church; Rev. W. J. Neese, pastor, First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids; Dr. Cecil Robbins, president, Louisville College; Rev. John Maides, pastor, Asbury Methodist Church, Durham; Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor, Rosemary Methodist Church. Activities will include: worship, singing, visitation, discussion, recreation and refreshments.

¶ DR. G. R. COMBS, retired, preached at the Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown, last Sunday, July 23.

¶ REV. WADE GOLDSTON, professor at Louisville College, preached at the First Methodist Church, Hamlet, last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. D. A. Autry, is on vacation.

¶ REV. R. DWIGHT WARE, retired, of Asheville, preached at First Methodist Church, Hendersonville July 16. Dr. Ware is a former district superintendent of the Asheville district.

¶ REV. MARTIN L. GREER of Carson, Iowa, was elected secretary, and Miss Blanche Rutledge of Chicago, treasurer of the North Central Jurisdictional Historical Society at a meeting in Chicago July 12. Dr. Scott D. MacDonald of Detroit continues as president.

¶ REV. PAUL S. LOFTON, JR., a Duke student, is serving as summer assistant at St. Paul Church, Burlington. The Rev. Jackson W. Carroll, director of student work at Duke University, preached at St. Paul last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Rufus Stark, who is attending the Missionary Conference at Lake Junaluska.

¶ SPENCER MEMORIAL Methodist Church, Charlotte, held "Open House" for the new sanctuary Sunday afternoon, July 23 from 2:00 till 5:00. During the following week opening services for the new sanctuary were held each night at 7:30 with former pastors of the church bringing the messages. Rev. V. A. Morton is pastor.

¶ DR. FREDERICK C. REYNOLDS, 78, a Methodist chaplain in both world wars, died in Washington, D. C., July 7 after a heart attack. A retired member of the Baltimore Conference, where he had been a pastor and district superintendent, Dr. Reynolds had also served on the staff of the Commission on Chaplains.

¶ AN ARTICLE on "Food for Peace" in the July 1 issue of *Concern* has now been reprinted in the *Congressional Record* for July 3 on motion of Rep. John Brademas of Indiana. Author of the article is Winston H. Taylor, an associate secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information and director of its national office in Washington, D. C. *Concern* is published by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns. Methodist layman George McGovern is the director of the American Food for Peace Council.

¶ Miss Susan Carmichael, director of Christian Education at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., has been named instructor in Christian Education at Pfeiffer College. Dr. J. L. Stokes said Miss Carmichael would bring to the department of Christian Education experience gained from 13 years of outstanding leadership in Christian Education on the local church level. She is a graduate of Scarritt College where she received the BA and MA degrees.

¶ REV. J. D. YOUNG, pastor of the Methodist Church at Oxford, who has been a patient at Duke Hospital, is improving, and hopes to return home soon.

¶ REV. GEORGE B. EHLHARDT, member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and professor at Dubuque University, Dubuque, Iowa, is a patient in Duke Hospital, Durham.

¶ Youth Activities Week will be observed at First Methodist, Mount Holly July 30 through August 4. Young people in grades 8 through 12 will be involved. An interesting program has been arranged.

¶ GLENDALE HEIGHTS CHURCH, Durham is celebrating its second birthday, and expects to move into its first unit in about two weeks. The church was organized two years ago and now has a membership of 209. Rev. Alison Simonton, Jr., is pastor.

¶ Rev. A. Mitchell Faulkner of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, and his family are vacationing at Crescent Beach, S. C. In his absence Dr. E. E. Poston, President of Gardner-Webb College, will preach in Central church July 30.

¶ According to the Bulletin of Broad Street Church, Statesville, a large number of memorial gifts have been made to the building and organ funds of the church in memory of the late Rev. E. W. Fox, who died recently.

¶ The Rev. James T. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point preached in the Wesley Memorial Methodist church of High Point last Sunday morning. This is Mr. Hall's home church. He is now pastor of the Linwood-Tyro charge in the Thomasville district.

¶ The annual home coming was held at Bethany Methodist Church in Stanly county Sunday, July 23. Guest speaker for the occasion was D. W. Holt, a former member of the church, and the morning program was followed by a picnic lunch on the church grounds.

¶ Thirty-five Junior boys and girls and their adult leaders have registered for Junior Day Camp sponsored by Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. It will be held July 24th-28th at the Lanier Farm in Welcome. The week has been planned for rising 5th, 6th, and 7th graders.

¶ Miss Alice Avett, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clegg W. Avett, is spending two months in Volos, Thessaly, Greece on the American Field Service, Student exchange program. A girl from Heilbronn, Germany, will live with Alice during the coming school year where both girls will be seniors in the Hudson High School.

¶ Memorial Methodist Church of Thomasville will have as the guest minister on Sunday, July 30 the Rev. Brian S. O'Gorman. Mr. O'Gorman is an exchange minister sent by the British-American Exchange, National Council of Churches of Christ, and is chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England.

¶ Sixty different young people and their adult workers participated in Christian Adventure Week at Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. This special week for Junior High boys and girls was completed July 21st after running for five evenings from 5 p. m. until 9 p. m. The theme of the week was "Making Our Group Christian."

¶ The Editor enjoyed the high privilege of preaching at both the 8:55 and 11:00 o'clock services at First Methodist Church, Asheboro last Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Cecil Hefner, who is on a trip to the Holy Land. It was good to be the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hughes. A good congregation was present for each service.

First Church Rockingham Employs Minister of Education

The Rev. E. J. Martin has been employed by the First Methodist Church of Rockingham as Minister of Education. He began his work with the church on July 1st. He is married and has two children, a daughter, Faith Neoma, two and a half years of age, and a son, Elswood Keener, six months old.

Rev. Mr. Martin was graduated from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, on June 1, 1961, where he majored in Religion and minored in Social Studies. He has served as an approved Supply pastor for two years in the Nashville area, and for two years while a student at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

He served for four years in the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in Japan part of the time. While in Japan he served as an assistant to Methodist Missionaries, taught Sunday School, and directed recreation. He has had wide experience working with young people and teachers on the sub-district level.

Mrs. Martin has served as a director of Christian Education and as secretary to Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr., General Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Martin will direct the educational and youth program at First Methodist Church, and assist the pastor in the work of the church.

Wife of Missionary to Liberia Dies in U. S.

Mrs. Charles G. White, wife of a Methodist medical missionary to Liberia, West Africa, died recently at New York's St. Luke's Hospital, after a long illness.

Mrs. White, a registered nurse, returned to the U. S. March 24, after almost five years of working with her husband at the Ganta, Liberia, hospital. He returned to the States several weeks later to be with her.

The daughter of missionary parents, Mrs. White, the former Betty Jean Miller, was born on the Ganta mission station where her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry T. Miller, were engaged in educational-evangelistic mission work.

Survivors beside her husband, Dr. Charles White, who specializes in tropical medicine, include three daughters, Caroline Sue, 8, Nancy Eleanor, 4, and Dorothy Ann, 1, and a son, Lawrence Allen, 6.

Planning Session By District Directors



Left to right: Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism; District Directors, seated—Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Goldsboro District; Rev. W. J. Neese, Rocky Mount District; Rev. Irving Cook, Elizabeth City District; Rev. Alison Simonton, Durham District; Rev. W. S. Potter, Burlington District; Rev. C. J. Andrews, Fayetteville District; Rev. Paul Browning, Wilmington District; Rev. B. L. Davidson, New Bern District. Rev. L. C. Vereen of the Raleigh District is not shown in the picture. Rev. Paul Browning is Vice-President of the Conference Board and Rev. Alison Simonton is Secretary.

In preparation for the Conference Board of Evangelism program adopted at the Annual Methodist Conference held in Durham in June, the Conference Director, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, met with the District Directors of Evangelism at First Methodist Church, Morehead City from 3:00 p. m. Thursday, July 13 through noon Friday, July 14.

The Conference program calls for Methodists to "Knock on Every Door" in the area comprising the North Carolina Conference. This census will enlist 7,000

workers. October 22, 1961 has been designated as "Knock on Every Door" Day.

Following the Census, trained personal workers will be sent out "two-by-two" from each church in a united visitation evangelism effort, November 25-28.

On Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 p. m. District Victory Rallies will be held in each of the nine districts. At this meeting reports will be made by each District Superintendent and Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area will speak over a Conference-wide telephone hook-up.

Georgia Bishop Is The First Holcomb Speaker

Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area is the first speaker to be presented at Lake Junaluska in the Annual Walt Holcomb Observance in which the Southeast's Number One Problem is to be discussed. Dr. and Mrs. Walt Holcomb have established a trust fund, the proceeds from which are to be used each year in presenting a capable speaker dealing with the Number One Problem facing the Methodist Church in the Southeast portion of the United States. A special committee from the Board of Trustees including the Executive Secretaries of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the Superintendent of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, and Dr. Holcomb recommends the problem to be considered after conferring with leaders in government, in the churches, and in educational institutions. This year the Committee settled upon "Racial Tensions and the Church."

Bishop Smith is eminently qualified to address himself to this important matter. He was for a number of years prior to his

election to the Episcopacy, a District Superintendent and leading pastor in the South Carolina Conference. He received his B.D. degree from Yale University and did his graduate work at Emory University. The Bishop will speak on Sunday, July 30, in the George R. Stuart Auditorium.

Interested persons who would like to nominate or suggest the Number One Problem facing the South are requested to send their recommendations either directly to Dr. Walt Holcomb, Lake Junaluska, N. C. or the Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Lake Junaluska Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Dr. Fowler expressed the appreciation of the Assembly Trustees for this splendid contribution to the programs of the Assembly and expressed the opinion that across the years this feature should become one of real significance and be of vital helpfulness to ministers and laymen of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

It is appropriate to honor the services of Dr. Holcomb who has been an evangelist for sixty-seven years, and who has preached all over this country and in many foreign countries.

EDITORIALS

Advocate Editor to Attend World Conference in Oslo

The Editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, having been appointed a delegate to the World Methodist Conference to be held in Oslo, Norway, August 17-26, will be out of the office during the month of August. In his absence a number of people will contribute toward the production of the paper. Mr. O. D. Park, who has been connected with the paper for a good many years, and who has a wide experience in this field will have charge of its production. He will determine what goes into each issue, and will have general oversight. Mr. C. W. (Bill) Starr will be responsible for the work of the Piedmont Press. Of course everyone employed by the Methodist Board of Publication will have an important part to play in seeing that everything is done in a satisfactory way. We have a splendid force of workmen here and everyone is capable of doing his or her part.

We have also invited several persons to furnish us with guest editorials during these weeks. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, of Charlotte, will be our guest contributor for the issue of August 3; Rev. Virgil E. Queen of Elizabeth City for August 10; Dr. Robert G. Tuttle of Asheville for August 17; Rev. Thomas A. Collins of Rocky Mount for August 24; and Dr. Cecil W. Robbins of Louisville for August 31. We are sure each of these brethren will render a fine service and will give our people something of real value.

We are grateful to Bishop Paul N. Garber for appointing us an official delegate to this important meeting of world Methodism, and we express to our Methodist Board of Publication our gratitude in agreeing for us to go. We also thank these who are willing to assume an added responsibility in order that we may make the trip.

It is our purpose to leave New York July 29 and join a tour group in Geneva, Switzerland, next day. From there we will go through Switzerland, Germany, France, England, Holland, Denmark, and into Norway. In Oslo we will join some 53 other North Carolinians, including our Bishop Garber and Bishop Harmon in representing world Methodism along with 2,000 to 2,500 other delegates from all across the world. We hope to give our readers some account of this great gathering, even before we return, through the pages of the Advocate.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." — II Thes. 1:11,12.

The Chief Business of A Good Shepherd

There is no doubt that we have made wonderful progress in the Methodist church in North Carolina in many ways within the past few years. Our churches have grown numerically, our property has enhanced in value, both churches and parsonages are more attractive and more adequate. Sometime ago we asked a Bishop from another area how the Methodist church in his area compared with the church in this section and he indicated that we were far more advanced in North Carolina. It seems to be a foregone conclusion by those in a position to know that we have in this state as fine a cross-section of Methodism as can be found anywhere. We number nearly five hundred thousand members, with church plants and parsonages unsurpassed. Our giving compares favorably with that of other sections. The influence of the church on social, political, and economic life of the state is very strong. And for all this we are grateful.

But, we sometimes wonder if we are not neglecting the vital things of spiritual value as we give so much emphasis to the material. There is a danger lest we substitute material progress for spiritual growth. There seems to be too much of a tendency to measure our success in terms of how much money we raised, or how many buildings we have constructed, rather than how many souls have been saved and how many people have been added to the church on profession of faith. We are not decrying these other things, we are only suggesting they should not be considered paramount. "These things ye ought to have done, but not to leave the other undone."

As we are able to sense the yearning of people when they attend church, they want spiritual food. Sometime ago we heard the statement about a pastor who was held in high esteem by his people that "he is a good money raiser, but there is not much spiritual food available." They didn't intend to be critical; they loved him, but they were hungry. It is possible to lose golden opportuni-

ties to do good by not being a good pastor in visiting the people. The chief business of the minister is to be an evangelist in proclaiming the truth and winning people to the kingdom, and in being a good shepherd of the sheep already in the kingdom. It is tragedy when the hungry sheep look up and are not fed. One of our Bishops struck the key note when he reminded the preachers at the recent annual conference that the people don't come to church to get an interpretation of the current news, nor an authoritative statement concerning business conditions, nor an evaluation of economic trends, but they are looking for a message from the Lord. The minister is charged with the sacred responsibility of speaking to men about their relation to God. Jesus was concerned about the disciples when he asked Peter if he loved him, and on receiving assurance that he did, said "Feed my sheep."

The Every Family Plan

According to the bulletins we receive from the churches, a number of pastors are working on the matter of sending the North Carolina Christian Advocate to every family on the plan recently suggested—five months for \$1.00. This is a kind of trial plan. If at the end of that time the church does not care to continue the plan it can be terminated. Some of the churches will put it in the budget; others will ask each family to pay the dollar. The Advocate should go into every Methodist family, and now is the time to begin, since this trial offer will not be continued indefinitely. Our churches will greatly profit by having their people read the Advocate and be informed about the Methodist Church. Those who receive it feel they cannot afford to do without it. But the time is short. Now is the time to act.

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

Last May I wrote to you concerning the baptism of the Lunda chief Mwant Yav. Since then my appointment has been changed and now I am in literacy work in the Jadotville district—some five hundred miles from Kapanga. With the eyes of the world now turned toward the troubled lands of Congo, I thought perhaps you would be interested in publishing a story



A new teacher teaches his first student

of encouragement from these same troubled lands. I am sending you a copy of my latest form letter—which may not be the type of thing that usually goes in the ADVOCATE; but perhaps you can salvage bits of it in order to let the Methodists in our conference know that work is continuing in chaotic Congo. I am also enclosing recent pictures of our work. Some of them may not be best for reproduction, thus I am sending several for you to choose the best.

I hope we can acquaint the North Carolina Methodists with this new program so they can contribute to its continuation regardless of future events.

In appreciation of your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely,
MARLENE HARMON



North Carolina Conference Youth Caravan

Berlin:

As we boarded our turbo-proped plane at the London airport, our hearts were somewhat saddened for we were leaving our newly made friends; yet when we found ourselves a few minutes later high in the sky, we began to feel that ahead of us were new opportunities to meet other Christians.

For approximately three hours we were in the air. Most of our time was spent talking about our past experiences in England, however, as we circled over Berlin, a hush fell on our lips and our minds flashed with preconceived ideas of this city below us. Our giant plane swooped onto the runway at the Berlin Tempelhof Airport, and as the door of the plane opened, we felt the true strangeness of a foreign land—nothing but the sound of an unknown language. We walked up the stairs into the terminal building and waited for our luggage to pass through customs. As soon as we got our luggage, our new guide and interpreter, Reinhard Brose, walked up and greeted us. He took us outside the airport building where a small bus was waiting; we boarded the bus and headed for the Brose's house which was located in a Methodist Church.

Berlin could be titled "the City of Contrasts." Many of the buildings contained the scars of World War II; holes could be seen in the outside walls of houses and buildings. At times there were to be seen only the frames of what used to be stores and apartments. Those buildings that were not destroyed beyond use were repaired and are being used. There were also

some very modern buildings standing proudly in the sky. This, as far as buildings were concerned, there were constant mixtures of the old and the new in one block after another.

There were several basic forms of transportation in the city. Seeing both men and women of all ages riding bicycles down the streets was a very familiar sight. Cars were scarce, but the most prevalent form of transportation was that of the subway.

Though the subway itself is very old, it still commands the number one position as the cheapest and best form of transportation. It runs constantly on time and can whisk one to any part of the city very efficiently. The subway also plays a major role in the affairs of the whole world for this subway runs in and may be boarded in either the eastern or the western sectors of Berlin—usually without any type of political control in either sector. Because of this fact, thousands of people escape from eastern communist Berlin into western free Berlin each day all by means of the subway.

It is not too strange to see within the city itself blocks of land set aside with little huts and gardens on them. The people of Berlin, because they are not allowed to leave the city without going through a lot of "red tape", retire to these blocks of land on the weekends to cultivate a small garden of their own and to relax.

One day our group passed through the Brandenburger Gate "or tor" and had a brief tour of East Berlin. There were several things that made East Berlin a town within itself. Many of the buildings that had been bombed during the war were not replaced; cars, trucks, etc., were very scarce; the stores and streets were almost empty of people; new apartment buildings and stores were poorly built for their outside facings were beginning to fall off; police in green uniforms were almost on every corner; large demonstration grounds were set aside for political rallies and it was not rare to see propaganda posters glorifying communism and degrading capitalism.

While in the eastern sector, we visited a small Methodist Church. The church itself was wooden and had been built by donations from the Methodist Church of Sweden. During World War II, the church was bombed and the minister, his wife and deaconess were all killed. Now the small church stood proudly as a sign for Christ in an area where the professed philosophy has atheistic leanings.

One of the most interesting places that we visited in West Berlin was the refugee camp. We were taken on a tour of the camp by the head director and were shown many of the problems that face the refugee and the camp itself. Long rows of gray concrete apartments; sidewalks of tired people whose faces were filled with strain and anxiety; small suitcases next to benches (each suitcase containing all of the physical belongings of a refugee); a small drink stand; beautiful little children in a sandbox; baby carriages; a small chapel for all faiths and a strange feeling in the air that here was freedom's gate for 400 people a day—all of these scenes and many others formed the camp. As we left, there was a prayer of thankfulness on our lips and a sense of dedication to Christ and His cause in our hearts.

The people of Berlin are like the people of any other large city. Rarely was anyone smiling. Everyone was rushing to get to his own destination, and talking on the subways was held to a minimum. Yet, if one looked carefully, he could see that there was fear and anxiety that had been repressed in their minds.

Now, about the Methodist Church and the Methodist people whom we stayed with—Berlin, including both eastern and western sectors, contains eleven Methodist churches—nine in West Berlin and two in East Berlin. Many of them were small as far as the number of participants are concerned. Some of the churches were in the form of five or six story buildings. Each building contained a section of apartments for rent and a section for the church itself. The church sanctuaries themselves were simple but beautiful; they usually contained pine pews, a large wooden cross at the altar, and an organ (either electric or pump). The actual physical conditions under which we lived were quite different from those of America. Many of the houses contained a communal toilet, no hot water, no bathtub, no refrigerator. The rooms were small and contained only those things necessary for moderate living. The look of modern necessities, however, were overly compensated for by the love and sacrifice that the people of the Methodist Church gave to us.

We presented our program one night at Rev. Brose's church. Jim Howie and Miriam House gave their witness and "pop" preached. The whole caravan sang "Kum Ba Ya" as a special number. Even though there existed a language barrier, in our program, the language of Christ permeated all of us, both American and German. Although there were many differences between us, there was the common thread of Christianity and Methodist that joined us all in one common fellowship.

As we left Berlin, we all had mixed emotions. All of us had seen the effects of war not only on the physical make-up of a land but on the people of a land. Both "good and ugly America" had been in city and had rooted themselves; we felt the effects of both. Our minds were filled with thoughts and excitement filled the air as we climbed into the airplane for our next journey to a town in West Germany. In a few minutes, Berlin was beneath our feet, and we were in the blue sky. We had met Christ in this city, and we were beginning to see that we were going to find Him in some form almost everywhere we were going.

Leaving Berlin and her wonderful people behind

was no easy matter. But we were looking forward to meeting the Methodists in Braunschweig, a city which is about 160 miles from Berlin and the home of our guide and his wife. Alighting from the plane at Hannover, we soon continued our journey to Braunschweig by riding the train.

Mrs. Reinhardt Brose, the wife of our guide and host pastor, had tea for us. Susie (Mrs. Brose) is a former student of Greensboro College and finding a member of the Caravan who is attending G. C., she began exchanging views of G. C. (Susie Oppliger, 1958). By five o'clock our hosts and hostesses began arriving. That night we became acquainted with them and rested for the following day which would be our first day at a work project.

Friday morning we awoke to find a beautiful day. It seemed our Father had decided to give us weather in which we could really work.

Reinhardt, the pastor and our guide, told us a little of the history of the church. Braunschweig is a registered mission of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in New York City. The church has a membership of 30 or more. They are now meeting in a rented building where the parsonage family is living upstairs. Having bought a lot in a more residential section of the city, they would like a new church. On this lot there is a concrete building. By extending this building and having a basement 10 feet deep, their dream will come true. The Caravaners began their work at 8:00 in the morning, trying to help a dream become a reality.

The boys knocked down a wall dividing the building into two rooms. "Pop" and "Mom" Page and the girls dug the basement or cleaned bricks. For four days; Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, we did this work. All acquired aching muscles. We had a few mishaps; Becky had a bruised knuckle. Alan received a torn sleeve. But we enjoyed it. John now has a nice suntan. Ward claimed it was a light football practice. Jimmy enlightened us about the news at home. Jean with her ever-ready helpfulness, Jackie with her cheerfulness, Miriam with her knowledge of how to use a pick, contributed much also.

Besides work, we participated in the church program. Reinhardt has four churches. By separating the Caravan into three groups, each church was visited. At the 10:30 a.m. service at Braunschweig, the entire Caravan was present. Each church had a service that Sunday with "Pop" Page preaching. Each of the young people either spoke on the purpose of the Caravan or about his home church, or read from the Bible.

Friday night, June 23, the Caravan met with the U. Y. F. and exchanged games, songs and ideas. Saturday night the Caravan had the privilege of attending a small dinner and meeting other college students. Five nationalities were present: German, African, Indian, Swedish, and American. We enjoyed an evening of fellowship and discussions.

Also, we went to an opera which was a comedy, "Don Pasquale" by Donizetti. Besides the wonderful music, the group was fascinated by the revolving stage. There was fun, fellowship, worship at Braunschweig, but there was also sickness. "Pop" Page and Miriam each had a tooth extracted! These things happened to us.

Wednesday afternoon we left Braunschweig. We left with a feeling of thankfulness for new friends, a new understanding of brotherhood and a clearer outlook on home, race, and creed. We are Americans and Christians but we must become better Americans and Christians for the sake of Jesus and the world.

Sincerely yours,
The 1961 North Carolina
Methodist Youth Caravan

Mrs. J. E. Bigham Will Visit Missionary Son in Brazil

Mrs. J.E. Bigham of 1211 Elwell Ave., Greensboro, left Tuesday, July 25 by plane for a four to six weeks visit with her son and his family in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Rev. William Bigham is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and is serving as a missionary of the Methodist Church. He and his wife, the former Martha Ann Eury of Concord, has three children, the youngest of whom was born after they went to Brazil. Mr. Bigham is a graduate of Bessemer High School, High Point College, and took his Divinity degree at Duke University. Mrs. Bigham is a graduate of Greensboro College, and served as director of religious education before her marriage. A group of friends of Mrs. J. E. Bigham gathered for a farewell party for her as she prepared to leave to visit her son and his family. She flew from Greensboro to New York on Tuesday, and from there to Sao Paulo, arriving next morning. She expects to return to Greensboro in early September.

Candler Camp Meeting And Conference On Evangelism At Lake Junaluska In August

An old-fashioned Candler Camp Meeting will be combined with a modern Conference on Evangelism at Lake Junaluska Assembly August 13-20.

Four of the nation's top preachers, including Dr. Louis H. Evans, Sr., of Los Angeles, will serve the camp meeting.

The annual event in George R. Stuart Auditorium has become a tradition with The Methodist Church and has given many ministers and laymen opportunities to pray and work for new insights into Christian teachings.

The meeting and conference is sponsored by the church's Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, through the committee on evangelism, with the cooperation of the General Board of Evangelism and the annual conference boards of evangelism in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Theme of the eight-day meeting is "Jesus Christ Is Lord." Chairman is the Rev. Dr. J. W. Leggett, Jr., Jackson, Miss., of the jurisdictional committee on evangelism.

The conference music leaders will be Prof. Glenn Draper, director of choral music at Miami (Fla.) University, and Mrs. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, and accomplished harpist.

Dr. Evans, minister-at-large for the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been summer preacher at National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., for the past nine years.

He is an author, world traveller, and lecturer, and has been chosen by two national magazines as one of the nation's top clergymen.

Sharing the preaching duties with Dr. Evans will be:

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence L. Lacour, Nashville, Tenn., director of the Department of Evangelists, Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He opened 26 new churches in Japan in areas populated mostly by laborers and farmers.

The Rev. Leslie J. Ross, Nashville, a member of the General Board of Evangelism staff, will be devotional leader each morning during the camp meeting. He is director of the Department of Evangelistic Movements, which include personal evangelism, prayer life movement, and church attendance. He is also director of the Upper Room Radio-TV Parish.

A workshop led by Mr. Ross will be on "Developing an Aggressive Program of Evangelism."

The Rev. Russell Bow, pastor of Woodlawn Methodist Church, Owensboro, Ky., will lead the workshop on "Evangelistic Outreach of the Church and the Church School." He has written many articles on Christian education and has emphasized the outreach of the church in weekly radio broadcasts.



Announce Conferences

The first of this year's regional briefing conferences for leaders in Christian Social Concerns has been announced for July 31-Aug. 3 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. Others this year will be: Sept. 12-14 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.; Sept. 19-21, Salt Lake City, Utah; Sept. 26-27, Minneapolis, Minn.; Nov. 1-3, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

God and Me; Me and God

God created me . . .
and blessed me . . .
with good health . . . and
the ability to make a living.

God loves all his children . . .
including me . . .
and he forgives me
when I disobey or avoid Him.

God sent his son
that those who believe
should not perish
but have everlasting life.

I in turn give him so little . . .
maybe an hour or two on Sunday,
if the weather is not too pretty,
at least on some Sundays.

I promised when I joined his church
to support it with my talents,
time, prayers and money . . .

Yet how easy it is to forget one or
more of these promises—Oh yes,
I'll go next Sunday—I'll pray later—
I'll help next time

And if everything goes right—and I have
any money left I'll catch up my pledge—
if not God doesn't need it anyway.

He has given me ALL—
and yet while I take or accept
there's so little I do for him in return.

We love to get—yet hate to give—
But when we leave, not one skintint
can we take, nor could we spend it
where we'll go.

How do we spend "our" money—
more on cigarettes than for his kingdom—
more on sports than for man's salvation
more on our cars than to spread the
story of his love.

It's not we can't afford to do more than we
do—It's just—we must not know him or
Love him as he loved us.

His peace, which only he can give, passeth
all understanding . . . He freely gives to
those who open their hearts to receive
him . . .

Open our hearts and he will come in today.
—J. V. CREASY, JR.



Serving This Summer

An Indian mission in Montana, a church in the teeming tenements of Harlem and a community center in New Orleans—these are among the places of service by 19 Methodist college and seminary students participating in a work program of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.

The students will spend the summer in their home mission assignments and then return to the classroom. The Rev. John H. Graham of Philadelphia, staff member of the board, said the program provides work experience for young persons who plan to work full-time in the church later on and that it stimulates their spiritual growth. He said the project also assists churches and institutions to meet their home missionary opportunities around them.



MILLION-DOLLAR CHECK. Dr. Charles L. Calkins (center) of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Pensions, receives a million-dollar check from the New England Annual Conference, indicating its full transition into the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund of The Methodist Church. This was the largest payment on account of accrued pension liability which any conference has ever made to the general board. The million-dollar check represented the New England Conference's down payment on the reserves required to meet its unfunded pension liability as of July 1. The remainder of the liability will be amortized. Presenting the check to Dr. Calkins are Vincent P. Clarke (left), treasurer of the Preachers Aid Society of the New England Conference, and Dr. D. Joseph Imler, executive secretary of the New England Conference Board of Pensions, both of Boston. To date, 26 annual conferences have adopted this transition to a fully-funded pension program, and 26 more conferences are funding future pensions for all new entrants.

Pfeiffer Students Receive Scholarship Awards

Two Pfeiffer College students have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. They are Kenneth E. Storey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Storey, Route 1, Albemarle, and Richard W. Neal, son of Mrs. Catherine Neal, 319 Sunset Drive, North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

National Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education in its nationwide scholarship program. More than 5,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of National Methodist Scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

Storey received a National Methodist Scholarship last year also for the 1960-61 academic year.

Truck Drivers Are Crowned 'Champions of the Highways'

Four North Carolina professional truck drivers were crowned "Champions of the Highways" as the 22nd annual North Carolina State Truck Roadeo ended in Winston-Salem.

Winners and their companies are: Cletus C. Frank driving for Akers Motor Lines, Inc., Thomasville, in the straight truck class; Clyde W. Lutz, Carolina Freight Carriers Corp., Cherryville, in the single-axle truck tractor class; Delton E. Francis, Lexington, representing Roadway Express, in the tandem-axle truck tractor class; and W. F. Roesel, Roesel Oil Company, Winston-Salem, in the tank truck class.

The finals of the roadeo, sponsored by the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, climaxed three days of grueling problems designed to test the driving ability and general understanding of the trucking industry by a large number of contestants.

When Your Spirits Are Low

When you are feeling 'way down low,
And think you cannot make it;
When troubles pound your dear heart so
It seems that they will break it:
Just stop a moment, be right still,
And think of others near you,
And go to see them, if you will,
For they might quickly cheer you.

You'll find some people farther down
Than you are—in your sorrow—
But who have dreams, without a frown,
Of joy they'll have tomorrow;
And soon you'll walk away brand new,
And your bright face will show it;
You need not tell your friends that you
Are different: they'll know it!

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Gurney P. Hood Re-Elected Head of Methodist Foundation



Gurney P. Hood, prominent layman, was re-elected president of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., at its quarterly meeting at Raleigh's YMCA on July 19.

An agency for all boards and commissions of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, the Methodist Foundation, Inc., with headquarters in Raleigh, operates under charter approved by the conference. It is under the direction of a board of twenty members elected by the various agencies of the conference.

Other officers elected, in addition to Mr. Hood, were John M. Dozier, Durham, vice-president; Marvin J. Cowell, Raleigh, treasurer, and Mrs. Edna Rogers, also of Raleigh, secretary.

The Rev. Charles S. Hubbard, of Chapel Hill, is serving as chairman of the Department of Gifts and Wills, with Dr. John C. Brauer, also of Chapel Hill as vice-chairman. Additional committee members in-

clude J. Nelson Gibson, of Gibson; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Dunn; Mrs. Gwendolyn Mayes, Raleigh, with Mr. Hood, Mr. Cowell, and the Department's Director, Dr. F. Olin Hunt, as ex-officio members.

In other action the group adopted a resolution offered by the Department of Gifts and Wills that the directors of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., go on record as approving "co-mingling" the funds for the various agencies owning capitol units into one common fund for investment purposes. The resolution is aimed at "greater diversification for each unit holder, better security for each unit holder, less book-keeping expenses in keeping of the accounts, less expense in handling of the purchase and the sales of securities involved, and an opportunity for each holder to share in the real estate loans which could not be made to advantage in small units to satisfy the various holders."

Morris Field Church Buys Parsonage and Land for Church

Open House for the new Parsonage of Morris Field Methodist Church of Charlotte, was observed on Sunday, July 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. A "Pounding" to welcome back Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Ormond was held also.

Even though the house itself is not a new house it is a well constructed five-room brick house built by Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wood. It also has a double garage with an apartment connected which the pastor has made into a study.

This property is located on three and a half acres of land on Wilmont Road between Byrum Drive and New Dixie Road.

A Building Fund has been in progress for sometime and it is hoped that a new Education Building can be built on this property at an early date and a new Sanctuary later.

Greeting the guests were Wm. B. Martin, Steward; Mrs. J. E. Vandiver, Chairman of Parsonage Committee; Mrs. W. E. Richardson, President WSCS.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. L. L. Ramsuer, Mrs. Wm. B. Martin and Mrs. C. A. Wingate.

Approximately 100 members and friends called during the afternoon.

Travelers Insurance Company Compiles Accident Figures

Compilations by the Travelers Insurance Companies show that persons killed last year in highway accidents which were blamed on excessive speed totaled 10,970 as compared with 12,980 in 1959. This report is included in the safety booklet published annually by the Travelers since 1931 and distributed to more than 3.3 million persons.

Citizens organizations throughout the county should take heart in these figures," said J. Doyle DeWitt, president of the Travelers. "This decrease in deaths-due-to-speed is even more significant when you realize that it came in a year when highway accidents actually killed 400 more people than a year ago."

The Travelers president pointed out that speed has long been blamed as "the number one killer on our highways."

"Even with the improved speed record last year," Mr. DeWitt said, "speed was listed as the primary cause of accidents which accounted to 36.1 per cent of the total deaths. As for injuries, the record was not as good. They increased nearly 100,000 with more than 1,000,000 blamed on speed during the year."

The Methodist Church Speaks to Africa

By BISHOPS NEWELL S. BOOTH AND
RALPH E. DODGE

Although our interest as Methodists is not in our denomination alone, yet we do feel that for the present time we can best promote the eternal kingdom of God through devotion and loyalty to our own church organization. At the same time, we recognize that the kingdom is greater than Methodism and that our final loyalty must be to the greater even while serving through the lesser. Nevertheless, we shall be better Methodists, and we trust better Christians, by understanding the position of our church in the face of some of the burning questions of our age.

The Oneness of Humanity

As Methodists, we believe that all men are brothers, having come from a common stock and permitted a common destiny. That there is a diversity of gifts, we do not deny; but the quality and quantity of those gifts are not based on race, nationality, or social status.

In the beginning God created . . . ; at the end each awaits his reward, remembering hopefully the promise of Jesus to the repentant thief, "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

Not only is there a common origin and a common destiny but, while preparing for eternal life, we also are engaged in a common task during our sojourn upon this good earth, namely: to create a society in which the personality of each is respected and allowed to develop to its fullest capacity. This requires drastic changes in our social patterns and forewarns the necessity of the continual transformation of society as well as of individuals. The creation of a Christian society challenges the efforts of all; for "a Christian society is essential to the full nurture of a Christian person."

The Wholeness of Life

Life is a whole. Harm one part of the body and the whole organism suffers. The hand has need of the brain, and the eyes have need of the feet to carry them on their way. A weakness in one member is a weakness of the whole. Individual members cannot be separated from the body or they die.

Neither can the religious, intellectual, physical, economic, social, and political aspects of life be separated. They are all integrated into the whole man who is the object of our interest and concern.

It is because of this concept of the wholeness of man that we commend our church for its varied activities of redemptive outreach saving all of man and all of mankind. We would disassociate ourselves from any concept which relegates any part of the body as inferior or any phase of man's activities as insignificant.

It is the Christian's responsibility to participate in the total life of his church and community. The Christian is not interested in the spirit of man alone; he is interested in all of life. There is no dividing the sacred from the secular for all phases of life are sacred. Life is so constituted that all phases are inextricably interwoven to make a harmonious whole.

Value of the Individual

As Methodists and Christians, we believe "that all persons have supreme value in the sight of God, and ought to be so regarded by us. We test all institutions and practices by their effect upon persons." That which harms people is sinful; only that which enriches and redeems human personality is Christian.

The purpose ever before us should be to help, inspire, and guide others as they search for truth. Contrary-wise, that which degrades, hinders, or depresses others in their struggle for maturity and dignity should be avoided; for man is the highest object of God's creation and the object of Christ's compassion. There is nothing in the world of equal value to the human personality.

An Integrated Society

The bishops of the Methodist Church have reiterated in each General Conference Episcopal Address during this past decade that "to discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and unchristian." Every child of God is entitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry and his character. This in essence means a multiple society in some places in Africa. In an integrated society, each individual—irrespective of his cultural, racial, or national background—may have an opportunity to develop to his maximum capacity and in his creative maturity make a positive contribution to the life of his church, his community, his nation, and our one world.

Gift of Mature Judgment

Believing that every individual has great value in the sight of God and that each one has been endowed with attributes that give him dignity, we therefore have the obligation as members of the church and society to help each individual develop his talents to the maximum and find his place as a creative member of his community.

One of the gifts bestowed upon man by God is the ability to think, judge, and act as a responsible member of society. This leads automatically to the right of mature individuals to self-determination. Thus we repudiate all forms of dictatorial control, spiritual or temporal, which do not allow mature individuals to exercise the right of free choice.

When our fellow Christians become imprisoned while exercising, in love, their rights as mature citizens, we uphold them with our prayers and retain them and their families within the bonds of Christian fellowship.

Freedom of Religious Worship, Speech, and Press

As Methodist Christians, we stand for the freedom of religious expression and worship knowing that, in so doing, we reaffirm the belief and practice of Protestant people everywhere. No one within the Protestant world is coerced into any religious practice out of fear of reprisals. New thoughts of expression are encouraged if they be positive and creative and within good social

usage. Our heritage in Christ has been religious freedom and we reaffirm our intention of affording others that freedom which we claim for ourselves. In our General *Discipline*, we affirm our conviction that all people should have "the right and responsibilities of free speech, free assembly, and a free press for the encouragement of free communication of ideas essential to the discovery of truth."

Progress Through Love and Passive Resistance

Both the Bible and experience teach us that "he who takes the sword will perish by the sword." In this twentieth century there are more effective ways of achieving benevolent social results than through open warfare. Nor, by New Testament teachings, can Christians justify the murder of others.

Our Master Himself turned apparent defeat into victory by refusing to use the sword. It is true that His personal sacrifice was great, but the benefits for society are redemptive and permanent.

Following the example of Jesus, let the Christian make his position felt through passive resistance. The modern passive resistance movement was born in Africa and perfected by Mahatma Gandhi. If enough people of discipline, devotion, courage, and conviction band themselves together in concerted action for worthy, well-thought-out purpose, the force of such a movement will be felt throughout the continent and around the world.

However, it should be remembered that the highest motivation known to man is love. Therefore, whatever is attempted, let it be done in love. In all phases of life, hatred and prejudice can be overcome only by love.

Obligation to Labor Creatively

We believe that the adult has an obligation to labor diligently and creatively in order to produce that which is needed for his own well-being and that of his family. He also needs to labor to enjoy good health and maintain his personal integrity. Man was made to labor, and from honest work well done comes one of the deepest satisfactions in life. In doing well his assigned tasks, the Christian can bear witness to his faith.

Insofar as possible, the type of labor should express the creative spark inherent in every individual and should be rewarded with material benefits commensurate with the energy expended. We believe that God calls laymen to specific tasks just as surely as He calls ministers to the pulpit. Therefore, let every Christian labor as unto the Lord, doing his very best in every situation to be creative and constructive; in so doing, his personal testimony will be more penetrating.

In closing this section of the address, it may be well to suggest that our Central Conference *Discipline*, when next revised, have a statement of our position on the numerous burning social questions confronting a multiple society.

On Theological Concepts

Methodists believe that God existed from the beginning of time; that it was He who started the creative process in motion; that it is He who has established the orderliness of the universe and made the laws for its continuation.

Because of Jesus Christ, Methodists be-

lieve that God's basic nature is love; that He maintains an interest in man and a concern for his development and well-being. They further believe that God is unrestricted in knowledge and power except by laws which He Himself established.

Methodists believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and also the son of man. That in Him the divine and human natures were joined; that, as thus incarnating God, He can redeem man whose nature He took and whose temptations He suffered while living upon the earth.

Methodists believe that salvation is achieved when man in sincerity acknowledges his own failings and frustrations and accepts by faith an offer that God through Jesus Christ will supplement human efforts by divine intervention. How that is done remains a mystery; nevertheless its accomplishment is a reality.

By death upon the cross, Christ has already provided succor for those seeking divine assistance. In Him there is redemption, recreation, reorientation, and revelation. Man's part in salvation is surrender; God's is transformation, the making of a new creature out of the old, a spiritual being out of the carnal.

We believe that God has sent His Holy Spirit into the world to guide those who in prompt obedience seek direction, comfort those who are in mourning, encourage the down-hearted, humble the haughty, empower the weak, and convert those who sin. It is also the Holy Spirit who bears witness to our spirits that we are the children of God.

Methodists everywhere believe that the holy scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation. The scriptures are to be our guide; however, observance of the Holy Writ should not be in slavish conformity to the letter of the law but rather through open responsiveness to the living spirit of the Word, comparing one passage with another until the prevailing meaning has become clear.

Methodists believe that man is in need of God; that humanity finds its most noble expression through contact with divinity. Methodists cry with St. Augustine, "Thou hast created us for Thyself and our souls are restless until they repose in Thee." We believe that as life comes into contact with God and His purpose, it becomes more meaningful, more buoyant, more abundant.

Methodists believe that the church is a fellowship of all believers from all lands and of all times. Thus the church becomes a living, vital organism subject to change and growth. It is anchored in its past but extends to the end of time. It is static when it becomes exclusive, selfish, or disobedient. It is dynamic when it seizes its opportunity of growth by giving understanding, security and confidence to those who would seek its fellowship.

Racial, national, cultural, or doctrinal barriers break the bonds of Christian fellowship. Concepts of national or racial superiority destroy the very foundations of the church as an all-inclusive fellowship. We believe with St. Paul that Christ hath broken down the middle wall of partition separating one segment of society from another.

It is in this all-inclusive fellowship that man finds his sense of community. He be-

comes one of a group, neither inferior nor superior, and shares with others a common hope, common trials, and a common destiny.

We in the Methodist church believe in change as inevitable and desirable. The doctrine of Christian Perfection, as favored by the Wesleys, indicates growth on the part of the believer as he comes into a clearer and more complete understanding of God's purpose for his life.

We believe that man is a free agent, capable of either growth or regression, and that the direction which his life takes depends upon a rich devotional life, a willing response, and a strict personal discipline.

We believe that God has revealed Himself to His chosen people of past generations and that He is revealing Himself today through His Word, through daily experiences, through advice from those who live in intimate contact with him, and through direct revelation.

We believe that the enlightened Christian conscience responds to the need of people everywhere. One of the basic characteristics of our Lord was His strong motivation to meet the needs of all categories of people. Those who were with Him record over and over again His compassion for the multitudes. We believe that the church's vitality will depend very much on her sensitivity to the needs of all people everywhere.

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Rev. D. P. McFarland Attending Institute of Scientific Studies

The Reverend D. P. McFarland, executive director of the Christian Action League of North Carolina left July 24 for Washington, D. C. where he spent two weeks attending the American Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism. Sessions of the Institute were held on the campus of American University, where Mr. McFarland was housed. The executive committee of the Christian Action League in a quarterly meeting in Raleigh on Thursday, July 20, voted for the Director to attend the Institute. The League is a church-related organization working throughout North Carolina seeking a solution to the beverage alcohol problem. The League believes in the total abstinence approach to the problem. It has an alcohol education program geared to the young people of junior and senior high school age. The Committee also voted to elect Mr. Fred Dies of Nashville, Tennessee, as a Summer Field worker in the state.

Offices of the Christian Action League are located at 424½ Fayetteville Street in Raleigh.

Plans Progress for Congo

Experts in several fields of technical training are currently preparing curricula for the new multi-million-dollar educational venture in the Congo, the Congo Polytechnic Institute (CPI). Though an interdenominational project, the institute is closely related to The Methodist Church financially, in personnel and in administration.

CPI will seek to help fill the critical need for trained personnel in a variety of vocational fields.

Youth Activities Week in Cleveland County Churches

Six churches in Upper Cleveland County plan a Youth Activity Week. Friendship, Lawndale, Palmtree, Knob Creek, St. Peter's and Kadesh Methodist churches are planning a joint Youth Activity Week beginning Sunday, July 23 and going through Friday, July 28th. The theme for the week is "Paul and His Letters." Study courses will be conducted each night by Ann Harris and Nancy Smith, who are working with the Town and Country Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference. This is one of the many programs in which the area cooperates in putting on.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay On Scarritt Faculty

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay has been appointed Assistant Professor of Bible at Scarritt College, effective September 1, according to Dr. D. D. Holt, president of the college.

Dr. Hay will hold the Belle Harris Bennett Bible Chair in his new appointment. During the past year Dr. Hay has been teaching Old Testament at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Previous to this he was a teaching fellow at the Divinity school and taught Hebrew for three years.

Dr. Hay is a native of Maysville, Ky. and has held pastorates at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania and Albany, Kentucky.

Antioch Methodist Church Celebrates 130 Anniversary

Antioch Methodist church on the King's charge, Winston-Salem district, will observe its 130th Anniversary next Sunday, July 30. Worship services will be held at 11:00 a. m., and in the afternoon a special service will be held. Rev. Joe C. Smith is the pastor.

When the Antioch church was first organized it was a part of the Virginia Conference, which extended from Danville, Va., to the South Carolina line, and from Raleigh to the mountains. It became a part of the North Carolina Conference in 1839, and of the Western North Carolina Conference in 1889.

During the years much progress has been made and it is now one of the three churches of the King's charge.

The memorial service will be led by Mrs. Lelia Vest Russell, and a brief history will be given by Mr. E. Frank Strupe. The public is invited.

Win Gold Medals

Methodist Commitment Day materials have won two gold medals, out of six awarded in competition with 2,000 entries, from the annual Art Directors Exhibit of Commercial Art Photography. The medals went to the 1960 Commitment Day poster on the theme of "Methodists Say 'No Thank You'" and also to the total campaign as best design in a direct mail program. The materials were produced by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.

First Church Newton Sponsors Youth Division Camp

First Methodist Church, Newton, will sponsor its seventh annual youth division camp beginning July 30. This year, the week long experience will be held at camp Albert Butler, near Sparta, N. C., and will be centered around the theme, "Religion in a Revolutionary Age."

A major portion of the week's activity will be given to six discussion groups, including "Denominations," "Relationships," "I Believe," "Science and the Christian Faith," and "Christianity and Communism." These will be small groups of eight to ten young people, led by a member of the camp staff.

In addition, there will be recreational activities for afternoons and evenings, with horseback riding, hiking, archery, swimming, and various team sports included. A sunrise service, a midnight service of Holy Communion, daily vespers and personal devotions will complete the schedule.

The planning for the camp has been accomplished largely by the Youth Division Council of the church. Finances have come from various sources, with the campers themselves paying only a portion of the actual expenses. Several youth projects and exceptional support from the Commission on Education have provided the necessary funds.

Leaders for the camp will include the following: the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Brunson Wallace; the associate pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Don Ashe; summer assistant Dave Jarvis; minister of music, Donald Clapp; the Rev. Douglas M. Lawson; superintendent of the youth division, Charles W. Durham; Mrs. Dee Blanton; Miss Nancy Young.

Rev. H. L. Hendricks Died at Duke Hospital

Rev. Harris L. Hendricks, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, who has made his home in Tarboro since his retirement, died last Wednesday at the Duke Hospital, Durham, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Hendricks began his ministry in Georgia, then transferred to the North Carolina conference, where he has served effectively for a number of years. His pastorates included Scotland Neck, Lillington, Durham Circuit, First Church Rockingham, Farmville Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, Laurinburg, First Church Elizabeth City, Steele Street, Sanford, Chestnut Street, Lumberton, and Tarboro. He served 43 years in the pastorate.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eloise Morrison Hendricks; and one daughter, Miss Eloise Hendricks of Tarboro; two sons, Warren A. of Cumberland, Md., and Harris L. Hendricks, Jr. of St. Louis, Mo.; two sisters, Miss Adeline Hendricks and Mrs. Charlie Smith, both of Cartersville, Ga.; three brothers, Colen and Frank, both of Cartersville, and Fred of Atlanta, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at St. James Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Friday by Rev. R. S. Brodie, assisted by Dr. W. C. Ball and Col. Worth Wicker. Burial was in Edgecombe Memorial Park.

Book Reviews

"THE CALL FOR NEW CHURCHES" By Dr. B. P. Murphy, Editorial Department, Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Dr., New York 27, N. Y.

In this factual and inspiring account of the development of the church building program in Methodism, with an introduction by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. Murphy, secretary of the Division of Church Extension of the Board of Missions, gives the story of advance up to the present and sets forth the reasons and needs for its continuation. It is pointed out that the population of America in 1950 was 151,325,798 and that in 1960 it had grown to 177,718,621. It is estimated that 35,000,000 people change residence in America each year, and that the average American moves his residence every five years. A steady stream of people moving from rural to urban centers, and in cities the movement is from the older sections to the suburbs, and even to rural non-farm sections. All these and many other facts point to the necessity of establishing new churches and relocations of others. In the "Call For New Churches" Dr. Murphy not only presents the need but also outlines methods for accomplishing the goal. The General Conference of 1960 in the Episcopal Address gave encouragement and implementation to the extension program. In setting forth the need, Dr. Murphy cites concrete evidence in annual conferences and areas, and of especial interest to North Carolinians is the reference to the unusual growth in the North Carolina Conference, and the part played in this by the Rev. Thomas A. Collins and the Rev. O. L. Hathaway in the establishment of some 84 churches. This unusual expansion program was underwritten by some 5,000 members of the Church Builders, or Ten Dollar Club. \$10.00 is contributed by each member of the club when a new church is established, with not more than three calls being made in one year. Through this method the conference has grown from 168,600 members in 789 churches in the 281 pastoral charges in 1950, to 192,500 members in 855 churches in the 478 pastoral appointments in 1960. (The number has greatly increased since these figures were compiled.) The conditions and needs in this state are indicative and representative of the need in other areas of the church. "The Call For New Churches" is a thrilling story of church extension."—S. J. S.

Marriage Counseling

Marriage counseling has become one of the most important functions of the minister, but Methodists aim to reduce the need for such work by strengthening the Christian family. This was the major theme of the recent Seminar on Family Life for Ministers at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.

Dr. Edward D. Staples of Nashville, director of the Department of the Christian Family of the Board of Education, led the seminar. Clergymen from 19 annual conferences attended.

Believe It Or Not

Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., corporation executive who is chairman of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism, now repeats from memory a minimum of 15 chapters of the Bible every day. He has been repeating the Sermon on the Mount from memory every day for the last 14 years.

Camp Ground Charge Albemarle District

REV. ROBERT F. NAY, Pastor

Plans for the 132nd annual session of the Pleasant Grove Camp Meeting are announced by the pastor of the Camp Ground Charge, the Rev. Robert F. Nay. The historic meeting place is the "medca" of Union County, located about one mile from Mineral Springs, N. C. It is under the direction of the trustees of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and the pastor of the Camp Ground Charge. Mr. Nay states, "We are extremely fortunate in securing excellent all-around leadership again this year for our Camp Meeting, August 13-20."

The preacher will be the Rev. William H. Dyar, pastor of the Jonesville Methodist Church since 1959. Prior to that time he was a teacher at N. C. State College and a General Evangelist in the middle west and south.

Song leader this year will be the Rev. Henry Wofford of the South Carolina Conference, appointed this year to the City Mission in Charleston. He will work with the children in addition to directing the music at all services. He is well known in the Carolinas for his outstanding work in this field as well as evangelistic work. He will preach at the opening service at eleven o'clock on August 13.

Youth worker and pianist will be the Rev. James S. Connor of the Mississippi Conference. For the past six years Mr. Conner has been executive secretary of the Mississippi Church Council on Alcohol Education. This year he returned to the pastorate and was appointed to the Brandon Methodist Church. The topic for the youth study which was selected for this year is an outgrowth of the church-wide mission study last year on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility. Certainly we could get no one more qualified than Mr. Conner to teach our youth in this field of study.

Daily services are at 11 and 7:45. Sunday afternoon service will be the Memorial Service in which we honor all those of the camp meeting family who have died during the year. For "Big Sunday", August 20, the custom will be followed by having a non-Methodist bring the message at the afternoon service.

Over five hundred are expected to "tent" on the grounds this year in the ninety tents located at the "Pleasant Grove". The tents are on a square and the church and the historic arbor are located within the tent area. The arbor is hip-roofed, built of hand-hewn and pegged together with locust pegs in 1830.

Several thousand people are expected to attend these services at Pleasant Grove where a unique atmosphere, pervaded with a perfect mixture of spirituality and sociability, will prevail as in the past 131 years of the camp meeting.

W. N. C. Conference Pastors

August 1 is the deadline for your Journal orders. Please get your orders in.

CHARLES D. WHITE, Secretary

1961 Rally Day Program "To Serve the Present Age"

The 1961 church school rally day program, "To Serve the Present Age," by James E. Hankins, just off the press, emphasizes the importance of the church school in the life of the local church.

It is designed to help interpret how Christian education serves the needs of persons of all ages in the church school. A meeting of the commission on education is depicted, reflecting the needs and concerns of the church to provide adequate teaching for its people. The program includes a suggested worship service.

Church school rally day is observed annually in every Methodist church to point up the values of Christian nurture. An offering is taken for the support of the school work of the annual conference in serving local churches.

Date for rally day is set by each annual conference. Usually it is held the last Sunday in October.

The printed program, with suggestions for planning the observance, is available from the Cokesbury store serving you, 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, \$5.00 per hundred.

Second National Youth School Of World Concerns, Aug. 21-27

A school to help youth find positive answers to alcohol problems and to the role of sex will bring some 100 young Methodists to Kansas City Aug. 21-27.

The occasion is the second National Youth School of Moral Concerns conducted by two Methodist agencies—Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Youth Department, Division of Local Church, Board of Education. Sessions will be on the campus of National College for Christian Workers.

Participants will be representative leaders of high school youth in the church's 103 annual conferences, including some conference adult advisers. They will be trained to help conduct educational programs in their own regions.

Purposes of the school include helping youth to place in proper perspective current pressures for use of beverage alcohol, to find answers to the problems of drinking, to explore the role of sex in Christian living, to find answers to the questions of dating, petting, preparation for marriage and sex roles in modern society.

Directors will be Mrs. Emogene Dunlap Kuhn of Washington, D. C., and Rene Pino of Nashville, youth workers with the sponsoring agencies.

To Ghana Celebration

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., head of the St. Louis Area of the Central Jurisdiction, is the official representative of the Council of Bishops at a celebration of the independent church of Ghana July 29-30. He and Mrs. Clair left July 5 on an extensive tour that will also include visitation of Methodist churches in northern Europe as the guest of Bishop Odd Hagen, episcopal leader there.

New Pastor at Chicago Temple

Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce has been named pastor at First Methodist Church (Chicago Temple), Chicago, Ill. He succeeds Dr. Charles Ray Goff who has retired at age 72 after 19 years at the Temple.

Dr. Goff will continue his association with the Temple, assisting Dr. Pierce with preaching and counseling. In addition he will do his radio program, *Methodist Men's Hour*, which he has done for many years.

Prior to his Chicago appointment, Dr. Pierce was pastor of Metropolitan Methodist Church, Detroit, Mich.

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THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

D. E. EARNHARDT, Pastor

"The poor have the gospel preached to them."

One poor fellow had too much gospel preached to him and he fell asleep. When they stood up to sing he could not straighten. They hurried off to the doctor who found that while asleep he had fastened the upper buttonhole of his vest to the bottom button.

Arthur Brisbane said poor folks mean poor minds. That does not work out. Many wise men work to produce wealth for others and not to accumulate it for themselves. Edgar Allen Poe, O. Henry, Robert Burns, Daniel DeFoe and Oliver Goldsmith died on a poor man's diet. Woodrow Wilson borrowed \$500 to move to the Whitehouse. Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Jackson gave their wives fur coats made from rabbit hides.

Preachers are the richest paupers in the world. Their wealth is chicken feed. John the Baptist was their forerunner. He ate grasshoppers for meat and beeswax for bread. His cut-a-way coat was a girdle cut away from a set of old wagon harness.

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MARKS OF A GOOD CHRISTIAN

1. One who holds his membership where he lives.
2. One who attends all the services of his church including the "Hour of Power" if it is possible for him to do so.
3. One who gives regularly and cheerfully to the support of his church.
4. One who lives a life that is an asset and not a liability to the church.
5. One who knows, believes in, and practices the doctrine of the New Testament.
6. One who seeks to be a peacemaker in the church and community.
7. One who accepts and discharges any task assigned to him by the church.
8. One who reads his Bible, and prays sincerely to God each day.
9. One who seeks the salvation of his kindred, friends, neighbors, and all who are lost to the ends of the earth.
10. One who boosts his church and will not see it neglected, harmfully criticized or abused without defense.
11. One who sees and recognizes that the church is bigger than he.
12. One who submits to majority rule and cooperates for the good of the church.

—Clipped.

Miss Anne Page Brooks Will Be Special-Term Missionary

Miss Anne Page Brooks, 311 Charles Circle, Roxboro, N. C., is one of 32 young men and women who will leave the United States this fall and winter to begin three years of special-term Methodist missionary service in 14 countries of Asia, Africa, and North and South America.

Miss Brooks, who has been a public school teacher in Palm Beach, Fla., will go to Japan as a missionary teacher.

Born in Roxboro, Miss Brooks spent her early life there and attended East Carolina



State College at Greenville. She was graduated in 1959 with a bachelor of science degree in primary education. While in college, she was elected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," was the student government chaplain, president of the campus Young Women's Christian Association and a member of the Wesley Foundation (organization for Methodist students).

Since 1959, Miss Brooks has been a first grade teacher in the Palm Beach County schools. She is a member of the First Methodist Church of West Palm Beach.

Bishop and Mrs. Harmon Leave for Oslo

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Aea, left Thursday, July 20, on the first leg of a tour which will take him to the 10th World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, Aug. 17-25.

Bishop Harmon is one of 20 bishops chosen by The Methodist Church to represent United States Methodism at the world meeting. He will be accompanied by his wife.

During the Oslo meeting, Bishop Harmon will lead one of the sessions, will participate on several of the committees which will look into all phases of Methodist life, and, along with Mrs. Harmon, will attend several formal receptions and dinners scheduled for the bishops and other delegates.

Bishop and Mrs. Harmon left from New York City for Great Britain via boat Friday, July 21; and will fly back to the U. S. from Oslo, arriving here Aug. 25.



Woman's Activities



Miss Thelma Stevens Addresses Women

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

"The time is here when we have to see our whole life—the stewardship of ALL of life," said Miss Thelma Stevens of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, in a talk to Methodist women at the Jurisdiction School of Missions at Christian Service at Lake Junaluska.

Miss Stevens was discussing, "Leadership Training." She continued, "In the United States we have not accepted our opportunities. In a recent conference in Africa, women gathered to set some goals to try to accomplish during the next several months. Their theme was, 'In Africa, what is the place of women in life today?' These are the resolutions they adopted: 1. Education of women and girls; 2. Out-of-school activities, or adult education; 3. Preparation of women for responsible citizens; 4. Betterment of economic conditions. Basically, how do these differ from the needs of women in the United States?"

She read the changing role of women in today's world, saying that in the field of employment, more older women are working, more mothers of children are working in order to meet the family budget; her employment is related directly to her education. Miss Stevens said, "The Methodist Church needs to take into account the different kind of jobs—and plan programs adapted to their needs—programs for the young working mothers, challenging programs for the middle aged, and also programs for the senior citizens in the church. It is estimated that in the year 1970, two out of every three women will be employed."

She continued by saying, "This employment brings additional changes in relationships—the more women who work, the more they have to say in the management of the homes. The more they will be faced with increasing death rate."

The church must recognize many factors, she said, the changing role of women as more are employed, the fact that men and women have more equality, the increased varieties of women of differing age needs, the urgent need of women to take account of the relationship of women to the world, that as citizens women have to know a great deal more, and that factors have meaning.

She concluded by saying, "There is a new urgency for women to relate themselves to the needs of the world through community responsibility. This is a new day for women."

It is through the program and study classes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that women learn these things—

"more women need to participate in these," said Miss Stevens.

Methodist Work in Hong Kong

The work of the Methodist Church in Hong Kong is described in a long letter written by Miss Louise Avett, missionary from Western North Carolina Conference to the women at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society at Lake Junaluska.

She says in part, "I wish it were possible to whisk you over to Hong Kong to meet my colleagues—Chinese and American, and visit our work . . . yours and ours for the Heavenly Father. First, I would take you to our North Point Church in the 'garages'. Dr. and Mrs. Sidney R. Anderson would tell you that this church was born because Shanghai refugees kept asking, 'Where is OUR Church?' . . . Last March work was begun on the new church.

"You will want to meet our pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Chow. They are wonderful people . . . refugees like most of their congregation, with deep heart-aches about which they rarely ever speak . . . Most of the church members have relatives on the mainland of China to whom they send food and some clothing regularly. It seems that everyone on the mainland is hungry.

"From North Point Church you will go to our new North Point Primary School which was opened two years ago. . . We have only 284 students, ten teachers and a business manager and clerk. Although we are small we have high standards. Miss Ruth Hansen and I teach in this school. She works with the church MYF, while I work with the children's Sunday School and the Woman's Society. Our WSCS meets weekly.

"The MCOR helped to establish our resettlement village which is called Wesley Village. Just within the past year it has become a full-fledged church. Its pastor is the young Rev. Moses Lee. He and his recent bride and two other workers have a good church and community program. This church is already reaching out to a nearby village where work is beginning. North Point Church has been like a 'big brother' to Wesley Village.

"To see our other work we shall have to cross the harbor on a ferry to Kowloon and the New Territories. Let's first go to Word Memorial Church which is meeting in two borrowed rooms of the Chinese 'Y'. It was here that I first worshiped on the Sunday morning last September 11, when Miss Dolores Miller and I flew into Hong Kong. How thrilled I was when I realized I was understanding at least half of Rev.

Chester Yang's sermon in Mandarin. Words of the Chinese hymn warmed my heart. Chester and Helen Yang and their host of loyal layment are carrying on a grand program. All of us will be ready to shout when that church family gets permission to buy land for their church building."

In describing the Rooftop K program, she said, "The government built many apartment houses to try to meet the housing problems of so many refugees. These early apartment buildings were in the shape of an H and were usually eight stories high (many without benefit of elevators, too). The ground floors were occupied by shops. The government gave churches and welfare groups permission to use the roofs for kindergartens, small primary schools and recreation centers. Classrooms were built on the ends of the roofs and the middle section was used for a playground. Imagine a children's slide, a see-saw or a jungle frame eight stories up!

"Rooftop K also has a Mother's club, a MYF, a Sunday School and a regular Sunday evening service. All the school children are given bean milk and wafers daily. Pastor Yang and Ward Memorial Church members have contributed generously of their time and talent to the development of Rooftop K's work.

"While we are at Asbury Village we should ride out to the new industrial area where several new apartment buildings are going up. The government has offered our mission the ground floor of one of these buildings for a big new primary school. We felt that it was a challenge that we could not turn down. The British Methodists have a similar school in another area.

She concludes by writing, "Right now I am confined to my apartment with a cast on my right foot . . . Chinese friends have been so good to me I feel so humble with gifts of enough flowers and fruit to open shops.

"Will you . . . please take my greetings and love back home to your local church women. May God continue to bless you as you go into this new year. We need more workers. Won't you help us find them?"

Sincerely,

LOUISE AVETT

22 Hennessey Road, Hong Kong

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF PROMOTION REPORTS

By MARY GARDNER

The 763 Woman's Societies of Christian Service in the N. C. Conference have a membership totaling 32,696 as of the report period recently ended, according to Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion.

Also highlighting the report was a 1,814 gain in membership plus five new district members. Of the 692 societies reporting, Goldsboro and Durham districts were 100 per cent in reporting. The New Bern, Rocky Mount, and Fayetteville districts are 100 per cent organized, and the Burlington,

Durham, Elizabeth City, and Raleigh districts each have only one church which has no WSCS organization.

Mrs. Boyd's report also reveals 75 Wesleyan Guild units, with a membership totaling 2,059.

WSG Spiritual Life Activities

Miss Little Smith, Chairman Spiritual Life, N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, has compiled a number of activities which are being promoted in this line of work by local Guild units in the conference. They include: use of the Spiritual Life Prayer Packet, emphasis upon stewardship, use of Prayer Calendar, creative worship services, Spiritual Life Retreats, communion breakfasts, communion dinners, silent meals during the Week of Prayer and Self Denial, religious book clubs, prayer partners, and open chapel, with inspirational music during the Week of Prayer and Self-denial.

These projects, Miss Smith suggests, can serve as guides and incentives to other Guild units in creating means of Spiritual enrichment in the program of the Guilds.

WFMW To Meet in Norway

The World Federation of Methodist Women will convene in closed sessions, Aug. 12-14, in Oslo, Norway, to confer on ways women can further meet the vast needs of a changing world.

Delegates will represent more than a million Methodist women from 44 countries, and will concentrate most of their time on problems of illiteracy, polygamy, the rights of married women, and the rights of children.

From August 14 to 16 the Federation will hold general sessions open to all Methodist women who are in Oslo at the time, including delegates to the World Methodist Conference Meeting, August 17-25, also in Oslo—Together.

Conference Treasurer's New Address

Due to the recent appointment of her husband to the pastorate of the Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, the address of Mrs. L. C. Vereen, treasurer of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has been changed from 1210 N. Broad Street, Durham, N. C., to 117 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh, N. C.

Supply Pastors' School In Session at Duke

Some 240 supply pastors from eight conferences of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church are attending the Supply Pastors' School at Duke University for a four-week course of study for Supply Pastors.

Thirteen years ago, the Methodist Church established the school, which is required of ministers who lack the seminary degree. Set up on a four-year basis, a year's study is concentrated in the four-week summer period.

Serving as director is Dr. W. Arthur Kale, professor of Christian Education at Duke. The teaching staff consists of faculty members from Duke Divinity School and the Department of Religion.



St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, held a ground-breaking service for a new Education Building on Sunday, July 16. This will be the first addition to the church which was organized only twenty months ago. The congregation totals 253 members. The new building will contain fourteen classrooms and will cost \$40,000 dollars. Mr. Samuel is chairman of the Building Committee. An effective financial crusade was held in January of this year by Mr. Rollin Gibbs, Executive Director of Finance and Field Service for the Western North Carolina Conference. Rev. Kenneth R. Moore is breaking ground. Dr. Embree H. Blackard is looking on.

Magazine Announces Contest Winners

Three Methodist missionaries are the winners in an international essay contest sponsored by *World Outlook*, Methodist magazine of missions, as a part of its Golden Anniversary observance. The contest, which drew more than 75 entries, was on the philosophy of missions. The winners, announced in the August issue, are:

First place (prize of \$250)—The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bush of Waco and Dallas, Texas, formerly a professor at Southern Methodist University and now acting secretary of the Christian Study Center on Chinese Religion in Hong Kong.

Second place (prize of \$100)—The Rev. Dr. Gerald H. Anderson of New Castle, Pa., professor of church history and ecumenics at Union Theological Seminary in Manila, the Philippines, and editor of the recently published book, *The Theology of the Christian Mission*.

Third place (prize of \$75)—Dr. Gertrude Feely of Shelbyville, Mo., director of the Kobe (Japan) Christian Youth Center and professor of Seiwa Junior College in Kobe, a training school for church workers.

World Outlook also announced four honorable mention of \$50 each. They are:

The Rev. Dr. Cecil Northcott, Bromley, Kent, England, editor of the Lutterworth Press and noted Congregational minister and writer; the Rev. Earl Herbert Cressy, Claremont, Calif.; Mrs. Walter E. Glasser, Port Washington, N. Y.; W. Cecil Findley, Manhattan, Kan.

The essay contest was one of three sponsored by *World Outlook* as a part of its Golden Anniversary observance in 1960. Results had been announced previously in the missionary story and missionary hymn contests. The three winning essays will be published in *World Outlook*.

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THE REV. KENNETH WATSON, pastor of Community Methodist Church, Tujunga, Calif., is the new executive director of the Religion and Labor Council of America, Washington, D. C.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

The police chief was a member of the church where The Reverend T. B. Huneycutt was pastor. The drunks on Saturday nights became a grievous problem for the chief. He and his minister decided to take drastic measures to cope with the situation which was growing continually worse. A new Sunday School class was organized. When a drunk was arrested, if he would promise to attend Sunday School and church the next morning, the chief would take him home instead of locking him up.

The class increased from 21 on roll with seven present the first Sunday, with an offering of 72c to an enrollment of 92 with a weekly offering averaging \$60. Many sent in their offering if they were unable to attend. The class leveled off with about 50 members after another class was organized.

Someone aptly said:

"For success in God's work, begin where you are, use what you have, and go as far as you can."

'Mob is Never Pretty'

An editorial in the July issue of *World Outlook*, the Methodist magazine of missions, criticizes the recent violence in Alabama, where Negro and white "Freedom Riders" testing bus station desegregation were attacked by angry mobs.

Pointing out that "a mob is never a pretty sight," the magazine said, however, that the incidents can serve "some good" if lessons are learned from them.

"The most obvious lesson," it said, "is one that is universal—the prevalence of sin in mankind. There is nothing unusually sinful about the Alabama rioters. This kind of thing can happen anywhere, when people let their proclivities to hate and fear take control." A second lesson, the magazine continued, "is a stern warning against the abdication of responsibility by Southern leaders."



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Rescued From The Fire

A Red Indian Story

Chief Red Feathers was head of a large tribe of Indians in one of the western states of North America. For some time past a white missionary had been living with his people, and Chief Red Feathers had become very much interested in the message he had brought to them.

He called for the missionary, and talked with him. At first he couldn't understand why it was that such a person as Jesus, who didn't belong to his tribe, and so far as he knew, had never been in his country, was interested in him. Day after day he sat in his wigwam with the missionary, asking him all sorts of questions.

At last one day the beautiful truth of love of Jesus dawned on his mind, and from that moment he was a changed man. His people noticed the difference at once, and wondered what had happened. Chief Red Feathers didn't swear any more; he threw away his pipe and tobacco, and would not drink the "fire-water." He now spent most of time telling his people about Jesus.

The news of what had happened spread far and wide, and the chiefs of other tribes came to find out for themselves what was the truth of the matter.

One day Chief White Feathers arrived and was introduced to Chief Red Feathers. "Tell me," said Chief White Feathers, "what is this that I have heard about you? Have you indeed agreed to worship the white man's God?"

"It is true," replied Chief Red Feathers. And he explained to Chief White Feathers all that he knew of Jesus and His love for red Indians.

Chief White Feathers was puzzled. "No, no," he said. "It is no good teaching. I do not understand."

But Chief Red Feathers was determined that his friend should believe in Jesus as he did. "Come here," he said, "and I will show you."

Chief Red Feathers led the way into an open space in the woods. Then he picked up small pieces of dry wood, which he placed in the form of a circle about a yard across.

When the circle of wood was completed he went a little way off and began digging in the ground. Finding a

worm, he picked it up and placed it in the center of the circle. Then he set fire to the wood, and stood back.

Chief White Feathers was more puzzled than ever. "What does this mean," he asked.

"Just wait a moment," said Chief Red Feathers, "and you will understand."

The wood, being very dry, burned fiercely, and it was not long before the worm felt the heat. Sensing danger, it began to seek a way out, but in vain.

When the fire was at its hottest, and it seemed that the worm was doomed to be scorched to death, Chief Red Feathers jumped forward, put his arm through the flames, and brought the worm out to safety.

"Now," he said, "that is just what Jesus has done for me. I should have been burned up for all the wicked things I have done, but Jesus died to save me from the fire and to let me live forever."

"I see, I see," said Chief White Feathers. "Now I understand."

Very happy, he at once asked Chief Red Feathers to send a missionary over to his people to teach them the wonderful story of the love of God. And on and on the story went, from tribe to tribe, as more and more Indians learned to love the white man's God.

—Selected



God's Candles

Through my window at night I see
The sky all sprinkled with stars;
Some have the strangest sounding names,
Like Venus, Saturn and Mars.

There's Great Dipper and North Star
To travel by, they say;
And millions of teeny weeny stars
That make the Milky Way.

My dad knows all about the stars,
Their names and places and all;
They've been up there a long, long time,
Ever since he was small.

Sometimes the clouds are very dark,
And hide the stars from view;
But they still shine behind the clouds
Just as they always do.

Mom says the stars are God's candles
When I ask her what they are,
But they are much more beautiful
Than candles are, by far.

—VIOLA VICK BRASWELL

Two Words That Paid Off

A prosperous-looking citizen, on a downtown corner in Boston, bought a newspaper from an alert little newsboy who made change instantly, but without speaking a word.

The man lingered. "How many papers do you sell here at night?" he asked.

"About fifty," said the newsie.

"What is your name?"

"Tim Manning," replied the youngster.

"Listen, Tim," said the man. "When I was your age I had this corner for a stand. I sold 200 papers a night, and I did it by saying 'Thank you' to every person who bought a paper. And I said it so they would be sure to hear it."

Three evenings later the man came by again and bought another paper from the little chap on the corner.

"Thank you!" said Tim, not recognizing him.

"How's business?" asked the man.

Then Tim knew him. "I'm selling 75 papers every night now, sir," he said with pride. "I'm never going to forget what you told me, either," and he grinned all over his honest, freckled face.

—From Exchange



Chuckles

Brother: "Hey, Sis, what would be good colors for our boxing club?"

Sister: "Black and Blue!"

"Did you see a little boy come in this theater around noon today?" asked an anxious woman. "He had on a striped sweater and a red cap."

The attendant thought a moment. "Yes, he came in at noon. He's down in the front row."

"Do you mind," smiled the relieved mother, "giving him this package? It's his supper."



Bible Quiz

1. What birds fed Elijah? _____
2. What bird brought an olive leaf to Noah in the Ark? _____
3. What bird do you associate with Peter? _____
4. What bird was sold at "two for a farthing?" _____
5. What birds did Jesus' mother offer in the temple as a sacrifice after his birth? _____



Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Isaac—Genesis 22:7-10
2. A Calf—Exodus 32:1-4
3. Adam—Genesis 3:8-10
4. Lake of Galilee—Mark 4:36-39
5. Potiphar—Genesis 39:1 and 20

Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 6

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

DORCAS: FAITH TRANSLATED INTO SERVICE

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

James Russell Lowell wrote some lines that could appropriately be applied to Dorcas, the subject of our lesson for today:

*"Yet she sets not her soul so steadily
Above, that she forgets her ties to earth,
But her whole thought would seem to be
How to make glad one lowly human
heart."*

There is a story that is told in one of our large universities about candidates for an academic degree in Social Service. The young person who comes to this department and says he wishes to devote his life to the service of the underprivileged is told to go and spend a day in the most run-down and neglected part of the city, talking with the people and observing the way they have to live. He then returns to the university and, if he still wishes to be a social worker, he is permitted to register for the course. The purpose of this somewhat unusual procedure is to test the genuine interest of the young person. It is well known that there are those who "love humanity" but hate people! To be a successful worker with the poor and needy, one must actually love and enjoy being with these people. Dorcas was the sort of person who took upon herself voluntarily the obligation to serve the needy.

The port city of Joppa no doubt had more than its share of widows and orphans. Quick storms came up on the Mediterranean in this area, and many a fisherman never returned to his family. Some of the people doubtless became beach-combers, making a precarious living by collecting what the sea cast up upon the beach. Our Scripture lesson tells us that when the report of Dorcas' death went abroad in the little town, people gathered at the home and "widows stood weeping and showing the garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them." There are many of the rich and famous who have left this earth never to be mourned by the poor. Yet when we stop to reflect upon the life and service of this noble woman, and how she had been a comfort and solace to many of the "little ones" of her community, who shall say her life was not more significant than the lives of many better known people? In Acts 20:35 St. Paul says: "I showed you in every way by hard work we must help those who are weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he said, 'It makes one happier to give than to be given to.'" By this standard Dorcas must have been not only a very useful person, but a happy one as well.

In a society such as ours, where so much emphasis is put upon "getting mine", we need to hold before us the example of the Dorcases who, all down through Christian history, have made it their chief aim in life to give unselfishly of their time, money and talents to those in great need. Here it seems appropriate to mention the well-worn

story of the man who was sent to a train station to meet a man whom he had never seen. When he inquired about the problem of recognizing the man he was told, "It won't be any trouble; you will see a tall man, and he will be helping somebody."

A good question to ask ourselves regarding our own churches today would be this, "Do people think of them only as places where they are going to get something, or do they think of them as redemptive fellowships where they are led into opportunities to serve others at home and around the world?"

Upon the death of Dorcas friends sent for Peter who happened to be preaching in the village of Lydda, a short distance away. According to the record he dismissed the mourners from the room then he knelt and prayed. Using the Aramaic form of her name, he said, "Tabitha, rise." We are told that she opened her eyes and, seeing Peter there, she sat up; after which Peter "called the saints (this was the name generally used for Christians in the early centuries of our era) and presented her alive." Now the object of the entire story becomes clear in the next verse where we read, "It became known throughout all Joppa and many believed in the Lord."

We do not see this type of miracle in the church today. To answer the questions as to why we do not would require a volume. But however that may be, the church redemptive will always consider its chief business to be that of bringing new life into those who come within the circle of its ministry.

Littleton College Alumnae Association Holds Meeting

"North Carolina Wesleyan College is in a very real sense a spiritual outgrowth of Littleton College," declared President Tom Collins in an address presented to members of the Littleton College Memorial Association at a meeting and reunion held on Saturday, July 15, at Pullen Park in Raleigh. President Collins noted that the flame was lighted at Littleton College, a private Methodist college in existence from 1882-1919, is still very much alive and he invited the alumnae of this earlier institution to become "the first alumni association" of the new Methodist college located three miles north of Rocky Mount.

President Collins outlined the growth of North Carolina Wesleyan College and discussed the proposed plans for future expansion in physical facilities and student enrollment. Like Littleton College, the emphasis at North Carolina Wesleyan will be on Christian education. President Collins extended a cordial invitation to members of the Littleton College Memorial Association to meet in the summer of 1962 on the grounds of North Carolina Wesleyan College as guests of that institution.

The meeting was expected to have been the final reunion of the Littleton College Memorial Association, however, during the business session which followed the picnic lunch, members of the organization voted unanimously to accept President Collins' invitation and meet again next year.

Mrs. George D. Stephenson of Richmond, Virginia, President of the Association, pre-

sided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Mrs. Charles Doak of Raleigh is Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon the conclusion of President Collins' address, Mrs. Stephenson presented Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, Assistant Professor of English at East Carolina College, who presented an inspirational message in which he challenged the members of the organization to continue to develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, aesthetically, and morally. He spoke of the value and satisfaction one derives from memories but reminded his audience that we can not live on memory alone. There is a need for "forward-looking citizens," for "frontier-thinkers," he stated, urging his listeners to consider themselves links binding the past with the future. He proposed that the membership of the Littleton College Memorial Association adopt as a motto—"Ever Onward."

During the morning session, Mrs. C. E. Ruffner and Mrs. Lula McCall Usher, sisters from Arlington, Virginia, who are alumnae of Littleton College, rendered a duet, "My Task."

Special recognition was given to Miss Vera Louise Herring of Raleigh, former College Treasurer, at Littleton College. Miss Herring has played a prominent role in the activities of the association since it was organized in 1927.

Following the theme of the day, "Optimism," members, during the afternoon session, were given an opportunity to relate some pleasant experience of the past year or recall some incident in connection with Littleton College.

Additions to the Littleton College Memorial Collection of books and memorabilia of the college were discussed. Contributions were made to the fund which will eventually be presented to North Carolina Wesleyan College as a loan fund for worthy students. This fund will be named in honor of Miss Vera Herring.

A committee composed of Mrs. P. C. Henderson, Mrs. Marvin Newsome and Miss Carrie Myrick, both of Littleton, was appointed to investigate the condition of President and Mrs. James M. Rhodes' graves in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Littleton. This committee will be responsible for having the plot cleaned within the near future.

Approximately 75 to 100 persons were present for this reunion. Alumnae from many points in this state were in attendance as well as from other states including Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Home-Coming Held at Woodleaf Church Sunday, July 16

The 23rd annual Homecoming of the Woodleaf Methodist Church was held July 16.

The Rev. F. J. Stough, pastor, delivered the 11:00 o'clock sermon. A picnic lunch was served on the grounds following the morning service.

The memorial service was held at 1:30 for five former members. They are: Miss Emma Marlin (charter member), Mrs. Ollie Kenerly Conrad, Mrs. Ila Gibbs Sherrill, Mrs. J. S. Folger and Mrs. Bessie Emerson. The Rev. H. C. Freeman, former pastor, delivered the memorial address following this brief service.

John Wesley's Letters to His Mother

GRADY CARROLL

John Wesley was a true son of the eighteenth century, for he was ever writing letters. Of those that survive and have been edited by John Telford in *The Letters of the Rev. John Wesley* (Standard Edition), twenty were to his mother Susanna Wesley, "the Mother of Methodism." This distinctive group of letters within the eight-volume collection is found in volume one, except one in volume eight. The earliest dates from 1723, when he was a student of twenty at Oxford University, while the final one was written fifteen years later, in 1738, four years prior to Susanna's death. More than half of them were from Oxford days, with his missionary journey to Georgia represented by one and a trip to Germany in 1738 represented by three.

Varied are topics he wrote on to his mother. This limited group alone yields evidence of interest in topics as his reading, riding and study habits; smallpox at Oxford; his classmates; his health; the offer of a curacy near Oxford; the offer of a teaching position in the Grammar School at Skipton-in-Craven in Yorkshire (which he did not accept); his taking the Master's degree in 1727 and his correspondence—or the lack of it—with other members of the Wesley family.

He discussed in these letters topics of more than passing interest to us. In student days he became acquainted with several books noteworthy here. One was Thomas A. Kempis' *The Imitation of Christ*, important as an introduction to devotional literature. This he found stimulating, for later he brought out his own version of this classic which he entitled *The Christian's Pattern*. This, his first major work, was subsequently published in America by the Methodist Book Concern and has been reprinted within the last decade for present-day devotional use. Another book he became acquainted with and discussed was Dr. Cheyne's *Book of Health and Long Life*. Still another of great interest and influence was Dr. Taylor's *Of Living and Dying*. Later, he took charge of arrangements for publication of his father's *magnum opus* on Job about the time of his father's death. This is the work the younger Wesley presented to Queen Carolina to whom it has been dedicated.

Discussions of religious questions are recurrent. Christian liberty, the text of a sermon, predestination, the Bishop Atterbury-Bishop Hoadly controversy come up in various letters. He discussed at length, with considerable intelligence, matters relating to humility and faith, the latter for which he worked out a definition. The discussions are longer and more serious than are those likely to be written home by the typical present-day student. As one authority has indicated, much credit goes to the informed, intelligent mother who was able to understand and discuss with clarity and directness these matters of faith and morality. Susanna gave sustained efforts to her earlier guidance in spiritual matters of her son.

From Savannah came a letter commenting in which he was to labor as a missionary for two years. It was filled with impressions

that would come from a young observer making a visit to a new and somewhat strange land.

While there are not lengthy, conclusive discussions of his specific future career, he did give some indications of future plans for a study and a desire for personal growth.

His style was simple, lucid and straightforward, expressing his thoughts with an economy of words. He usually used one of two complimentary closings to his letters: "Your dutiful son" or "Your dutiful and affectionate son."

Here, then, is a score of "heart-telling" letters from student days, teaching days and missionary days, from John to Susanna Wesley—one of history's famous mother-son relationships. They are early signposts of the interests, tastes, abilities, habits and faith of the great servant of God that was to come in due season.

Bishop Stockwell Dies

Methodist Bishop B. Foster Stockwell, Lima, Peru, died June 5 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Death was attributed to after effects of pneumonia.

He was elected bishop of the Santiago Episcopal Area in the Central Conference of Latin America in August, 1960. Bishop Stockwell previously had been president of Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires for 35 years.

Bishop Stockwell was born at Shawnee, Okla., in 1899. He received his education at the Alva (Okla.) State Normal School, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Boston University School of Theology.

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—Methodist Information Photo

Philadelphia Hall in Oslo, Norway (above), will be the scene of most of the major meetings of the Tenth World Methodist Conference August 17-25. Some of the smaller meetings will be held in Central Methodist Church.

* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ REV. C. O. KENNERLY, retired minister now living in Pleasant Garden, was guest speaker at Rehobeth Church near Greensboro on July 30.

¶ THE JUNIOR HIGH MYF of the Main Street Church, Albemarle, observed Christian Adventure Week last week. The study topic was "Christian Beliefs," led by Mrs. Harley Dickson.

¶ REV. IVAN A. STEPHENS, pastor of Kilgo Church, Charlotte, recently attended the Southeast Ashram at Bridgewater, Va., and reports that it was the source of great inspiration.

¶ THE FIVE churches of Stony Point united in a Fifth Sunday union service last Sunday. The service was held in the Methodist Church, of which Rev. Kenneth Horn is pastor. Rev. Hayden M. Cartner, pastor of the Baptist Church, brought the message.

¶ GUEST MINISTERS Sunday, July 30, at First Church, Hamlet, were Rev. Charles McAdams, of Fayetteville Methodist College, at the morning service, and Rev. McDonald McLamb, retired minister, at the evening service.

¶ THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13 through 18 will be Youth Activities week at St. Paul's Church, Burlington. Plans are being made now to develop a meaningful series of programs around our theme, "A Christian Crossing."

¶ MRS. D. S. COLTRANE has been elected president of the Raleigh City Board of Missions of the Methodist Church for 1961-1962. This board has given leadership in the organization and building of eight new Methodist churches within the Greater Raleigh Area since its organization in 1948.

¶ THE YOUNG PEOPLE of the Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, will leave August 13 for Myrtle Beach, S. C., where they will spend several days. Among other things they will plan for their program for the coming year. They will have as counselors for the trip Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Williams, Jr., Mrs. Dal Rich, Mrs. James Lowdermilk, and Mr. Vernon Griggs.

¶ THE REV. KELLEY JONES was guest speaker at both morning services at Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, on July 30. Mr. Jones, a student at Duke Divinity School and pastor of Giles Chapel-Charlotte charge, Asheboro, recently married Miss Julia Hobson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hobson, members of Ardmore.

¶ YOUTH ACTIVITY WEEK at Calvary, Greensboro, was held July 30-August 3. The activities each evening began with supper at 6:30. Following supper there was a program, worship, and recreation. The theme for the week was "Christians Around the World." A different country was studied each evening. On Thursday evening the week closed with a Communion Service.

¶ MR. AND MRS. L. R. GILLAND, Sr., members of the Calvary Methodist Church, Charlotte, celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary Thursday, July 27. They have been loyal and faithful members of Calvary church for forty-one years. Their lives and Christian influence have touched and blessed countless hundreds besides their own family and relatives.

¶ MEMBERS of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church, Liberty, were hostesses at a reception recently in the fellowship hall of the church, honoring Rev. Walter Thompson, the new pastor, and his family. The former pastor, Rev. Don Payne, who was moved to Belmont, was presented a silver service.

¶ HOMECOMING at Love's Chapel Methodist Church, Stanfield Charge, Albemarle District, will be on Sunday, August 6. Sunday School will be at 10:00, worship service at 11:00 and dinner on the grounds at 12:00. Revival services will begin at 2:00 and will continue nightly through August 11. The Rev. Harley Dickson, minister of Main Street Methodist Church, Albemarle, will be the revival speaker. Rev. John M. Rufty is pastor.

¶ THE HEAD OF PFEIFFER COLLEGE's Department of Sociology, Professor Glenn Bush, has been awarded a special grant for an advanced graduate course at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, this summer. Professor Bush was awarded the grant by the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church for study in "Town and Country" sociological studies. An ordained Methodist minister, Professor Bush joined the Pfeiffer faculty in 1960. Under his leadership, the college's major has been reorganized in keeping with current developments in undergraduate programs in the area.

¶ THE REV. DR. WALTER H. MOORE, former president of two Methodist educational institutions in Brazil, died July 18 in Washington, D. C. He was 75. Dr. Moore, who served as a missionary to Brazil for 37 years, had been retired since 1957. For 19 years, he was president of Granbery Institute in Juiz de Fora, founded in 1890 as the first Methodist boys' school in Brazil and having a present enrollment of almost 1,000 in its elementary, secondary and junior college departments. Dr. Moore also served as president of the Methodist Theological School at Rudge Ramos near Sao Paulo, where ministers for Brazil, Angola and Mozambique are trained.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones said recently in Athens, Greece that in his world travels he has found more religious tolerance in a non-Christian country like India than he did in Greece. He said, "This was a deep disappointment to me, for the Greeks, who in many ways were the founders of democracy, now seem to deny the democratic right to profess, practice and propagate one's faith."

J. W. Carroll Appointed As Methodist Chaplain At Duke

DURHAM, N. C.—The appointment of the Rev. Jackson W. Carroll as chaplain to Methodist students at Duke University has been announced by Dr. Herbert J. Her-ring, vice-president of Duke in the Division of Student Life.

Carroll is replacing the Rev. Arthur L. Brandenburg, who has transferred to the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist



Church, where he will serve Methodist students at Yale University.

During the past four years, the new chaplain has been minister of the Mt. Holly Methodist Church in Rock Hill, S. C. Earlier, he was assistant minister of St. Michael's Church in Dumfries, Scotland.

A native of Chester, S. C., Carroll was graduated magna cum laude from Wofford College in 1953 and was awarded the B.D. degree from the Duke University School in 1956. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Blue Key leadership fraternity and Kappa Sigma social fraternity. In his senior year he was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

He is married to the former Anne Ewing of Ellerbe, N. C. They have two daughters, Susan and Frances.

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Oppose Nuclear Tests

A plea that the U. S. not resume nuclear testing now, but react to the current impasse in negotiations in a "creative way," has been issued by the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.

It urges President Kennedy to "explore fully the possibilities" of such measures as calling for a UN General Assembly to encourage progress in test ban negotiations and of the U. S. accepting a test ban inspection system, such as it has proposed, under UN control. It said such action might lead to a situation in which the Communist bloc would face the prospect of either joining the system or being isolated . . . from the world it has set to win."

The statement was adopted by 13 members of the committee at a meeting June 29 in New York. Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, board chairman, presided.

Pastors And Superintendents Elect Officers For New Year

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—Both the pastors and district superintendents sections of a southeastern Methodist ministers conference here elected officers for one-year terms.

Elected president of the pastors section was the Rev. George S. Wood, Henderson, Ky. The Rev. Ernest P. Kendall, Decatur, Ga., was elected vice-president and the Rev. C. H. Mercer, Smithfield, N. C., secretary-treasurer.

Elected president of the district superintendents section was the Rev. John Tate, LaGrange, Ga. The Rev. Robert N. DuBose, Spartanburg, S. C., was elected vice-president and the Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland, Fla., secretary-treasurer.

The district superintendents section also elected an executive committee composed of the following ministers: Wayne A. Lamb, Paducah, Ky.; Charles O. Moore, Decatur, Ala.; Paul R. Dodd, Kingsport, Tenn.; Frank Jordan, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Charles O. Kidd, Danville, Va.; and Frank Robertson, Savannah, Ga.

The conference was held at this southeastern Methodist assembly July 17-21. Attendance totaled about 350, including both the ministers and their wives, said the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, Junaluska program director and an executive secretary of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The meeting was sponsored by the ministers organization in cooperation with the jurisdictional council. Its theme was "Jesus Christ Is Lord. Let Us Serve Him by Recruiting an Adequate Ministry."

'Opportunity House' Open In Hendersonville

"Opportunity House" in Hendersonville was begun a few years ago when Rev. Phil Shore, Jr., was pastor of First Church, Hendersonville. The church saw the need of some place where the older people could engage in hobbies and creative activities. Mr. Shore and Miss Pat Rothrock, director of Christian Education, began the project. It has developed until it has become necessary for larger quarters than the church is able to furnish. With the aid of a group of friends a house has been purchased and fitted for this work by remodeling and redecorating it. It is to be dedicated this month. Miss Grace Etheredge has been identified with the undertaking from its beginning. She had brought her versatile abilities into full play with the progress and development of an idea into a realistic and practical working program. Others affiliated with the project include Miss Helen Hoover, who teaches painting; Mrs. Catherine Gretz, who teaches knitting and crocheting; Mrs. Joseph Michener, outstanding teacher of flower arranging and accredited flower show judge.

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THE PASTOR of the recently-organized Charlotte, N. C. Methodist Church for the Deaf was admitted to the conference on trial at its recent meeting. This is the first church for the deaf in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Book Reviews

"The Doorway To Heaven," by Inez Kemper. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich. \$2.50.

Here is a book of daily devotions, containing 150 one-page meditations, with appropriate Scripture quotations. It is filled with choice poetry, together with prose filled with thought-provoking suggestions. One can find an interesting and refreshing variety in these pages. They are designed to enrich life, by bringing a better understanding of and a finer appreciation for the use of prayer and meditation. She has gleaned from the writings of men of God rich treasures of thought for the hungry soul which bring encouragement to the weary traveler. One can hardly read and meditate upon these fine devotional arrangements without becoming enriched in spiritual knowledge and being challenged to nobler living. The author has wrought a good work.—S. J. S.



"GOD IS" By Wilson H. Rinker, The Vantage Press, Inc., New York, 1961. \$2.50.

The Rev. Wilson H. Rinker, minister of the Reformed Church in Twain, Cal., is an author, writer, community worker of experience. Born in Pennsylvania, he now lives in California. In this easily readable and fascinating book he has given many thoughts that inspire and furnished much evidence to convince the reader that God is concerned about man's every need, and that he is accessible to every searching heart. In this rousing, incisive collection of short sermons he reviews the various aspects of God as revealed to men's limited minds and experience. He speaks of God as Love, as Christ, as Father, as Judge, to mention only a few approaches. All are discussed in glowing words of faith and in spiritual insight. Throughout the book the reader will find nuggets of wisdom, anecdotes about people, who may be in trouble, or doubt. Above all he will find affirmations of ringing faith that will make him lift up his heart. God speaks to men in various ways. "Why are some of us no longer effective in life associations?" he asks. And answers: "Because we are not allowing God to rule supreme in our lives." We must remember that God waits to lead men, and men must learn to follow Him. "God contacts. Man responds. God in our life is Life in our God."—S. J. S.



"God Our Contemporary," by J. B. Phillips. The MacMillan Co., New York. Price \$2.50.

In this very timely book Dr. J. B. Phillips views the modern attitude of many people in these times, and points out the difference between faith that is real and that which is superficial. To reap the finest benefits from Christianity it is necessary to have a proper understanding of what it means. While the prevailing atmosphere among thinking men and women of good will is one of what may be termed as scientific humanism, what they do not so readily see is that science has very little to offer in solving problems of human relationships, even though these are the problems which most need to be solved. Since no primitive tribe or race has been discovered without some sort of religion, it seems to indicate the necessity for true religion, not a blind faith, but rather that men should find their proper place in the universe, where a real religion, which takes proper account of man and his limitations and of the Creative Mind which knows no limitations, can provide sense and sanity in his bewilderment. The heart of all real religions is an affirmation that human life on this planet is only part of something very much greater; that

"human values" are determined by an authority higher than human beings themselves; and that man neither finds happiness nor discovers his true self until his worship, his loyalty, and his love are given to something infinitely greater than any man or group of men. It is pointed out that Christianity is an invitation to true living, and its truth is endorsed only by actual experience.—S. J. S.

Greensboro College Students Awarded Scholarships

Five Greensboro College students have been awarded National Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church for this coming school year, Dr. Harold H. Hutson, college president, announced yesterday.

They are Sarah Lucretia Bradley, daughter of Mrs. R. L. Bradley of Lenoir; Sara Evelyn Mashburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mashburn of Madison; Jerrie Rebecca Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Taylor of Ellenboro; Norma Carolyn Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everette H. Vaughn of Hickory, all rising seniors; and Andrew Jackson Wall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wall, Sr. of Madison, a rising junior.

Dr. Hutson said that the scholarship awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education in its nationwide scholarship program. More than 5,000 National Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of the scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

Foreman Named Trustee Of The Highlands Biological Station

Dr. Charles Foreman, Professor of Biology at Pfeiffer College has been named a trustee of the Highlands Biological Station, Highlands, North Carolina. This center is supported by numerous southern universities, the National Science Foundation, private citizens, and business firms interested in the studies carried on there.

Dr. Foreman, a holder of a National Science Foundation Grant for the study of the comparative aspects of blood, earlier in the summer taught in the graduate program at Mountain Lake Biological Station of the University of Virginia. He is a holder of a Ph.D. from Duke University.

New Editor For 'The Christian Home'

Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, editor of *The Church School* for the Editorial Division of the Methodist Board of Education, will become editor of *The Christian Home* October 1.

She will succeed Miss Jay Bayless, who has been editor of *The Christian Home* since unification in 1939. Miss Bayless plans to retire this fall.

EDITORIALS

Guest Editorial writer this week
THE REVEREND WILSON O. WELDON, D.D.

If I Were A Layman

... I would not be any different from what I am now, except in the use of my time. As a Minister I devote most of my time in the program of the Church, and a Layman cannot do that to the same degree and in the identical proportion that a Minister does.

... I would try to live on the same level that is expected of my Minister. There is no double standard—one for the clergy and another for the laity. There is one Christian standard towards which everyone should move in the light of his own best judgment.

... I would remind myself frequently that the success of my Church depends upon my life, my gifts, my attendance—and upon the responses which each member makes to the Church. If someone should say to me, "You don't count in the Church," I believe I would tell him, tactfully and politely, that he had just spoken an untruth.

... If I were a Layman I would believe in loyalty. It has been said that Henry Ford used to accept a workman in his factories if he would promise loyalty, even though he had just been dismissed from the penitentiary. Such is the cardinal requirement of Church membership—a promise of fidelity and loyalty to Jesus Christ and the Church!

... Growth in Spiritual Graces should be a goal of every faithful Layman. In fact, Growth is an essential for any Christian disciple. A Layman who has not gone higher up the ladder of experiences in prayer, of understanding the will of God, of increased tolerance, of interest in the welfare of all peoples, of more frequent confession of inadequacy and wrong-doing is an individual who cannot rightly claim to be the kind of Layman that God wants.

What Some Youth Are Asking

... Recently a group of senior high school youth spent several hours in considering the kind of Church they wanted and the kind of Church they would be willing to help in developing. To listen to these eager and consecrated youth was a disturbing and challenging experience.

... Here are five desires on which they agreed:

1) We want a church with mettle,

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." —COL. 3:17.

with the courage to drag out the question of race relations and of war, and help us talk them through.

2) We want a pastor who has come to grips with problems we have to face, and who will open his study to us when we need him most.

3) We want sermons that bite into the present and show us the relation of God to what is going on today.

4) We want Sunday school teachers as advanced in educational lines and methods as public school teachers.

5) We want understanding of our need for fun. Even provisions of places to dance a little if we feel like it. We don't want to be forced to find our dance floor at the road house.

... Some readers will not agree with these goals. Some pastors will not want to cooperate with them, but they indicate the thinking of some of our youth for whom we are responsible. Let's think, pray and do something about them!

You Can't Take That

"We may deprive a man of his church, his public worship, his Bible and his religious rites, as they have done in some lands recently. But no one, praise God, can deprive another of his faith or his religion. We can always lose the silver coin by the treachery of man or fortune, but unless a man is fool enough or ignorant enough to identify God with that, no one can ever steal God from his heart!"

These trenchant words from the pen of Dr. James Black can remind us of the center of true religion. From the Church, from the Bible, from our practices of worship have come our insights and our inspiration, but once we have these, the essence lies in a living, spiritual communion with the Spirit of God in Jesus Christ. A man is broken only when his soul is broken. A man is bereft only when the secret light in his heart is crushed or smothered. A person is lost only when he has lost his faith.

This troubled and distraught world need not rest its faith on men, or authority, or creeds, or policies, or ministers or priests, or even on a church. These are outward things, which may

be stolen, proscribed or destroyed. Instead, let's rest our faith on the proven love of Jesus Christ and His redeeming grace for all sinners. Let's rest our faith on the ultimate reasonableness in this universe, even though civilizations crash and the world of human sin should seem all unreason. Surely, we should posit our faith on those eternal, abiding values—on character, on goodness, on the things of the soul, and not on the changing, meandering tides of time and fortune.

If, then, we deposit our trust and confidence in that spiritual communion with the Will of God through Jesus, then nothing in heaven, or earth or hell can ever destroy our security or break our souls. If stocks and bonds fall in value, if the savings of a life-time go crashing in the tail-spin of an economic depression, if friends forsake us, with long, lingering illnesses, what do we have left? We will have our communion with God left—and that is gold of gold, treasure of treasures, values of all values!

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Annual Homecoming Day At Big Spring Church

The annual Homecoming Day services for the Big Spring Methodist Church, 5300 Old Dowd Road, Charlotte, N. C. were held on Sunday, August 27, 1961. "Forward, Then, Ye People" was the sermon theme of the Reverend Clark W. Benson, former pastor, at the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Dinner was served on the church lawn, and at the evening hour Dr. Edgar H. Nease, Sr., the present pastor preached on the theme, "Faith in God and Others."

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THE REV. A. MCKAY BRABHAM, pastor of Grace Church, Union, S. C., has been appointed editor of the *South Carolina Methodist Advocate*, Columbia. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Adlai C. Holler, editor for the past four years, who becomes pastor of St. Mark Church, Greenville, S. C.

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LETTERS

To the Editor of The Advocate

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I wrote the *Advocate*, not knowing at the time that the letter would be made public. The nature of the subjects discussed was applicable to the public as a whole but was more of a personal matter.

In what seems now an impassioned plea to what constitutes the church or at least the ministry of that organization to speed up its fight on the spread of crime in this country I made some repetitions and illogical statements when a word to the wise would have been sufficient. Of course such letters, whether rational and logical, timely or otherwise, can or will accomplish very little toward the desired end.

As I saw then the greatest threat to the peace and security of this nation now is not communism, racial, social and economic problems, but a breakdown in the moral standards, that is, if what one sees, hears through the press, movies and television of crime and violence is a reflection of what the public desires to see and hear. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, fifteen million sex magazines are read monthly by a third of the nation; more barmaids than college girls; three times as many criminals as college students; one million girls infected by social disease; one million babies born in illegitimacy yearly; one murder every forty minutes; one major crime every twenty-two seconds, and seventeen-year-olds represent the largest criminal group.

This is part of a rather sordid picture to paint of so-called Christian America with all its churches and educational facilities, but it must be a true one.

—J. P. MOCK



DEAR BROTHER STARNES:

I read with great interest Brother James S. Morgan's letter in the issue of July 13, and I want to say I endorse it 100 percent. It is high time somebody was speaking out. Methodism has the dollar mark all over it and seems to be money mad. What this old world needs above everything else is some good old-fashioned gospel preaching, which I don't believe it is getting. I think early Methodism is the finest interpretation of Christianity the world has ever known. Salvation (not in sin, but from sin) was its substance. Had the spirit which actuated John and Charles Wesley, George Whitfield, Wesley Hall, Benjamin Ingham, Charles Kinchin, Richard Hutchins, Francis Asbury, William McKendree, Robert Raikes, Lovick Pierce, and others only continued the world should have been taken for Christ by now. Money and numbers have ensnared us and now we are paying for it. We used to get sinners converted in log cabins and under brush arbors. Who hears of any conversions today in our million dollar churches, where a revival is never attempted and whose pastors never attempt to hold a revival in some little country church. They are never invited. I wonder why?

Money will never take the world for Christ. Money, money, money! Yet I heard a Methodist sermon not so long ago in which the pastor in the course of his remarks said: "It is all a mistake that you can't take it with you. You can take it all with you if you will only give it to the church. (Speak for yourself, John). I was amazed and amused at his naivete.

There is fine admonition for the preacher and money in II Timothy 4:1-4, and a fine story in I Kings 22:8-37. Let the reader brush

the dust off his Bible and read those excellent passages.

Twenty-one years ago some of us in the North Carolina Conference here at Trinity Church tried to curtail the superfluity of the P. E.'s salary as we saw it. We discussed it openly—even in the *Advocate*. Many of the brethren said they would like a secret ballot. Everybody can see why. I moved for a vote by secret ballot. Immediately the secretary of the conference, a mighty leader of the conference, and I believe a P. E., arose and said: If you do that every man will have to put his name on his ballot so I can print it in the *Journal*. What a secret ballot. Yet he got away with it. I called his attention to the anomaly of it. But he cited his General Conference experience. Up to that point I was sure that we would win. I think the other side was of the same opinion. No effort has been made since then to hold salaries down. The rule seems to be, you tickle me, and I will tickle you. But it is spelling disaster for Methodism and the world.

C. T. THRIFT

DURHAM, N. C.

P. S.—I am not the enemy of the ministers (having been one for 60 years—a pastor of 43) but I am their friend, and I love the church of Jesus Christ which he bought with his own precious blood. Give most preachers a \$10,000 salary and a \$25,000 to \$40,000 parsonage to live in and all the added perquisites except chewing their food, and it would take the Almighty and two Archangels busy to keep them humble. They would strut. "Ain't it so?"

Wellons Village Church to Hold Opening Services in First Unit

The Wellons Village Methodist Church will move into its new church building this Sunday, August 6, 1961.

The new building on Gary Street between Holloway and Liberty was designed by John D. Latimer, architect. L. A. Downey and Son began construction of the Educational Unit in February of this year. Supervision of the building project was under the direction of Dewey L. Casey, an associate of John D. Latimer and a member of the church. The one story brick structure is valued at \$60,000. Charles A. Bridgers was chairman of the building committee, and serving with him on the committee were Clyde E. Glenn, J. Edwin O'Brian, Harvey C. Renn, and W. R. Rogers.

Church School will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the spacious new classrooms. Facilities are available for all ages from the crib nursery through adult class.

The morning worship service will be led by Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., pastor at 11:00 a.m. Special music will be furnished by the church choir. Highlights of the service will include a ceremony for declaring the "church to be open for the worship of God and the service of men," the baptism of infants, and the reception of new members.

The evening worship service at 7:30 will feature the Rev. Dwight L. Moody, Jr. as preacher. Mr. Moody is the first member of the Wellons Village Methodist Church to enter the ministry. He is presently serving the Cumberland Methodist Church.

The Wellons Village Methodist Church was organized in September of 1957 under the leadership of Rev. Sheldon H. Wolf, pastor, and Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent. Mr. Wolf served the church for two years before transferring to the Illinois Conference.

In July of 1959 the Rev. Sam D. Mc-

Millan, Jr. was appointed pastor of the young church and he is now in his third year at Wellons Village.

For the past four years the congregation has met in the basement of the parsonage at 1138 Delano Street. Sunday School classes have met in the basement, the annex, and the living room of the parsonage—offering a full program of Christian Education even with limited facilities. The church sponsors Cub Pack No. 474 and Boy Scout Troop No. 474. There are active WSCS and Methodist Men's groups.

Entering the new unit climaxes a building program which began with the election of a building committee in November of 1959. A building fund campaign was begun in February of 1960, and on February 9, 1961 ground breaking ceremonies were led by Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent. On April 23, 1961, Bishop Paul N. Garber presided over the laying of the cornerstone.

This the first unit of a proposed three unit church plant has six classrooms, a kitchen, church office, and a combination Fellowship Hall-Chapel. The chapel is a beautiful green and features a lovely altar centered chancel in limed oak, set off by a four-foot aluminum cross. When the room is used as a fellowship hall instead of chapel, a clear finished accordion door shuts off the chancel area making the fellowship hall a room unto itself.

The opening of services in the new building marks the climax of almost four years of work by the faithful members of the Wellons Village Methodist Church. Organized with 59 members the congregation now numbers 127.

The congregation has labored hard for this day, but they see the building not as an end in itself, but as means of better serving the community.

Youth Activities Week At Milford Hills

Youth Activities Week was observed at Milford Hills Methodist Church in cooperation with Central Methodist Church in Spencer and Coburn Memorial Methodist Church in Salisbury July 16-21.

The schedule for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday was planned recreation at 7 each night, a session entitled "Pastors Face Your Questions," at 7:30 and study groups at 8:10.

Milton Pridgen of Central Methodist Church led the junior high study on "Christian Beliefs," and the Rev. Frank Kiker, associate pastor of First Methodist Church of Salisbury, led a study group on "How Free Are You?" for the senior group.

Francis Bradshaw, Duke Divinity School student, led recreation and group singing at 9:00 o'clock, followed by a worship service at 9:20. The Rev. Harold Simpson of Coburn Memorial Church was the worship speaker and Miss Sandra Simpson, director of youth work at Milford Hills Church, was the worship leader.

On Wednesday there was a picnic and worship service at Morrow Mountain. The group left the church at 2:00 p.m.

On Friday there was a banquet in the fellowship hall at 6:30, followed by a talent show and worship service.

—W. D. CAMPBELL, JR.

Raleigh Church Holds Open House At Parsonage

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred T. Gilley held open house at the Layden Memorial parsonage, 2739 Knowles St., Raleigh, Sunday, July 30, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Layden purchased the house last year with the assistance of \$1,000 from the N. C. Conference Board of Missions. The Raleigh District Board of Missions contributed approximately \$300 toward furnishings last year, and made an additional contribution of approximately \$450 this year. Assistance from the Conference Board continues in the amount of \$50 a month toward mortgage payments.

Furnishings which have been added recently included a maple dining table and chairs, refrigerator, lamps, rockers (not the presidential variety), and several miscellaneous items.

Mrs. R. Shelton White, a member of Edenton Street, donated a new electric range.

Members of the congregation and church communities have been invited to come and meet the new parsonage family and to see the house. Special invitations have been extended to members of the Conference and Raleigh District Boards of Missions.

Open house is under the sponsorship of the Parsonage Committee, headed by W. L. Burchette. Other committee members are Mrs. W. G. Stephenson, L. C. Mitchell, church lay leader, Mrs. W. L. Dupree and S. J. Talton.

The Gilleys moved into the parsonage July 6, after transferring from the Virginia Annual Conference. They have one son, Fred, Jr., age five.

Churches Subject To Sales Tax

We have been advised that beginning July 1, 1961, all purchases made by churches, orphanages, and other charitable or religious organizations not operated for profit, will be subject to the 3% State Sales Tax and churches will be required to pay the tax on all purchases.

Bulletin No. 3 issued by the N. C. Department of Revenue advises that all such non-profit organizations may apply for refund of payments of sales tax by making application to the Sales and Use Tax Division of the N. C. Department of Revenue, Raleigh, N. C., within sixty days after the close of the calendar year. Forms are to be obtained from any office of the State Department of Revenue.

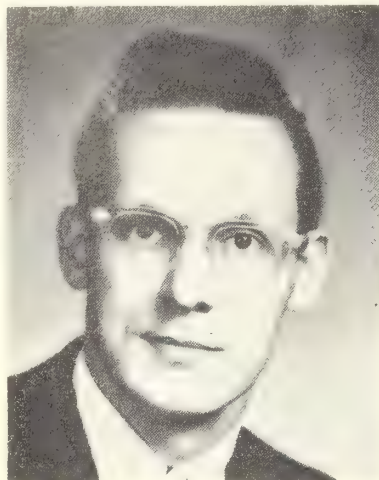
According to the bulletin all refund claims must be substantiated by proper documentary proof. Invoices showing the articles purchased and the tax paid thereon will be acceptable proof.

In light of the above information it would seem wise for every church to begin immediately to maintain an adequate record of purchases and sales tax in order that proper application may be made for refund at the end of the calendar year. The amount of sales tax paid by the average church in the course of a year will run into a sizeable figure. The State is offering the church a means whereby this amount can be reclaimed, as is proper for a tax exempt organization. Therefore, if the church does not avail itself of this opportunity it is its own fault.

Board Names New Local Church Director

The Rev. Donald E. Struchen, Meadville, Pa., has been named by the Methodist Board of Missions as its staff executive to work with the Commission on Missions in 39,000 local churches throughout the United States.

He succeeds the Rev. Richard G. Belcher as director of the Board's Department of the Local Church. Mr. Belcher, director



of the department since 1957, resigned to become pastor of the First Methodist Church in East Greenwich, R. I.

For the last eight years, Mr. Struchen has been executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Erie Methodist Conference, with headquarters in Meadville. In his new position, he will seek to strengthen the program of the Commission on Missions (one of five program commissions in each local church) through interboard schools and other meetings, through correspondence and through a monthly column in *The Methodist Story* magazine.

Born in Erie, Mr. Struchen attended Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and was graduated in 1945 with a bachelor of arts degree. He took theological training at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1948.

Mr. Struchen has been associate pastor of the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church in Oak Park, Ill., and pastor of the Cochran and Mumford Chapel Methodist churches in Cochran, Pa.

The Struchens have one daughter, Deborah Lee, 10.

Homecoming And Revival At Bethel-Palestine

Homecoming will be observed on Bethel-Palestine Charge, at Bethel Methodist Church on August 13, at 11:00. The pastor, Rev. F. R. Davis will bring the message. Following the morning worship, dinner will be served at the church.

All former members, friends and pastors are invited to be with us on this occasion.

This will also be the beginning of the annual revival services. The pastor will do the preaching. We covet your prayers and presence, that we may have a great revival.

F. R. Davis, Pastor

Layden Memorial Church Wins Community Award

A grand award of \$150 was presented to the Layden Memorial WSCS, Raleigh, at the conclusion of a 17-week Community Club Award contest. The grand award was received in addition to a check for \$230, which the group earned on point accumulation.

Mrs. Gordon S. Young, project chairman, said the 15-member WSCS group accumulated 869,105 points by collecting coupons, stamps, labels and bottle caps. "Even the young children brought us pop bottle caps," Mrs. Young said, in expressing appreciation for church-wide cooperation.

The prize money will be applied toward a church project to be approved by the WSCS. One possibility being talked unofficially is an outdoor bulletin board. The WSCS decided to enter the contest while Mrs. W. L. Dupree was president. Mrs. W. G. Cooper now heads the Layden group.

Thirty-two women's organizations competed for the awards sponsored by Radio Station WRAL and Raleigh area business firms. About half of the entries were church groups.

Dean Cameron West Represented Pfeiffer at Nashville Meet

Pfeiffer College was represented at the 16th annual Institute of Higher Education at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, by Academic Dean Cameron West and Dean of Students Sterling Whitley.

The institute, July 24 to July 26, had as its theme "Contributions of Christian Higher Education to a Free Society." College and university administrators from all over the nation will explore common problems related to their work.

Dean West explained that he and Dean Whitley felt the theme had special significance in that Pfeiffer College was keenly aware of seeking new ways of making contributions to modern society as an alive educational institution.

Resource leaders at the institute included leading figures from the nation's academic and religious organizations.

Walter F. Anderson To Speak At Texas Laymen's Retreat

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., First Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, Reverend James Pace, Missionary to Bolivia, and Director Walter F. Anderson of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and member of the General Board of Evangelism representing the Southeastern Jurisdiction, will participate in the Laymen's Retreat sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities of the Southwest Texas Conference at Mt. Wesley, Kerrville, Texas, August 11-13, 1961. Dr. Goodrich will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning, Director Anderson will speak Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Reverend Pace will conduct Saturday vespers. The program has been arranged by Mr. James M. Walker, Southeast Texas Conference Lay Leader of Seguin, Texas.

'Set Us Afire, Lord'

By REV. J. CONRAD GLASS, JR.

No, arson is not what is on the minds of the youth of eastern North Carolina who will find their way to the campus of Duke University, August 14-18. These delegates to the Tenth Annual Conference Session for Methodist Youth will be seeking the fire of God's Spirit. They want to be "set afire" to do His will in their church, community, and world. They will be seeking to be purged from their laziness and indifference to the social issues of today.

Each evening program is concerned with some pressing moral issue. Alcohol, juvenile delinquency, teenage dating, morals and early marriages, peace and world order, and the race problem will be the issues challenging, pressing the youth for some stand, some course of action.

Nationally known persons will be leading the delegates in their consideration of several of these concerns. Mr. Bryon Johnson, former Congressman from Colorado, will challenge the youth with the topic, "You Can Make the Difference," in world affairs. Mr. Johnson is now the Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Administration. The ICA is responsible for the Point Four Program, the various economic aid programs, and the technical assistance programs of the United States.

The Reverend J. Robert Regan, Jr., of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, The Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., will discuss the alcohol problem with the question, "What Stand Shall I Take?"

Mornings at ACS will be spent in small groups discussing the various phases of program planning in the MYF. Special groups will be held for local church, subdistrict, and district representatives. Each representative will receive help in his particular area of concern.

Most afternoons will be filled with business sessions. The new Conference MYF officers for the year 1961-1962 will be elected on Thursday afternoon.

The week will be climaxed with a Conference-wide Rally Day on Friday, August 18. The rally begins at 10:00 a.m. and will close by 4:00 p.m. About 2,000 persons will come with their picnic lunches to Page Auditorium where they will be greeted by the outgoing MYF President, Bill Graham, of Chapel Hill. Once they have met the new council members and have been challenged by the Methodist Youth Fund, they will be captured by the compelling drama, "Our Town," presented by the Queen Street MYF. This drama demands the undivided attention of the audience in order to receive its full impact. Because of this fact, the doors will be closed at 10:30 a.m. and no one will be allowed in except at the intermissions. Have your group there on time!

Rally Day will close with the service of worship in Duke Chapel with the message being brought by the Reverend Charles S. Hubbard, University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill. Mr. Hubbard is the preacher for the entire week. The new MYF officers will be installed at this service.

Local churches, send your delegates, bring your entire Youth Fellowship to Rally Day. Come, so that the Lord might "set us afire!"

Mrs. W. M. Howard Honored For 35 Years Teaching Service

A Sunday School teacher of the Bethel Methodist Church was honored last Saturday for her 35-years of service as a teacher.

Mrs. W. M. Howard, of Mocksville, Rt. 3, was given a surprise shower by Class No. 5 of the Bethel Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Elmo Foster of Mocksville, Rt. 3.

Out in the open, members of the class assembled for a brief class meeting session. Following this, members marched into the



living room where a specially arranged chair awaited Mrs. Howard. This chair featured a huge umbrella conveying to her the motive for the occasion.

"Shower of Roses" was the theme used for the program and was carried out as follows:

After finding her chair, an original poem in behalf of Class No. 5 was read to her. From here she was led to the dining table where she found a display of roses, greeting cards, a luncheon set of Desert Gold glassware and a cake decorated with roses and 35 candles, representing 35 years of teaching. The cake was then placed beside the chair and the shower of roses began.

As the roll was called each member went to the table, detached the decorative ribbons streamer from her gift and presented it to Mrs. Howard in the following manner:

The greeting card verse was read to her; the gift-dish—symbolic of "Purity"—was handed to her as a special verse was read; likewise, the rose. Each rose had written on its leaf a symbol, characteristic of life. Each card was handed to Mrs. Thelma Turrentine with which she made a booklet as the program proceeded. The roses were passed

on to her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Sain, who made the flower arrangement. The two members are charter members of the class.

After all members presented their gifts, Mrs. Jo McClamrock read to her the following:

"Mrs. Howard, our program—'Showers of Roses' is finished. These dishes we hope you will display—Also the booklet of friendship cards and the vase of roses—As to you our appreciation they convey."

Mrs. Howard responded:

"Girls, I can't say a word; I'm simply overwhelmed."

Mrs. Howard is the wife of the late W. M. Howard and is the mother of five children. They are as follows: Mrs. Frank Sain, Jr., Abe Howard, Alton Howard, all of Mocksville, Rt. 3; Mrs. Rose Miller McKnight of Mooresville, and the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr. of Durham, the present pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church in Durham.

Mrs. Howard has been active in the church since early in life. Down through the years she has held various church offices—to name a few: Sunday school teacher for 35 years; church organist from 1928-1956; church steward from 1929-1931; and communion steward for 17 years.

In September, Mrs. Howard will be 76 years old. A member of her class said of her:

"The beautiful part of her Christian life is that she has never seemed to tire. It can be well said of her—that she has been faithful to her church, her home and family, and to her community. Her's is a beautiful life, an inspiration to all who know her."

Southern States Faculty Conference Junaluska Aug. 21-25

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C.—More than 200 college and university staff members are expected to attend the eighth annual Southern States Faculty Conference here August 21-25.

The international meeting will be sponsored by the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church and the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in cooperation with the Faculty Christian Fellowship. Dr. Hunter Blakely, Richmond, Va., Division of Higher Education of the Presbyterian board, and Dr. Woodrow A. Geier, Nashville, Tenn., Division of Higher Education of the Methodist board, will serve as program co-chairmen.

Theme of the five-day meeting will be "The Nature and Mission of the Church in This Revolutionary Age." The high-level talks will emphasize intellectual and religious competence and the development of sound ideas.

Conference deans will be the Rev. Dr. J. Ralph Jolly, dean of students and college chaplain at Birmingham-Southern College, and Dr. E. Ashby Johnson of the department of philosophy and religion at Florida Presbyterian College, St. Augustine.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson of the department of church history at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and Dr. Bernard M. Loomer, professor of philosophy and religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

Handling Annual Conference Publicity Is Complicated And Time-Consuming Job

By DALLAS MALLISON

Handling well the press, radio and television relations of an annual session of the North Carolina Conference is a most complicated and time-consuming activity. Naturally those who have little or nothing to do with it have little conception of the complexity and time necessary to carry this out successfully.

This article will describe in summary form the workings of this program as it was carried through in connection with the recent Durham session. It should be quite interesting and perhaps educational.

Judged by the extent and variety of the coverage obtained, the program was eminently successful. Bill Shires, Raleigh Bureau Manager of United Press International, told this reporter it was his opinion that the session was the best covered church meeting in the history of the state. Certainly it was the best covered annual session ever held by the North Carolina Conference.

Based upon clippings secured by the Director of Conference Press Relations and clippings supplied by a professional clipping bureau, every daily paper and over 25 of the weekly papers located in the conference area carried one or more stories concerning the program or pastoral appointments. In addition, all the larger dailies in the Western N. C. Conference area ran one or more such stories.

In the files of the conference press relations director are at least 177 clippings from nearly 40 daily papers and 33 clippings of stories from at least 25 weekly newspapers carried during this period.

Wire Service

For the first time near-complete assistance was given the two principal wire services in this section which are the Associated Press and the United Press International. The conference press director called in telephone reports several times daily during, before and at the close of the session. He was personally in charge of coverage for the UP! And helped with the AP reporting.

The Durham Herald wired one or more daily reports into the Raleigh office of the Associated Press. In addition, Mr. Noel Yancey, Raleigh AP office manager, made several trips to Durham. His wire service also sent out a few wirephotos.

Both AP and UPI were fully protected on the annual pastoral appointments list, previous arrangements having been made so far as was possible. Mr. Yancey came over to get his own lists which were supplied by the director who sent by special bus service the UPI list to Raleigh. Much of this activity took place late at night. Both services had the lists on their wires early Thursday morning.

TV and Radio Coverage

The special one-minute or longer "Beeper" telephone recorded reports begun last year were expanded this year. A young minister with an excellent news sense and voice and some experience in the field was secured to handle this part of the program.

The director did assist the Rev. William K. Quick of Zebulon in making some calls.

Radio Station WPTF in Raleigh did an outstanding job in covering the conference with several telephone reports each day. Also, this station recorded the Bishop's reading of the pastoral appointments in full and aired them early Thursday evening. Station WDNC in Durham gave frequent recorded reports and sent out the appointments list to all radio stations desiring them.

TV stations WRAL in Raleigh and WTVD in Durham gave much coverage, sending in their reporters or photographers and using photos sent them by the director. They carried wire reports several times each day. TV and radio stations in other parts of the conference area also gave excellent coverage to the session's activities.

Making Preparations

Actually, plans for this year's annual session began immediately after the session closed last year. Conferences were held with wire service and certain news media directors to get their ideas for this year at that time and tentative plans were laid then.

Soon after June 1 a copy of the master draft of the program was secured from Bishop Garber. He was asked also for addresses of all speakers listed, and he kept the director up-dated on later additions. The director wrote the nearly 25 speakers listed and from all but one of them mats or pictures or biographical sketches or both or all three were secured. These were arranged and made available previous to the session's opening to many newspapers and some TV stations.

Several managing editors of the larger dailies operating in or serving the conference area queried weeks before the session opened as to what sort of advance or pre-session stories they wanted. The director prepared such stories all of which were used prior to the actual opening of the session. These included dailies in Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and Rocky Mount—Nearly 10 special stories in all.

The preparation of these stories required days of work, since each had to be specially written and done on a strict time or deadline schedule. Also pictures had to be selected and varied as far as was possible for each paper.

Arrangements were made with the host pastor and conference secretary to provide a special telephone for reporters, tables for all reporters both on and off the conference floor, and special assistance of other kinds was requested. In addition to the Rev. Mr. Quick, the director was able to secure the excellent help of the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson of Gaston. Brother Stephenson operated well in many capacities.

Local Papers Helped

Some six weeks or more before the session opened first contacts were made with the managing editor of the two Durham

papers. They wanted advance stories and pictures which were supplied according to their specifications. They were also informed of the kind of help they could expect from the director and were helped all during the session itself.

The *Durham Sun* and *Durham Herald* gave the best or one of the best all-time coverages of any annual conference session. Part of the reason for this was the cooperation extended them by the director and his assistants and by conference officials and the bishop. The two papers carried over 30 separate stories and nearly 20 pictures many of which their own photographers took.

Early and Late

The press relations director arrived on the scene and went into action on the spot Saturday evening before the session opened the following Monday afternoon. He did not end his last wire or typed report until Thursday night after the session had ended at noon that day. He was up early and never got to bed until midnight or after.

As always the obtaining of the appointments lists was the most harrowing and frustrating experience. The director and his staff are caught between the wire services and other news media on the one hand who are in a hurry and the bishop and his cabinet on the other hand.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

"I have been young and now I am old."

—Psalm 37:25

I can remember that out in the country they used to invite preachers to the hog killings. In the cities they often invite the hogs to the preacher killings.

My fifty years in the ministry carries my memory back to the time when young people did not start to kissing until they were introduced. In those days women used to blush. There were a lot of things they did not talk about before marriage and that left many interesting things to talk about after marriage.

I remember when "lie" was a fighting word. There was another kind of lye that was used to make soap and liquor, and to wash out the mouth of bad boys who used bad words.

It lingers in my mind that bad men used to come under the spell of the gospel and become convicted and converted and transformed.

When I started in the ministry Jesus was on trial and science was the judge. Now science is on trial and Jesus is the Judge.

Time To Plan For Laymen's Retreats

Since the Annual Laymen's Retreat of the North Carolina Conference is to be held at Duke University August 19-20 and for the Western North Carolina Conference at Lake Junaluska August 18-20, it is time for plans to be made. Hundreds of devoted laymen attend these two retreats each year. A good program is arranged and much inspiration is received. It is good to be able to attend these conference-wide gatherings, which deal with the work of the laymen in the church.

Needed: New Churches!

BY PAUL NEFF GARBER

(Editor's Note: Bishop Garber, who heads the Richmond area of the Methodist Church, discusses the critical need for church extension. This article is taken from his introduction to a Methodist mission study book for 1961-62, *The Call for New Churches*, by B. P. Murphy. The book is available at 75c per copy from: Study Book Office, 13th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.)

It can truly be stated and without contradiction that the Methodist Church must organize new congregations and provide houses of worship for the growing and changing population of our nation. The basic reason for church extension is evangelism, the impulse to spread the Gospel, and this can be done only by following the people and placing churches within practical reach of them.

Evangelism and church extension have always gone hand in hand in Methodist history. Methodist meeting houses began to arise in England shortly after John Wesley began his field preaching. As the circuit riders followed the frontiersmen to new sections of America, they erected small and often crude churches.

The growth of population in America makes imperative a great church extension era, if Methodism really plans to reach the people. In 1950 there were 151,325,798 persons living in America but in 1960 the number had grown to 177,718,621 or a net gain of 17.4% in the decade.

A similar increase in population is predicted for the period from 1960 to 1970. This population gain has a most important bearing upon the future program of our Methodism because these statistics represent individuals, souls to be saved and nurtured and for whom new sanctuaries must be provided.

In addition to this growing population, ours is also a mobile population. It is estimated that 35,000,000 people change residence in America each year and that the average American moves his home every five years. There is a steady stream of people moving from rural to urban centers, and within the cities the movement is from the older sections to the suburbs and even to rural non-farm sections.

The movement of population creates problems for the Methodist Church both where the people were and where they locate. It means that old churches must be kept alive when the population moves out and new churches must be erected in new communities.

In this process of changing residences, there is a tendency for some of our members to drift away from the church. Other members who desire a new church home do not always find a Methodist church in the new housing development, and often they affiliate with whatever church is located near them.

The Methodist Church during the past decade has made progress in the field of church extension. In 1958 the Division of National Missions made a study of church extension for the previous eight and one half years. It was found that 1,053 new Methodist congregations had been organized.

Even with this encouraging report, the church extension program must be increased if the people are to be reached. The

1961 Youth Week Held at Arlington



Arlington Youth Week Leaders included the Rev. Bill Quick of Zebulon; Joyce Altstaetler, co-chairman of activities; Judy True, worship chairman; John Anderson, co-chairman of planning. (Photo: Courtesy of The Sun).

day has passed for discussion whether our existing local churches can take care of the growing and changing population.

Ten years from now, there will be 30,000,000 more people living within the bounds of America than there are today. The American church that delays in church extension is simply writing the verdict that that denomination will become more and more a minority element in religion and in other affairs of our nation.

The denominations that are making the greatest growth are those that sponsor aggressive church extension programs. The first congregation that enters a new population center usually wins the people. Our own members very easily affiliate with other groups if there is a failure to locate new Methodist congregations in suburban and similar sections. Some denominations understand this, as is seen by the decision of a sister church in 1956 to sponsor 30,000 new congregations and missions by 1964. It has asked each local church to sponsor a church extension project.

The estimate is that if Methodism is to retain its present figure of 5.48% of the total population, 1,600 new congregations must be provided between 1960 and 1964. This is not an impossibility, for it represents an average annually of only four new congregations in each of our 100 annual conferences.

We are in a better position to launch such a program because during the past decade we have learned by experience the best methods to be followed in church extension. These include the proper locating of new churches, the best techniques in church extension financing, and the securing of new building lots at the proper time.

If we Methodists desire to reach the people, our goal should not be in the number of new congregations, but rather the decision to organize a new Methodist congregation in every place in America where

ARLINGTON, VA.—The speaker for the 1961 Youth Week at Arlington Methodist Churches and the churches of the surrounding area was the Rev. William K. Quick of Zebulon. The Youth Week, held July 23-28, was most successful, according to the host pastors, with excellent attendance.

The week's theme, "The Path Ahead" was explored each night by the Chapel speaker. Quick spoke on the following topics, Sunday: "The Christ Who Converts Us;" Monday, "The Book That Commands Us;" Tuesday, "The Church That Confronts Us;" Wednesday, "The Faith That Compels Us;" Thursday, "The Frontier That Calls Us" and Friday, "The Gamble That Challenges Us."

Following the chapel inspirational hour, the group was divided into four areas for a "Quest" hour. The Quests were "Through the Bible;" "Through Faith or Materialism?" "Through Holy Tact" (for Seniors); and "Through Holy Tact" (for Older Youth).

The recreational period was led nightly by another Tar Heel Methodist, John M. Meares, formerly of Raleigh. Meares, widely known in the conference and jurisdiction, is now a resident in Arlington.

we Methodists should be represented. Truly we must accept the challenge and opportunity of carrying the Gospel to the growing and changing population.

We must go to the people in the suburban sections of the cities, to the congested population areas caused by military establishments and industrial developments and to the rural sections created by the large non-farm population. In some places the Methodist Church is actually being urged by unchurched people to provide spiritual care for them through the building of new churches. There are critical areas where further church extension delay will be disastrous for Methodism.

Lay Activities Looks Ahead

Excerpts from an address delivered by Dr. Robert C. Mayfield of Chicago at the Third National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., Sunday, July 16. Dr. Mayfield is general secretary of The Methodist Church's Board of Lay Activities.

There exists a deep uneasiness inside many Americans today because we are not living up to our moral and spiritual capacity in the world. We have manipulated people by mass media of communication and advertising to buy products whether they were needed or not.

In America we are undergoing a sex revolution. Most of our TV and radio programs, as well as our books of fiction and all forms of the arts, are dominated today by an over-emphasis upon sex. On the domestic and international scenes our nation has often seemed to plot its course without any sense of direction or purpose. There has developed a coolness or estrangement between the church and the world because the message and the work of the church have not always been relevant to the needs of the contemporary society in which the church exists.

As individuals we have all too often compromised principles for the sake of expediency. We have conformed to group patterns of thought and action in the name of tolerance. We have looked upon our churches as sociological units in society and have adapted our Christian witness to the present society until we as Christians have lost our distinctiveness.

It should be remembered that power in the church is not necessarily in proportion to our program and promotion. Neither is the volume of our activity a true criteria for determining the effectiveness of a church member.

What are our challenges in the future? Without attempting to deal with specific goals in this message, we should address ourselves to five major responsibilities in the future:

1. We must continue to develop our program of lay activities. We must never think that program and promotion are bad in themselves. They are only bad when we lift them up as the goal which we desire to accomplish.

2. We must develop better leadership. We have the responsibility of continuously finding new men and developing new leaders for the church. The recruitment which must be done both for the ordained leadership of the church as well as for the lay leadership of the church must continue without abatement.

3. We must lift up the vision of men. Our men must be able to see that not only individuals but our nations need Christ and His message of salvation.

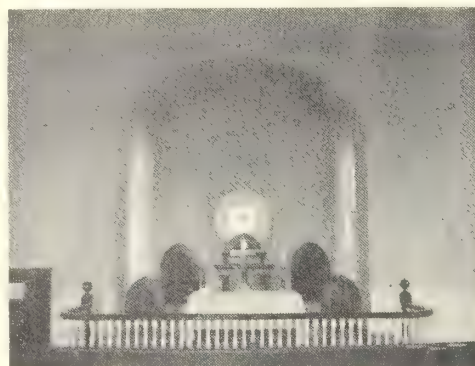
4. We must make our Methodist Men clubs more relevant to the needs of our men and to the total mission of the church. Our Methodist Men clubs must become not a fifth wheel in the local church but a vital and dynamic part of the life and work of the fellowship of Christians as they minister to the world.

Mass meetings are wonderful, but the real nurture of a man's faith and the deepening of his spiritual life will come more in small prayer groups of men than in the larger meetings. Every Methodist Men's

Improvement Made at Rougemont

The Rougemont Methodist Church, on the Rougemont Charge, has recently completed the renovation of the sanctuary, and minor changes and repairs were made on the exterior. The renovation in no way marred the beauty of the French decorum that has graced the Rougemont village for approximately a half century.

The people of Rougemont are rightfully proud of their church, a church that has



been the starting place for many of our now efficient and capable leaders of the North Carolina Conference.

The Rougemont Church stands today, as it has stood hundreds of yesterdays, a silent but saving watch in the night, and a Way and Witness to the many who pass her towering steeple by day.

Though small in number, the Rougemont Church stands among the great churches, and she will continue to progress with our great Methodist Church.

club should form one or more of these prayer groups.

5. We must deepen the spiritual life of the man power of the church. Lack of understanding of our basic Christian beliefs is a major weakness of our 20th century discipleship. Our commitment cannot be of real depth as long as we do not understand what we profess to believe and live by.

We must recognize that Christianity is not a "do-it-yourself" religion. We are not able to redeem ourselves and it is only as we experience the new birth in Christ that we become qualified and empowered to be His witnesses in the world. We must lead men to seek daily Christ's way of life through daily Bible reading.

The authority of the Bible must take precedence in our lives again.

We must lead our men to enter into Christian service. This does not necessarily mean full-time vocational service, but that we lead men to consider that everything they do in their vocational work is an opportunity of service to Jesus Christ. We must not only work within the church; we must challenge laymen to work in the world.

Let us proclaim to the world our faith and our commitment to Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Our responsibility is to continue to proclaim every day of our lives that Jesus Christ is Lord, thus fulfilling our responsibility as stewards of the manifold grace of God. This can be done only through a new birth and empowerment by the Holy Spirit.

New Faculty Members Announced at Pfeiffer

The appointment of four new faculty members, a Librarian and Director of Religious Life for the 1961-62 academic year has been announced by Pfeiffer College President Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II.

Dr. Roger W. Kusche, Methodist minister of Crestwood, Ky., has been named Director of Religious Life and Assistant Professor of Greek. Rev. James Clemmer, current Director of Religious Life, has been named Associate Director of Public Relations and will be associated with Pfeiffer's Director of Public Relations Dr. G. Nelson Moore in the college's student recruitment program.

A graduate of Asbury College in 1948 where he received an A.B. degree, cum laude, Dr. Kusche also holds a B.D. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. In 1960, he received his Ph.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in the field of New Testament studies.

Mrs. Velma Huie, currently Reference Librarian at Auburn University, has been named Assistant Professor of Library Science. She has her A.B. from Jacksonville State College and an M.A. from Peabody College in library science. For ten years, she served as a teacher in a Methodist Mission School in Southern Rhodesia.

Richard Jackson who has served as Acting Librarian for the current year has been named Assistant Librarian.

Eugene W. Womble, currently a member of the Wake Forest College faculty, has been named assistant professor of Mathematics. A graduate of Wofford College and the University of North Carolina where he received an M.A. in Mathematics, he has also studied advance Mathematics at Tulane University. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa.

Herbert Bryant, currently a graduate assistant in English at the University of South Carolina, will join the faculty as an assistant professor of English. He received an A.B. degree in Journalism and English and is scheduled to receive an M.A. degree in English this summer from the University of South Carolina.

James L. Lineberger, Jr., Concord, currently working with the Cabarrus County Welfare Department, has been named Instructor in English. He received an A.B. degree from Catawba College in English and an M.A. in 1959 from the University of Minnesota in the field of speech and drama where he was a graduate assistant for two years. He has had two plays published and won two national awards in the Samuel French Playwriting Contest.

Mrs. Frank Armfield, Albemarle, will serve as an instructor in English. She holds an A.B. from Mercer University and an M.A. from Emory University. For three years, Mrs. Armfield served as head of the Department of Journalism at Stetson University. In her first year there, she was an instructor in English also.

President Stokes noted that an announcement concerning faculty appointments in the field of music and economics would be made shortly.

Methodist Visitors To Norway
Will Find Different Church

CHICAGO, ILL.—Methodists who attend the 10th World Methodist Conference in Oslo, in August, will not find the same Methodist Church in Norway that they know in this country, says Bishop T. Otto Nall, in the June 22 issue of the *Christian Advocate*.

The Methodist community in Norway now stands at just under 10,000 persons. It is as large as any in Scandinavia. . . . "Like most of Scandinavian Methodism," says Bishop Nall, "the church is still pietistic and revivalistic. The devotion of ministers and laymen shames the American visitor. . . . Methodists have discovered that the best witnessing and winning can be done when they do not withdraw, but when they contact the world."

Bishop Nall reports that Methodism has not tried to change the churches. It has not attempted to force a separation of Church and State in a land where such separation is unknown. Bishop Odd Hagen, a native of Norway but living at the area headquarters in Stockholm, is of the opinion that today's Methodist church can serve as a bridge from the old to something new that has not yet emerged.

Bishop Nall says, "There were differences and discriminations that amounted to real persecution as Methodism started in Norway. For many years, Methodists had to pay for the support of the state church, in addition to the faith of their choice and allegiance. And only within the last few years have Methodists been permitted to teach in the schools, because religion must be taught, and the religion of Norway is Lutheranism."

"When the persecution of the Jews started, the free churches joined in protest, and their meetings were held in old Central Methodist Church, Oslo. When the wind-swept and salt-stained port of Molde was bombed and the Methodist church destroyed, Methodists put on their best Sunday clothes and held meetings in a textile factory."

The hardships the Nazi occupation strengthened their purpose: during those days of Quizzling, 37 churches were destroyed, 25 of them within the Arctic Circle. Many of these were Methodist.

Methodism in Norway has made much of the Methodist heritage in all places. Methodists have known the blessed experience of finding new life in the Spirit.

This is true throughout Norway — in Hammerfest, where a church for fishermen is still to be built; in Bergen with its steep streets and Central Methodist Church not far from the busy market; in stately but bustling Stavanger—but it is most true in Oslo.

This 900-year-old city with its half-million inhabitants is the kind of place that offers Methodists a challenge. It is the seat of the Storting, or parliament, and Norway's democratic royal family has its headquarters here. The dramatic new City Hall, not far from the docks, says Dr. Nall, who visited the country last year, symbolizes the fact that Oslo has good, solid municipal traditions at the very center of its varied life.

The presence of a noteworthy university

and many cultural institutions—including the controversial Vigeland statuary—makes for an intellectual atmosphere. And the Viking ships, as well as the storied raft *Kontiki*, link the place with its seafaring past and present.

Bishop Nall reports that "Methodism has several churches in addition to the newly built Central Church. First Church stands beside the Methodist Publishing House. There is a deaconess home and hospital across the street from a great old cemetery where Ibsen lies buried. And on the outskirts of town is a Methodist home for children."

"In the ranks of all classes in this almost classless society," concludes Bishop Nall, "you will find Methodists. And they are seeking *New Life in the Spirit* as they join the Norway that was, with the Norway that is to be."

North Carolina Conference
European Caravan

Dear Readers of the *Christian Advocate*:

With our five days in Braunschweig over, four of them being "work-days" we began a busy week of fast traveling through Germany. Wednesday, the 28th, found us leaving Braunschweig for Köln (Cologne) by train. On arriving in Köln we found our places at the Hotel Bassmann, on the banks of the Rhine, the first such experience for us on the trip. After eating there we took a quick tour of the city by foot, led by Pastor Reinhardt Brose: Reinhardt will continue traveling with us through Deutschland, being our guide and interpreter. It took us only a very short while to discover how much of tourist town Köln is. We also found the outstanding feature of the city to be the Köln Dam. We all retired early for the coming busy day. At seven the next morning we had all taken our seats for the thirteen hour ride down the Rhine River. The trip was indescribably beautiful with mountain sloping down on either side of the river, covered in grape vineyards. From the boat one could see the little huts of the farmer where he would stay during the harvest season to prevent robbers from stealing his grapes. Ever so often a mountain was topped with a magnificent medieval castle. There were many special points of interest, such as the legend of Törlay and other historical events. The day was greatly enjoyed by all, for it was really relaxing. Along the Rhine were many villages, each very unique with a very large Gothic church, a beautiful garden along the river and a castle above that seemed to be the guardian of each village. At one of these villages, W. Bierbich, we departed from the Rhine and got a train into Frankfurt. Here we found our places at the Methodist Seminary. The first day of sight-seeing in Frankfurt was begun with a conference with Bishop Wunderlich of the North East European Jurisdiction. The conference was more than interesting and enlightening for we were all inspired by the diplomatic and challenging words of the Bishop. The remainder of the morning was spent visiting the birthplace and museum of Goethe, the most famous of German writers. The afternoon was spent observing an exhibit of the advances in the Jewish religion and the Methodist Hospital. We had supper back at the Seminary, after which Reinhardt tried his skill in teaching us to play German volleyball ball.

We were off again the next day by train to Heidelberg. Once there, we left our bags at the station and started the climb up to the famous Heidelberg Castle. It was everything we had heard that it was, even the very large wine barrel; all found out one way or another what was in the surprise box on the wall. Picking up our bags later in the afternoon, we ventured out to our residence for the next two nights, the youth hostel. Not yet have we figured out why the lights were not turned out in the girls' room, when there were lights off at 10 p.m. in every other room.

On Sunday, Reinhardt had charge of the service with our group giving the special music. For dinner each of the members went home with members of the congregation; all agreed that it was wonderful to eat home cooking again after eating in restaurants for so many days. In the afternoon we took a river boat ride down the river. It was very hot and we all envied the thousand of people we saw in swimming along the river for the five-hour trip. After supper one of the theology students from the states who is studying at Heidelberg University took a few of us on a sight-seeing excursion of the city, pointing out many places of historical interest. Again the girls were honored by not having their lights turned off at ten.

The next morning found us up early to catch our train for München (Munich). This proved to be the worst train ride thus far on our trip. It was very hot and took over an hour for all of us to find seats. On arriving in München, we afforded the luxury of a taxi for the first time; for it was so hot and the bags so heavy to carry. In München we stayed at a Pension, which could be compared with a boarding house in the States. After getting settled, we rested until supper

for it had been a long hot day. That night we attended a dramatic opera, "Tosca" by Puccini. We all enjoyed it, even if we did miss the first act and could only understand very little of the language.

Next morning we were off to a visit with Pastor Herman Neff of the Methodist Church there in München and of course to pick up our mail. We then shopped and walked around the city until eleven o'clock, when we saw the dancing of the figurines on the Ragstag, the City Hall. We had lunch at the Hofbrauhaus, which was made famous by Hitler, for here he began his career in making speeches to the public. Once a plot was made against his life, but unsuccessfully for he cut his speech short and missed the bomb that had been set for him. After lunch we rented a Volkswagen bus to make a tour of the city; this proved to be very fortunate for us for it rained all afternoon. We visited several Catholic churches, the museum, which is very similar to our Smithsonian Institute and the Nernburg Palace, the former summer residence of the royal family. It's in French architecture with many beautiful gardens. That night four of us went to the opening night of the München Jazz Festival, while the others prepared to leave Germany the next day. As we looked back over the day realizing it was our last in Deutschland we were thankful for the many new friends we had made and the many adventures we had had. Yet still looking forward to more of both in Austria. It was hard to realize it had been the 4th of July for there had not been one reminder of it.

Wednesday, another busy day, found us leaving München, Germany, our guide, Pastor Brose, and going into a new country. When we arrived in Salzburg, a three-hour ride from München, we were met by Pastor Bak Hansen, and American Minister serving in the Austrian conference. He took us to a very typical Austrian restaurant where we all continued our eating of Wienerkalelt, which has become our favorite dish. Probably one reason being it is the only thing on the menu we can read. Bok then took us to his home where we met Mrs. Hansen who had tea ready for us. Bok also showed us his church and gave us some of the historical background. The church is in a building owned by the Methodist Church; but also has a Russian Orthodox chapel on the second floor, and a Catholic on the third. The apartment building adjoining the church was built by MCOR (Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief) and is only for Hungarian refugees. We then made our way up to the Salzburg Castle, which we all found very interesting; especially the scenery, for on one side of the mountain one can see the rugged and sharp mountains of Germany in the distance, and the mountains and green lands of Austria much nearer. The afternoon was very hurried for we had to soon leave by train for Linz. We had our supper in a real American hamburger place which was exciting as well as enjoyable for all. We left Salzburg and our new found friends, knowing there would be many more in Austria.

Until next time—
1961 Methodist Youth Caravan.

Methodist Church Needs
9,230 Full-Time Workers

The Methodist Church has openings for at least 9,230 full-time workers annually, Methodist youth from the southeastern states were told in a meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

The denomination needs to recruit each year at least 2,400 new ministers, 350 missionaries, 1,480 Christian educators (including teachers, directors of Christian education, Wesley Foundation directors, and others), and 5,000 for its healing ministry (doctors, nurses, and technicians).

This was announced by the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Methodist Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

He said the church also offers vocational opportunities in various other fields.

Mr. Bauer was one of the leaders for a conference on spiritual life and service for youth of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly.

More than 100 youth and their adult leaders attended.

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Two EXECUTIVES of the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions retired July 1: the Rev. Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, director of the department of town and country work, and Harvey M. King, director of the department of architecture.



Woman's Activities



Spiritual Life Progress Noted

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. R. L. Jerome, immediate past secretary of Spiritual Life, North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in her last report notes gratifying gains in this line of work, and cites several needs toward deepening the spiritual life of the women throughout the conference.

According to the Mrs. Jerome's report Durham District reported increases in every phase of Spiritual life work, with exception of two, which were ties. Elizabeth City District ran a close second with only one decrease and two ties. The Rocky Mount and New Bern Districts were one hundred per cent in reporting; Rocky Mount District has a secretary of Spiritual Life in every local society, and every local secretary of Spiritual Life in this district is a member of her church's Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

Among the needs, according to Mrs. Jerome, are additional prayer groups, prayer partners, and prayer chains; emphasis upon use of Fellowship of Intercession cards; prayers for youth as they face the multiplicity of problems and temptations.

On June 1, Mrs. Jerome began her term of office as Secretary of Youth Work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. J. E. Sponenburgh, of Durham is the new Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Durham District Women Hold Day Apart

Writing concerning the recent Day Apart sponsored by the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service held at the Efland Methodist Church, Mrs. J. A. Warren, district secretary of this line of work declared: "The Day Apart was packed full

of wonderful thoughts and worked out very effectively."

The following poem heading the printed program for the meeting set the tone for the day's theme:

TIME TO SPARE

"I have no time to spare,
And measure it with care;
So that the setting sun
Finds all my labor done,
And yet, it does seem odd
Just scraps are left for God."

The six meditations were on the topics, Time to Spare Today, Time to Spare for Personal Worship, Time to Spare for Group Worship, Time to Spare for Intercession, Time to Spare, How Much? and Time to Spare for Breaking Bread.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenburgh, conference secretary of Spiritual Life gave the opening meditation, Morning Praise. The Rev. W. A. Jarrett, pastor of the host church, led the opening prayer. The meditations were interspersed with prayers, hymn singing, and an offering.

Methodist Women in Sarawak Active

As in most places of the world, Methodist women in Sarawak (Borneo) are active in service to the church and in their own special programs. A recent report shows that the number of Woman's Societies of Christian Service grew from thirty-seven in 1952 to fifty-seven in 1960, an increase of more than 50 per cent. Giving by members more than doubled during the same period, increasing from \$6,300 (Malayan dollars) to \$15,200.

Ninety-four of the 1,360 members attended a recent meeting of the Woman's Society of the Sarawak Annual Conference. Marked by training classes, musical programs, an "International Night," and addresses, the highlight was a Communion service conducted by three ordained ministers, the first time such a service had been held in Sarawak. —*The Methodist Woman*.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



METHODIST WOMEN TO TEACH IN SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Three deaconesses, a former conference president, a jurisdiction officer and a minister are to be the teachers in the annual School of Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church to be held at Pfeiffer College on August 14-18.

Miss Jane Stentz, deaconess, of the Woman's Division, will teach, "Churches for New Times." Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, deaconess, will teach, "The Christian Mission in Latin America," and Miss Mary Floyd, deaconess at Pfeiffer College, will teach, "The Meaning of Suffering."

Mrs. J. W. Payne, former conference president, will teach a study similar to Miss Bethea's course. Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox of Maryville, Tenn., secretary of Christian social relations in the SE Jurisdiction, will teach, "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship." Dr. George Schreyer, professor at Pfeiffer College, will teach the Bible study in, "The Meaning of Suffering."

Visitors classes will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. The classes will meet in the Pfeiffer Chapel. A class in each of the four studies will be taught by a conference officer. Mrs. Carl King will teach the class on citizenship, Mrs. Herman Anderson will teach the Bible study course, Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr. will teach the class on Latin America and Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey will teach, "Churches for New Times." Two classes will be held each day from 10 a.m. until noon.

Miss Evelyn Strader, missionary to India



MISS MARY BETHEA



MRS. J. W. PAYNE



MISS MARY FLOYD

now on furlough, will be a resource person for the school.

Clinics for officers will be held in the afternoons. A Bible Hour will be held each evening with Dr. Robert T. Osborn as leader.

The cost of the school is \$15.00 for room and board and \$2.50 registration fee and insurance. Registration cards are available from the district secretary of missionary education and service or by writing Mrs. J. B. Duckett, Elizabeth Ave., Forest City, N. C., school registrar.

Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr. of Elkin is in charge of the school.

Spiritual Life Retreat

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, former conference officer and mother of Deaconess Jane Stentz, will be the leader for the Spiritual Life Retreat to be held at Pfeifer College on August 12 and 13.

The program of the retreat will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and will continue through Sunday evening, closing with the Holy Communion service. The theme will be, "Patterns of Meditation and Prayer."

Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, secretary of Spiritual Life of the Conference, is in charge of the retreat.

The cost of the two-day session is \$7.00 or board and room and \$1.50 for registration and insurance.

Youth and Leaders To Study Moral Concerns

The 1961 National Youth School of Moral Concerns will be held August 21-27 at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. The school, sponsored jointly by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Youth Department of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, focuses attention on Alcohol Studies and the "Role of Sex in Christian Living." Conference MYF chairmen of Christian Citizenship and Christian Fellowship, and conference directors of youth work will attend from across the church.

Directing the school are Rene F. Pino of the Youth Department staff, Board of Education, and Emogene Dunlap Kuhn, director of youth work of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Board of Christian Social Concerns. The roster of resource leaders includes Douglas Jackson of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Roger Burgess of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Aileen Sanborn of the General Board of Education, among others.

Secretaries Release 1961 Oslo Program

The impressive schedule for the Tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, August 17-25, 1961, has been completed by the international program committee and is in the hands of the printer.

Announcement of the details of the nine days of worship, addresses, lectures, sermons, discussions and business sessions is made from the office of the World Methodist Council at Lake Junaluska by Dr. Elmer T. Clark.

Dr. Clark and Dr. E. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, England, jointly carry the secretarial responsibility of ecumenical Methodism's continuing body, the World Methodist Council.

New Life in the Spirit

"New Life in the Spirit" is the central theme of this quinquennial conference which will bring Methodist leaders, lay and ministerial, from all the continents to Norway.

The truly world-wide nature of the coming conference is revealed by the program. It shows participants from 23 countries. As would be expected from the distribution of the Methodists of the world, the names of churchmen from the United Kingdom and the United States appear most often on the program. There are, however, in addition to these, 57 persons from 21 other countries who are listed to take part in one capacity or another.

Oslo's Philadelphia Hall and the new Central Methodist Church will be the most frequent meeting places of the conference. Larger rallies will be held in Njardhallen, the city's sports arena. The Lutheran Building and the University Hall will also be used.

Ceremonial Welcoming Service

A spectacular opening assembly in Philadelphia Hall is planned for the evening of August 17 when a procession of flags will symbolize the international character of the gathering.

Welcoming addresses by the episcopal host, Bishop Odd Hagen, and Oslo officials will be heard and music by a united choir will herald the guests. Titular heads of thirteen Methodist bodies will be formally received by the president of the World Methodist Council, Dr. Harold Roberts. The occasion will also form the setting for the traditional presidential address by Dr. Roberts. He is principal of Richmond Theological College, Surrey, England.

Ecumenical Service in Cathedral

Methodism's place in the world church will be recognized the evening of August 22 in another colorful occasion—an ecumenical service in the cathedral of the Lutheran State Church of Norway. The Bishop of Oslo will welcome the visitors, Dr. Martin Niemoller and others will bring greetings from confessional councils and fraternal delegates from both the Norwegian church and the free churches will be heard. Dr. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, Switzerland, secretary general of the World Council of Churches, will deliver the address.

A Typical Conference Day

Each morning at 7:30 Bishop Hagen will administer Holy Communion in Central

Church assisted by four clergymen, each representing a different race or country.

A devotional leader will open the Conference sessions at 9:15 in Philadelphia Hall. Then are scheduled two important addresses on aspects of the Conference theme.

Typical is the August 19th offering: "The Church as the Family of God" by Dr. E. Gordon Rupp, U.K., and "The Laity in the Church" by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, U.S.A.

Following a recess divided sessions will be held at noon, continuing for an hour and a half. Delegates may choose Bible Study, Discussion Groups or a section called "Methodism in Action."

The Bible studies will be led by the Rev. Rupert Davies, U.K., the course dealing with some of the main interests in First Corinthians. The exegesis will be related to the theme of the conference.

There will be eight discussion groups meeting daily where participants will deal with points arising from the morning addresses. Eight chairmen and eight secretaries have been appointed.

Special importance is attached to these groups because the program makers anticipate that much material for the Message of the Conference to the Churches of World Methodism will be produced in the course of these discussions.

The "Methodism in Action" section will consist of addresses by authorities reviewing what the several bodies have been doing since 1956. Some speakers will consider their subjects denominationally, some geographically and others topically.

The long morning sessions, which are broken by a 45-minute refreshment period, end at 1:30 p.m. Delegates on some days are then free until the evening sessions; on other days until 5:00 p.m. when lectures are scheduled.

Varied Patterns for Evenings

On certain evenings two speakers from widely-separated homelands will discuss the same subject. The youth rally will be addressed by Dr. Helen Kim of Seoul, Korea, president of the world's largest woman's college. British and American youth will each have a spokesman.

The new president, Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, will deliver his inaugural address the last night. John Wesley's Covenant Service will conclude the nine-day conference.

Sunday preachers will be, in the morning, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York; in the evening, Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards of Cardiff, Wales.

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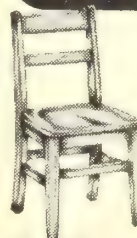
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Boys and Girls

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GROWING LOVELY

By E. WHISNER

Patsy's favorite aunt was one of those precious souls who had grown old graciously, and her gentle spirit endeared her to all who knew her. Patsy loved her very much, and there was a beautiful relationship between the white-haired lady and the little brown-haired girl.

One day Patsy said to her mother, "Mommie, will I be lovely like Aunt Jo when I get old?"

"Yes, you will, my dear," replied Mother, "if you begin now. Aunt Jo has been growing lovely for many, many years."

Now Aunt Jo wasn't just naturally a happy little girl to start with. She was sick a great deal, but through long hours and days of confinement she learned to be patient, and to wait for God to heal her body. She learned to be grateful to Him for each day's improvement, however slight, and for the friends who did so much to cheer her and help the hours to pass more quickly. During all this time she learned to love people, and to think of them and their needs even more than she thought of her own troubles. And she kept the corners of her mouth turned up in a smile, though many times this was not easy. So that when she was some years older, and well again, she was a radiant young woman happy in the knowledge and love of Jesus, and in the friendship of those about her.

Then more trouble came, but Aunt Jo knew about going to the Heavenly Father for strength, and she knew how much it helps to sing and smile no matter how dark the clouds. Often during the day, as she went about her work, she offered a little prayer of love and gratitude to God and asked for His help in matters that were troubling her. She was like a ray of sunshine in the community where she lived, and never missed a chance to do a kind deed for a neighbor. Each year it seemed she grew braver and sweeter.

Her hair turned gray, and then white, and there were wrinkles in her face. But those around her eyes and at the corners of her mouth were smile wrinkles, and it seemed like the dimples in her cheeks became deeper and more charming. There were always lights and twinkles in her eyes, and her laugh was so joyous! You felt like you had been

flooded with sunlight when you were with her.

Yes, it took Aunt Jo many, many years to grow into the lovely person whom Patsy knew and loved. But remember, she began early. And she didn't have to wait until she was old to be radiant and happy, for she found and gave happiness all along the way.

Do you remember the old story of "The Great Stone Face?" A boy had looked day after day at the form of a face that he saw carved in the rock on a mountainside overlooking his village. It was a kind, gentle face, and the boy often said to himself, "I hope I'll have a face like that when I get to be a man." When expressing the thought aloud one day, a friend replied, "Son, if you will be kind and gentle and loving each day while you are growing into manhood, you will have a face like the one you have admired." The boy followed the suggestion, and in later years there were those in the community who said, "How much he looks like the face on yonder mountainside!"

I'm thinking, too, of the giant redwood trees of California that took centuries of slow, patient growing to develop the strength and beauty that is now theirs. Rain and wind and storm, as well as sunshine, went into making them what they are. And they lived each day beautifully from the time they were tiny saplings.

So—let's begin now to grow lovely.

The Cookie Jar

A house should have a cookie jar,
For when it's half-past three,
And children hurry home from school
As hungry as can be,
There's nothing quite so splendid
In filling youngsters up
As spicy, fluffy ginger cakes,
And sweet milk in a cup.

A house should have a mother
Waiting with a hug,
No matter what a child brings home—
A puppy or a bug.
For children only loiter,
When the bell rings "dismiss,"
If no one's home to greet them
With a cookie and a kiss.

—CLIPPED

A Short, Short Story

A beautiful story is told of a little girl whose faith in God was very real.

The lamp had just been put out, and the child was afraid of the dark. But presently she saw the bright moon out of her window, and asked her mother "Is the moon God's light?"

"Yes, Ethel," her mother replied. "The moon and the stars are all God's lights."

"Will God put out His lights and go to sleep, too?" she asked again.

"No, my dear," assured her mother "God's lights are always burning."

"All right, Mother," the little girl said with confidence, "while God's awake I'm not afraid."

Wise Words

A wise old Negro mother once said "Yo' can't no more give yo' chelluns wha yo' ain't got than yo' kin come back from where yo' ain't never been."

Chuckles

Five-year-old Betty had been told that the noise of a thunderstorm was only the angels making their beds. One morning after a storm in which there had been considerable thunder and lightning, the little girl said:

"You know, Mommy, I didn't mind the noise when the angels made their beds last night, but I didn't like it when they couldn't make up their minds whether to turn the lights off or not."

"Junior, don't use such bad words," cautioned his mother.

"But Mom, Shakespeare used them," replied the boy.

His mother thought for a moment, then advised, "Then don't play with him any more."

A wise guy said to the bus driver one morning, "Well, Noah, you've gotter here at last. Is the ark full?"

"No," replied the driver, "we need one more monkey. Come on in."

Bible Quiz

(Name the animals in these quotations)

1. Jesus said: "I know my _____."
2. "Who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the _____?"
3. "John was clothed with _____'s hair."
4. Joseph's brethren "killed a _____ of the _____."
5. "The _____ came and licked his sores."

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Ravens—I Kings 17:6
2. The Dove—Genesis 8:11
3. The Cock—Matthew 26:31-34
4. The Sparrow—Matthew 10:29
5. Turtle Doves or Young Pigeons—Luke 21:22-24

Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 13

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

MARK: MAKING GOOD AFTER FAILURE

Background Scripture: Acts 12:12, 25;
13:4-5, 13; 15:36-39; Col. 4:10-
11; II Timothy 4:11b; I Peter 5:-
13.

Lesson Scripture: Acts 12:25; 13:4-5,
13; 15:36-39; Colossians 4:10;
II Timothy 4:11b; I Peter 5:13.

John Mark has been one of the controversial figures of the New Testament. There have been those who have been "for" him; likewise, there have been those who have been "against" him. Frank Mead says of him: "He was a lukewarm missionary, but a remarkable historian." This reference to the historian refers, of course, to the fact that tradition links the name of John Mark to the Gospel according to St. Mark. Due to various technical reasons which we have not the space to discuss, a good many scholars have questioned this tradition. The name Mark, of course, was a common one in the Roman world and it is possible that one other than John Mark was the author, or editor, of the work. The evidence not being conclusive against the authorship by John Mark, we shall follow the traditional position in this lesson.

The series of Scripture references given above are the clues by which we trace the steps of this remarkable man from that first unsuccessful venture on through a life that proves the ability to "come back." Of course no one knows precisely why Mark left the expedition of Paul and Barnabas to return to his home in Jerusalem. Was he homesick? Had he been "overmothered" and rendered weak thereby? Did he have a sweetheart whom he had left behind? Did he feel that his mother (who may have been a widow) needed him at home? Evidently Barnabas thought enough of Mark so that he invited him on another expedition. Considering all these possibilities, is it not a bit hasty to conclude that there was a basic lack of character in this man?

But, even if we grant that he miserably failed the first test, we have to admit that he made a fine "comeback." And, it appears from the record that even Paul, who was so disgusted with him at the beginning, came at last to see the real worth of the man. This ought to suggest that we be slow to condemn people for first failures. There are too many instances in human history which prove first failures are no certain prophecy of the final outcome of a man's life!

We do not know the details of the reconciliation between Mark and Paul, but it

evidently occurred. We infer that he had had a fine opportunity to know what it meant to be a follower of Christ. Many think his mother's home in Jerusalem was a sort of headquarters for the followers of Jesus, both during the life-time of the Master and afterwards, when the church was in process of being formed. If this is true, then John Mark must have had an opportunity to know many of the early Christian leaders first-hand.

Tradition says that Mark became the interpreter of Peter and from him learned the complete story of Jesus by heart. After Peter's death he is said to have written the story for the Church at Rome, the first of the gospels to be written. This gospel presents Jesus as the master of nature, of men, of demonic powers and even of death itself. Jesus emerges from the pages of this gospel as the Hero of heroes. Could it be that this man Mark, who knew what fear and failure meant, saw in his Master all that he would fain have been? But even as the record stands, with all its suggestion of failure at the beginning, Mark remains for mankind what Bishop Palmer has called "the banner of hope for all of us."

It was Barnabas who gave Mark his second chance. He took him on a pioneer missionary journey to the island of Cyprus (see Acts 15:39). One can only guess concerning the difficulties these men encountered. There is no record that Mark didn't measure up to all that was required this time! As a matter of fact, all of us can but admire the courage and devotion of our missionaries. Adlai Stevenson, on a recent visit to Africa, recorded his admiration for the devotion of these servants of Christ when he exclaimed: "The graves! the graves of these missionaries are everywhere!"

The Greeks had a proverb which ran like this: "In great attempts even to fail is glorious!" Sometimes we read that the church has failed. Without arguing the question, we might ask another: What institution has ever taken as its job the salvation of a lost world, except the church?

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Bishop Robbed

Bishop Fred P. Corson was robbed of \$3,700 while embarking for Oslo, Norway, on the Queen Mary. He and his wife had left their stateroom unlocked while they went to pose for photographers. When they returned, the money was gone. The stolen briefcase which contained it also carried several sermons and addresses the Bishop was to deliver at the World Methodist Conference at Oslo where he will be installed as president of the World Methodist Council. The money consisted of cash and traveler's checks. Bishop Corson, 64, is Methodist bishop of the Philadelphia Area.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

The small church was located on a very small corner city lot with no room to expand in any direction—except up or down! Membership had been static for half a century, virtually no more or no less members.

All through the years the large neighborhood manufacturing concern had provided a parsonage. Under a new policy all company owned residences were being dismantled to make room for a large shopping center. A lot for a new parsonage had been purchased, with only a fire station between it and the church.

Plans were made to raise funds to build the new parsonage. When the director arrived, the wisdom of re-locating the church, and consequently the parsonage, was suggested. The young student pastor did not think it possible—nor did his congregation—because of the financial expense involved. All were apprehensive, though they had longingly investigated three possible new sites.

The choice location available was one and one half miles from the present one. It was the center of a new housing development that eventually would have 500 or more new homes in it. The elevation was perfect as it overlooked the new four lane boulevard passing through the development. The price? \$26,000.00 for the tract of slightly over five acres. "Our congregation couldn't possibly purchase such an expensive lot," stated the pastor. "How do you know you can't?" came back the challenge.

That afternoon the district superintendent surveyed the situation, and concluded, "I think it can be done." The proposal to re-locate received only one negative vote in the whole congregation.

The result was that they did do it. The new parsonage has been in use about a couple of years, and within a few months the congregation will move into their new church building—on the lot that cost \$26,000.00.

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California Rancher Contributes To 'Food-For-Peace' Program

The first citizen gift—200 tons of wheat—offered by a California rancher to President Kennedy's Food-for-Peace program is being handled by CROP, the community food appeal of Church World Service, at the request of Food-for-Peace Director George McGovern.

Coleman Foley of Pleasanton, California, is giving 50 tons of wheat each year for the next four years for the Food-for-Peace program through the Christian Rural Overseas Program because of his deep personal concern for the world's hungry people.

Mr. Foley was the honored guest at a luncheon of the first meeting of the American Food-for-Peace Council, held in the Old Supreme Court chamber of the United States Capitol, on June 28. Mr. James Michener, author, and co-chairman of the Council told Mr. Foley's early days as a poor and hungry boy in Ireland and his struggles to achieve a better life after immigrating to this country at the age of 16.

CROP, which has specialized in handling commodity gifts since 1947, received the first gift of 50 tons at a presentation ceremony at Coleman Foley's granary, June 22.

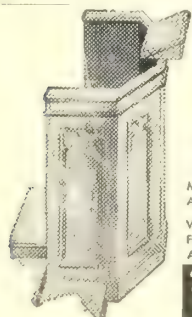
National CROP Director, Albert W. Farmer, told about the great need and how CROP will use this wheat for feeding and a self-help project overseas. He said, "This gift will provide food supplies to feed families of three villages in a remote and mountainous part of Greece—people who are working to construct a reservoir for the reclamation of 600 acres of land."

The Right Reverend James A. Pike, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California took part as a member of the President's recently appointed American Food-for-Peace Council.

Acknowledging the gift for needy villagers in Greece was the Honorable S. Bouphidis, Consul General of Greece in San Francisco.

Representing the major faiths were: Lowell W. Berry, President, Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches; The Right Reverend Monseigneur Thomas F. Scahill, Dean of Alameda County, representing Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Rural Life; Rabbi Harold Schulweiss, Temple Beth Abraham, Oakland, representing the Jewish Distribution Committee. Reverends John G. Geranios and Anthony Kosturos, representing the Greek Orthodox Church.

The presentation ceremonies received extensive news coverage in Alameda County and the San Francisco Bay Area and was carried nationally by the Associated Press with filmed reports aired by CBS-TV and ABC-TV networks.



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Miss 'Congeniality' of 1961-62 Enrolled at Wesleyan College

Kay Sloan Hobbs, "Miss Congeniality" of 1962 and third runner-up in Greensboro last week, will be very much at home in Rocky Mount this fall.

Kay Hobbs will enroll this fall at North Carolina Wesleyan College, where she will major in home economics and science. She is the niece of Dr. A. J. Hobbs, formerly District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District of The Methodist Church.

Miss Hobbs, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hobbs, of Corapeake, Gates County, was recently named Miss Ahsokie of 1962. In this capacity she was selected by her 75 fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality, won a preliminary swimsuit competition and climaxed the evening by her selection as third runner-up to Miss Asheville.

She has been an outstanding student at Sunbury High School, graduating with honors in June. She was a chief cheerleader, Beta Club member, serving as secretary her senior year. As a freshman she was Beta Club Sweetheart.

In 1959 she was crowned Miss High School Basketball Queen at Chowan College, and last year she was Sunbury's representative at the International Azalea Festival at Norfolk, Virginia.

She is a talented musician numbering among her accomplishments singing, dancing, and playing the piano. She won the Elizabeth City district division in vocal competition for the National Confederation of Women's Clubs.

As an active member of the Methodist Church, she has served as Methodist Youth Fellowship president, and as sub-district treasurer and song leader.

An attractive brunette, Kay is 5' 7" tall, and enjoys swimming, dancing, sewing,

singing, and playing the piano. She has two younger brothers, Elmer Hobbs, a rising high school junior at Sunbury High, and Graham Hobbs, a fifth grader.

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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ DR. J. LEM STOKES III, President of Pfeiffer College, was guest speaker at Central Church, Monroe, on Sunday, July 30.

¶ THE REV. H. P. MYERS, JR., pastor at Leaksville, is back on the job after a short vacation.

¶ DR. E. EUGENE POSTON, president of Gardner-Webb College, preached at Central Church, Shelby, on July 30, the pastor, Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, being on vacation.

¶ REV. EARL A. COOK, pastor of Friendship Church near Concord, will lead a revival at old Antioch Church on the Weddington charge August 13-18.

¶ THE REV. C. FREEMAN HEATH, Executive Director of the North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism, was guest minister at Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, on July 30.

¶ THE YOUTH of Wesley Heights Church in Charlotte will observe Religious Activities Week August 6-11. An excellent program has been planned under the direction of Miss Sue Wallace and the local youth and their counselors.

¶ GUEST MINISTER at Memorial Church, Thomasville, on July 30 was the Rev. W. S. O'Gorman of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. Mr. O'Gorman is chairman of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District of the Methodist Church.

¶ IN THE ABSENCE of the pastor, the Rev. Barney L. Davidson, at Fort Benning, Ga., the pulpit of First Church, Morehead City, on August 6 was filled by Dr. Furman Herbert at the morning service, and at the evening service the message was brought by Roy Turnage, district lay leader.

¶ REV. WORTH SWEET, pastor of Jordan Memorial, Ramseur, and Mrs. Sweet spent part of their vacation with their son at Fort Dix, N. J. After he sailed for Germany, they visited Mr. Sweet's parents in Cornelius. August 13, Mr. Sweet begins a revival at Bethel Church in Midland.

¶ THE REV. LEE R. SPENCER, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Church, Charlotte, attended the 185th Anniversary of the Chaplain Branch of the United States Army in New York City and then attended a Conference of Chaplains at Fort Slocum. The family joined him in Washington, where they did some sightseeing. They are spending the last week of their vacation in the Ritch Beach Home at Garden City.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Fairview Methodist Church beginning Sunday, August 13, at 7:30, and will continue each evening during the week. Homecoming day will be Sunday, August 20. All day services. Special singing in the afternoon. The pastor, Charlie Lee Grant, will be the speaker for these services. All former pastors, and former members and friends are invited to attend these services.

¶ REV. W. E. HOWARD, who retired at the recent session of the North Carolina Conference in Durham, is now living at Mount Olive, N. C., Route No. 3, Box 45. Telephone number 658-4105.

¶ AFTER APPEARING as guest minister at First Church, Bryson City, the Rev. L. B. Hayes appended a note to the church bulletin to the effect that it was one of the most beautiful churches in the conference and paid tribute to the pastor, the Rev. Joseph S. Johnson.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Shady Grove Methodist Church, Route 2, Connelly Springs, N. C., on Sunday, August 27. Morning worship will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by church school at 11:00 a.m. The noon meal will be at 12:30, and everyone is invited to bring the traditional "well-filled" basket. Special music is planned for the afternoon with choirs from neighboring churches. All former ministers, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro District, August 6-11, with services beginning at 7:30 each evening. Dr. C. C. Herbert, pastor of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, will be the guest speaker. Special music will be furnished by the adult and youth choirs of the church. Prayer groups will meet in the educational building prior to each service. The Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor of the church.

¶ HOMECOMING at Love's Grove Methodist Church, Stanfield Charge, Albemarle District, will be observed August 13 with Sunday School at 10:00, morning worship at 11:00 and dinner on the grounds at 12:00. Revival services will begin at 2:00 with the Rev. Grady N. Dulin, pastor of Kerr Street Methodist Church, Concord, as revival preacher. Services Monday through Friday will begin at 7:30. In case of rain the homecoming dinner will be held in the fellowship hall of the new educational building. Rev. John M. Rufty is pastor.

¶ SWANNANOVA METHODIST CHURCH has set aside August 27 as Homecoming Day, and has issued an invitation to Rev. Vero Masters, a former minister now serving the Rocky Ridge Methodist Church in Concord, N. C., to bring the morning message. The present pastor, Rev. Ben F. Stamey, joins the members of the church in extending a very cordial invitation to all former members, ministers, and friends of the church and community to attend. Everyone is invited to bring a "filled" picnic basket and share in the fellowship period following the worship service.

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SELECTION of the first 28 young men to undergo training for the new Peace Corps includes a Methodist, Nicky Jo Huestis of Taft, Texas. He has just completed his freshman year at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.

In Memoriam

VAUGHAN—Mrs. Kathleen Hormon Vaughan passed away at her residence at 5516 Woodrow Terrace, Richmond, Virginia, on April 21, 1961. She was the wife of the Rev. William N. Vaughan who served the people of the North Carolina Methodist Conference faithfully until his retirement in 1950.

At the time of Rev. Vaughan's retirement they moved to Richmond to be near their sons, William N. and Richard Stone Vaughan, who reside there.

Though Mrs. Vaughan was seriously ill when she moved to Richmond and continued in ill health the remainder of her life, she always welcomed visitors and endeared herself to those who were privileged to have known her by her wonderful courage and bright outlook. She always gave God the credit for her life being spared during her operations and prolonged convalescences.

Mrs. Vaughan regained sufficient strength to attend Circle meetings occasionally and to do most of her housework the latter two years. It was an inspiration to those of us who complain to see her fight so bravely to aid her husband in every way she possibly could.

A funeral service was held at Bennett's Funeral Home in Richmond at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, 1961, with burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery there.

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MRS. LYDIA SNIPES

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has taken to himself our beloved fellow member, Mrs. Lydia Snipes. Whereas we deeply regret our loss because of her passing from our midst.

Therefore, be it resolved that we humbly bow in submission to his will, that we try to follow her example of faith and consecration.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our society, a copy sent to the family and to the Advocate.

Respectfully submitted, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Merony's Methodist Church, Chatham County.

Mrs. Clarence Willett
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A Missionary Views The Peace Corps

By MAX LOWDERMILK
Khanewal, Pakistan

Someone has said that if missionaries read their Bibles with the same delight and enthusiasm with which they grab-up the *Time* magazine weekly, then a great revival would appear in the church overseas. It is true that for many of us serving Christ on the frontiers and fringe areas of the world, *Time* is our main source of constant news about the world.

Recently, I have read articles in *Time* which tell a great deal about President Kennedy's new plan for a Peace Corps of volunteer workers in underdeveloped countries. In its first few weeks, 5000 letters were sent in by energetic youths who want to serve on this "newest frontier."

The optimism seems to be mounting for this program day by day. Before the year's end, it is hoped that 1000 corpsmen will be working abroad. They are to live inconspicuously without salary. Their only compensation will be the satisfaction of doing a humanitarian job in the cause of peace and the enrichment of living in foreign lands and working in a "people to people program."

Yes, a grand idea and one that is getting much attention in the Pakistan press also. Recently a Muslim, who had read about this in an Urdu daily told me:

"This will certainly prove to the world America's real intention of identifying with and helping our people and living with them instead of in little American colonies, fenced off from the life of our people. This will break down our argument of 'commisary-fed-Americans' who pay less for whiskey and tobacco than any other item."

As I reflect on this Peace Corps program, however, I wonder if the idea is not taken from a chapter of Christian missions. I also ask, "Where is this 'new frontier' for peace workers? Have we who have come out to serve Christ and His Church not been doing this for 1900 years on much less funds than any government program would ever dream of operating on?"

Then I read *Time* of March 17, I noticed that from 1956 to 1959 the U.S. had contributed \$14,062,000,000 for its work abroad. What a sum! When I see what a shortage of funds we have in the church and its institutions, I wonder how we have done so much with so little over the years. The school where we work, for example, educates 1040 kids on a budget of \$10,000 a year, and about \$6,500 of this comes from the States.

Our work is certainly with people "face to face." And as we work, we realize that we are on the frontier of the building of the Church of Christ in the world.

This frontier is not always comfortable; the problems which face us are many. But we have the satisfaction of knowing that as we work, we are in some way tied up in His work in the world. And wherever His work is done effectively, there we find a real basis of self-respect, democracy and lasting peace.

Is the Church in the States able to return to Student Volunteer days and raise

Attend Missions Conference



Pictured above are members of the North Carolina Conference delegation attending the Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska July 21-27.

Front Row: left to right—Rev. Rufus Starke, Rev. T. M. Vick, Jr., Rev. John Maides, Rev. C. G. McCarver

Second Row: Rev. N. W. Grant, Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Rev. J. W. Lincberger, Rev. R. E. L. Moser

Third Row: Rev. R. L. Crossmo, Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., Rev. J. C. P. Brown, Rev. G. H. Tyson

Rev. Fred E. Still was not present when the picture was taken but he attended the conference.

enthusiasm and decisions from youth to go forth to evangelize the world in the coming generations? Are our pastors really pushing this work on the frontiers of the world, or is the frontier often limited to the local parish—fenced off from the world by the satisfaction that "our local work comes first?" Are our youth really concerned to serve One whose program is more far-reaching and lasting in these critical times than the Peace Corps program?

The frontier is long and rough; it is beset by loneliness, doubt and aggressive forces, but also promises great rewards. Christ, the giver of lasting peace, promises to be with us unto the end of the ages, and His program shall not fail!

Calls Situation Tragic

The situation in Angola is still tense and tragic, reports Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, who recently made his third visit there since January. Rigid communications censorship and travel limitations make it impossible to ascertain the total loss of life among pastors and teachers, although it is feared that the number is considerably higher than the 17 already reported.

After the atrocities in March, April and May, by both white Portuguese and black African nationalists, several pastors and teachers reportedly fled to the forests. Others, imprisoned months ago, Bishop Dodge said, have not been heard of since their imprisonment.



Pictured is a part of the delegates from the Western North Carolina Conference that attended the Third National Conference of Methodist Men held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. on July 14-16th. There were fifty registered delegates from the W. N. C. Conference. The total registration from all over the United States was about 5,000.

Concerning Our Philosophy of Church Membership

A Guest Editorial by
VERGIL E. QUEEN

It has been officially announced that membership in The Methodist Church has passed the ten million mark. This is heartening news in so far as the report shows actual growth, but in other serious respects the announcement causes grave anxiety.

We take laudable pride in the fact that Methodism remains America's largest Protestant body. While we rejoice that we now number ten million strong, it is proper to ask why only ten million? Why not twenty million? Why do we move so slowly? It would be interesting to speculate on how many persons have been confirmed in the aggregate to net ten million members. The casualty rate following confirmation is shocking. It now requires approximately twenty-five members to win one in a year, and for each three we receive we keep only one.

Each year Methodism transfers to other denominations enough members to constitute a major denomination. It is ironic that Methodism supplies most of the ministerial recruits for certain sister denominations, but is singularly embarrassed at her own shortage of ministers!

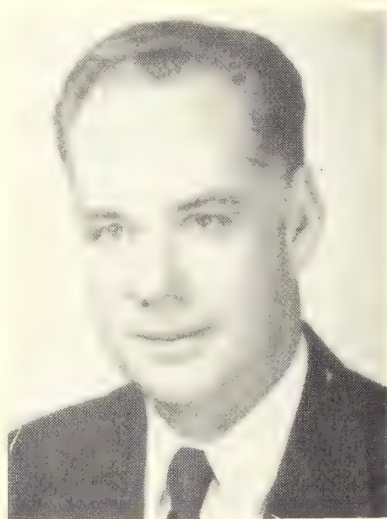
Now this is commendable if we assume that Methodism's primary mission is to infuse its own vitality into other movements. But modern Methodism can no longer afford to be just a revival within other churches. It is time we look to our own vocation and destiny.

Why is it that Methodism with her vast potential in evangelism is so inefficient in maintaining her own membership?

For one thing we have compromised the meaning of church membership. Methodism has long since become a church, but many naively assume that we are merely a sect and that our membership is of the sectarian type. Churchly Christianity holds an inclusive view of membership; sectarian Christianity maintains an exclusive view. We cannot mix these types; moreover, the notion of a regenerate membership is a contradiction in a church that has already become a majority movement. Methodism says: "There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies—a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." Thus Methodism is unique in seeking to be the refuge of all souls who seek a new life in Christ.

But to maintain an inclusive view of membership does not justify the indiscriminate reception of members. Too many unite with the church merely because it is the thing to do. Originally, it was very difficult to join a Methodist Society and very easy to be removed; today, it is very easy to join a Methodist

Church and very difficult to get out. Sometimes members are received with less qualification than is required in some civic clubs. Membership vows are taken with a cavalier air, sometimes so casually as to mock the meaning of real membership responsibility. The sickness at the heart of the church is not sinners and hypocrites in the midst; the impotence is due to the fact that nobody takes seriously the vocation of the



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church. Modern Methodism must again exalt the privilege of church membership as something special and at the same time retain her churchly status.

Again, we fail to adequately train our members for dynamic churchmanship. This blind spot is traceable to the lurking prejudice that religion has nothing to do with intellect. This in turn stems from a misunderstanding of the twin concepts of evangelism and Christian nurture. Evangelism and Christian education are complementary. Our church schools must become evangelistic; our evangelism must come to terms with the doctrinal and liturgical content of the Christian faith.

This emphasis on training as prerequisite to church membership does not imply that Christians are made simply by imparting the facts of the Christian faith. It does imply that we must evangelize the whole man and this includes a working understanding of the history, doctrines, polity, and program of the church.

Finally, we lose most of our converts because of the low spiritual state of our churches. To bring those who seek, or who have found a new life into the life-

less and indifferent atmosphere of the average congregation is fatal. Where the church is merely a self-regarding secular society of like-minded persons seeking to preserve the status quo, who have no heart-felt experience of personal salvation, who are not committed, and whose way of life is indistinguishable from the world, the climate is inevitably hostile to the nurture of new believers.

The church can never be described or defined by one figure or analogy, but this much is sure—the church is the sphere of salvation—it is the blessed community of those who are being justified by faith, who know themselves to be known and accepted by God, and on that account know, understand, and accept one another. Such a vicarious fellowship is a truly redemptive society seeking and absorbing all who come desiring to "flee from the wrath to come," and to find a new life in Christ. Surely, we must reconcile our performance with our profession if lost men are to turn to us with hope and trust.

Now this strange neglect of the church does not derive from any wicked plot to down-grade the church as such. The situation stems from another of our pathetic illusions—the lingering suspicion (or is it dogma?) that membership in the church has no real relationship to personal salvation. We naively assume that individualistic "decisions for Christ" are sufficient, that church membership is optional (one church is as good as another), that souls can only be saved in crowds, and that preaching is the only medium for communicating the Gospel. (It is a mark of idolatry that we have made the human voice more efficacious in evangelism than the sacred elements of the Lord's Table!) No wonder ours is an anti-intellectual, anti-liturgical, anti-sacramental, and anti-theological mood! It ought to be said in passing that this mood is neither Apostolic Christianity nor classical Methodism!

Some will construe the tenor of these lines to be caustic and destructive. The writer intends neither. Actually, we would like this message to be an essay in understanding the deep and wistful spiritual hunger that dogs the steps of every good minister of Jesus Christ who longs to lead his people to become a beloved community of faithful believers personally committed to Christ, and bound together in a common life work and worship, where the Inner Witness is matched by the Outer Witness of a sustained sacramental piety. This is our Vocation—this is the ministry of the Great Reconciliation.



A Discovery Group sets off on a trip into the woods in inclement weather at Camp Tekoa. Rain hikes have become part of the camp schedule during an unusually wet summer.



A life guard, wearing a plastic raincoat, watches junior highs swim in a light drizzle. The camp staff has been forced to adapt the daily schedule at Camp Tekoa to meet frequent rains.



The Rev. Tom Lee (left), camp director, counsels with Discovery Group leaders at Camp Tekoa. At the end of each week Mr. Lee meets with these young leaders to discuss camp program improvement.



Among the many activities at Camp Tekoa are the folk dances, during which today's rock 'n' roll youngsters learn how people in other nations dance.

'Rain' is Order of Day At Camp Tekoa

Camp Tekoa, N. C.—Rain poses no problem to the 112 youngsters who come to this Methodist camp each week during the summer.

In order to offset what old-timers in these western North Carolina mountains call the "wettest summer" in their collective memories, the camp staff has made a game of the rain.

There are rain hikes, rain cookouts, rain swims, rain sports and rain vespers.

The Rev. Tom Lee of Statesville, director of the camp, had to devise a plan to salvage his program when rain fell during most of the first week on camp in mid-June.

When the rain program was tested, the young people responded with enthusiasm. If they got soaking wet during an activity, they took hot showers upon returning to their cabins and put on dry clothes. Only electrical thunderstorms kept them indoors.

There are no more colds than usual in camp and the young people are getting a new insight into Christian outdoor living.

Tekoa is the Christian adventure camp for junior highs of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. It is located five miles southwest of Hendersonville.

Featured in the Sunday-through-Saturday period for the 12-14 year olds are the Discovery Groups. These consist of 14 boys and girls, evenly divided, with two counselors.

They stay together throughout the week. There are daily trips to Discovery Areas in the woods to discuss God and life in general, many hikes, three cookouts—breakfast, lunch and supper—on different days, swimming, sports, folk games, crafts and camp fire vespers.

Besides the Discovery Groups, the junior highs meet others in the camp through daily table seating exchanges in the dining hall, and through a caper (work) schedule in which they assist the camp staff in keeping the area and the buildings clean.

Each evening after supper they are given the latest world news and camp gossip through Discovery Group programs called "Sound of the Trumpet."

The highlight of the camp week occurs Friday night at the big camp fire on the mountain above the camp. Here the young people tell what they have gained from the week's experiences, and toss pine cones into the fire as an act of casting off major sins in their lives.

Then, with lighted candles, they file down the mountain to the lake around which the camp is built to bring the ceremony to a close.

Young people from throughout the Western North Carolina Conference come here on a first apply-first accepted basis, since only 1,120 of the thousands of Methodist junior highs can be accommodated throughout the summer.

Men counselors are drawn from the Duke University Divinity School and from the ranks of local clergy. Women counselors come from colleges and from the ranks of local church directors of Christian education.

The Camp Tekoa season will close Aug. 26.

New First Methodist Church of Marion Now in Use

Members of First Methodist Church of Marion held their first service in their new half-million dollar church plant on Robert Street Sunday morning, July 23.

The large and beautiful new church of Georgian-Colonial design occupies a knoll on a 4.2-acre site opposite the Marion Elementary School. The downtown property used by the Methodists for more than a half-century is being sold to the First Baptist Church whose property it adjoins.

After the final service in the old church on Fort and Logan streets Sunday, July 16, sacred objects were taken to the new sanctuary by the Rev. Horace E. Bolick, pastor, and several of the church officials.

Under construction during the past year and a half, the new Methodist building is of Williamsburg brick and is in several units: a columned sanctuary whose spire extends 140 feet in height and is lighted at night; a right wing housing an adult department, church parlor, and the Cross Memorial chapel; and a left wing including library, choir rooms and offices, to which unit an education building is joined.

The sanctuary is entered through a foyer, where a curved staircase at the left leads to a balcony, and a door to the right leads into a bride's chamber. In the foyer is a Book of Remembrance in which memorials will be recorded.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 525. This includes the 400-seat nave, the balcony which seats 75, and the divided choir chancel seating 50. Walls combine china blue with white wainscoting and paneling. Pews and pulpit furnishings in both the sanctuary and the chapel are combinations of white and mahogany. The sanctuary, chapel and church parlor are air-conditioned and are carpeted in red.

Acoustical engineers in Boston, who are professors at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, acted as consultants with the building's architect, Louis Asbury and Associate of Charlotte, in achieving a building which they say "is the most acoustically perfect building in the South."

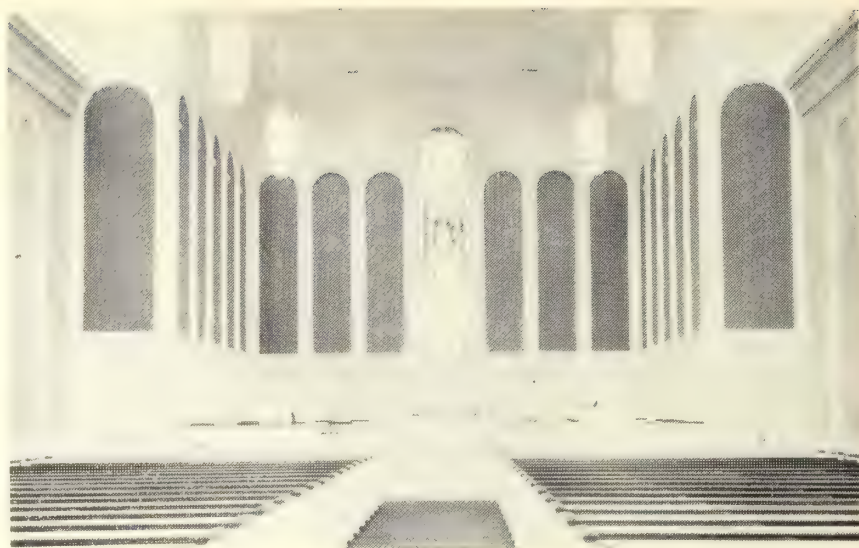
The new pipe organ in the sanctuary is considered to be one of the finest instruments in this area. It was built for the new church by Walter Holtkamp of Cleveland, Ohio, and noted organists of the area will be invited to play recitals in the Marion church.

The Cross Memorial Chapel at the new church will seat 80 to 100 people. Pulpit and altar furnishings were moved from the smaller chapel at the former church education building where they were installed several years ago as a memorial to Simeon Roane Cross.

Among the very modern and adequate provisions of the new education building is a kitchen and a fellowship hall which has a stage and is also equipped for the showing of films.

Building of the church at the new site became definite in February 1959 when the Methodist congregation voted approval of that plan. A building fund already was under way. The Rev. Cecil Heckard and the Rev. C. Jerome Huneycutt were pastors during the period that the building program was being developed and construction started.

Serving on the building committee were Nelson Parker, chairman; Merrill Davis, vice chairman; Eugene Cross, Jr., Ray Smith, Robin Hood, Ernest Ross, W. B. Noyes, Lee Conley, Mrs. R. S. McCall and Mrs. Fred Morris.



"An Earnest Minority"

By INGVAR HADDAL of Norway

During the world conferences in Oslo this August you may see our 84 Norwegian Methodist preachers. Most of them have had their theological training at our Scandinavian theological seminary at Gothenburg, Sweden, where Methodist professors of theology from all over the world are meeting August 14-16.

You may not recognize our pastors because they are not too conspicuous, but I can tell you for certain what they will be thinking while you are here:

They will thank God that they are members of the great and world-wide communion called the Methodist church, with its millions of members, they themselves being ministers of a minority church in this country.

Like so many other denominations of this country they are influenced by the pietistic conception of Christianity. You will scarcely find "modernists" among them, but certainly men who would give years of their lives to have an old fashioned revival.

I employed the word "minority" about our church in Norway and the term is a fair one. In full membership with the church we have about 8,300 members, the Methodist population being about three times as great. We have about 2,000 members of our Youth Clubs, some 2,800 Scouts and 8,500 pupils in our Sunday schools.

If it is permissible for a Christian to be proud of anything at all—and I think maybe it is—Norwegian Methodists are certainly proud of the work that our 245

"Bethany sisters" (certified nurses) do in our hospitals and as deaconesses in some of our churches.

You would no doubt like to know something of other denominations as well. Of a population consisting of about three and a half million some 96 per cent are nominally members of the Lutheran church which in this country is a state church.

Of course, not all of these Lutherans are active in church life or even believers. On the contrary, the church has to tackle the very serious problem of half empty churches.

In regard to church going we speak about "a negative social pressure." It is only fair to say that the situation is gradually improving, but we have a long way to go to reach the American level in this respect.

It is also fair to state that the dominating Lutheran body has many able and devoted ministers. It is also distinguished by a very strong and active lay movement and shares in common with all churches in this country a keen interest in foreign missions.

Relatively speaking, we have the greatest number of missionaries of the world—and have no objection whatsoever to tell you the fact!

Of the other denominations the Pentecostal movement is the largest with its 25,000 members. Then there are about 8,000 Baptists, 7,000 Congregationalists, a very conservative Lutheran Free Church about the same size, a strong Salvation Army, and about 5,000 Roman Catholics.

Many Tar Heels Make Oslo Trip

Attending the Tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, as official representatives, council members, or delegates are the following persons from North Carolina. All are Methodists, except as otherwise indicated.

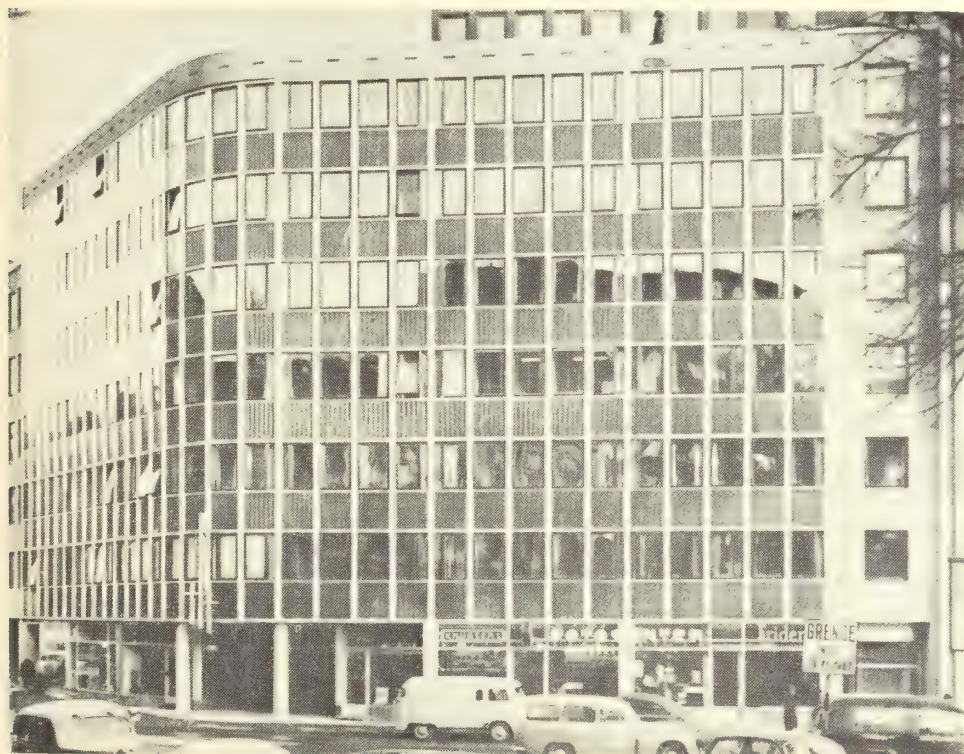
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Childs, Dr. Benjamin G.
Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer T.
Cobb, Sarah Elizabeth
Cranford, Mrs. Clarence C.
Dulin, Ann
Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul
Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. J. W., Jr.
Fowler, James W. III
Fowler, Margaret
Fowler, Nina Beth
Harmon, Bishop and Mrs. N. B.
Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. N. M.
Hefner, Rev. Cecil G.
Highsmith, James Y., Jr.
Hillman, Mrs. E. L.
Holcomb, Mrs. W. Hugh
Houser, Edith Ferne
Huggin, Dr. and Mrs. James G.
Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin L.
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Massie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hugh
McCracken, Peggy
Mayfield, Rev. L. M.
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Stahl, William Earl
Starnes, Rev. S. J.
Tuttle, Dr. and Mrs. Lee F.
Weldon, Wilson O., Jr.

New Churches Chart Methodist Growth in Pusan

In Pusan province (state), which contains the city of Pusan, Korean Methodists have set a pace for starting new churches that would be difficult to match in the United States or any other country.

In 1950, before the start of the Korean war, one Methodist church served the entire province. In 1961 there are 58, an average of more than five new congregations a year. Sixteen of the new churches are in the city of Pusan, whose population has grown from 500,000 in 1950 to a refugee-swollen total of more than 1,000,000. Pusan is Korea's second largest city and is on the country's south coast.

In addition to the church, the Rev. Dr. Charles Sauer of Circleville, Ohio, missionary and Methodist news correspondent for Korea, writes that the Methodist Church operates six orphanages, baby clinics, a home for older persons, a Christian social center and a vocational school for girls. Pusan has become one of the strongest Methodist centers in Korea.



The new Methodist Central Building in Oslo, Norway, will be much in use during the Tenth World Methodist Conference both as headquarters and as the meeting place for the smaller gatherings.

Pleasant Grove Campmeeting Set for Aug. 13-20

Monroe, N. C.—The 132nd annual Pleasant Grove Methodist Campmeeting will be held Aug. 13-20 at the Pleasant Grove campgrounds near here.

This historic "tent city" is expected to be host for thousands of Methodists and persons from other denominations during the special week of worship and fellowship.

The Rev. William H. Dyar, pastor of the Methodist church in Jonesville, N. C., will be the campmeeting preacher for the week.

Others on the staff will include:

The Rev. James S. Conner of Brandon, Miss., who will serve as youth worker and pianist; and the Rev. Henry Wofford of Charleston, S. C., who will lead the singing and direct children's activities.

The Rev. Robert F. Nay, the pastor for the Campground Charge of which Pleasant Grove is a part, will be in overall charge of all activities.

The Pleasant Grove Campmeeting began in October of 1829, and the next year the huge 80 by 60 foot arbor, with its "hipped" roof, was constructed. The roof has been replaced four times.

The campmeeting grounds once consisted of about 200 "tents" but now there are 90. The camp meeting "tent" is a small two-room dwelling owned by a family and usually passed from one generation to another. In the "tents" the family eats and sleeps. Some "tents" house up to five families.

In many instances the families use their "tents" for summer vacations or weekend visitations. Lasting friendships develop among the "tent" families and many a romance begun among "tent" youngsters later leads to marriage.

It is the custom at this campmeeting to have afternoon worship services only on the opening and closing Sundays. On Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. there will be a memorial service.

The final Sunday will feature the "Big Sunday" speaker, who is usually a preacher from another denomination than Methodism. Several thousand persons annually attend this worship service.

Last year the service featured Dr. John R. Brokhoff, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, N. C., and then the president of the Mecklenburg Christian Ministers Association. This year's speaker will be named shortly.

Mr. Dyar, the campmeeting preacher, is in his third year as pastor at Jonesville. He has had 20 years in the pastoral ministry and in evangelistic work. He was for five years traveling evangelist for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the South, then taught at North Carolina State College before becoming a member of The Methodist Church.

A feature of Mr. Conner's work at the campmeeting will be an afternoon class teaching the youth about alcoholism. Mr. Conner has done extensive work and research in this field.

Mr. Wofford, the assistant superintendent for the Star Gospel Mission in Charleston, will be assisted in his work with the children by his wife. For the past month he has directed a youth camp on Sullivan's Island for underprivileged children in

and around Charleston, sponsored by the Mission.

The campmeeting choir of 40 voices will provide special music throughout the week.

The first "tent" at the campgrounds was built by Jacob Wolfe. Only one of the original "tents" still stands.

For over a hundred years residents of the campgrounds were awakened before dawn during campmeeting week by blasts on a trumpet by George Allison Winchester and later J. L. Wolfe. Today chimes notify the residents of preaching services a half hour before they begin.

In the early days of the campmeeting families would hold pre-dawn worship together after being awakened, then would attend a prayer meeting at sunrise, and preaching at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

The campmeeting grounds contain a regular church sanctuary besides the arbor, one of the few in Methodism thus constructed.

The Rev. Robert F. Nay, preacher for the Campground Charge, is pastor for four Methodist churches in this area. His wife helps him as editor of a congregational newspaper and with secretarial work.

Mr. Nay is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and came to North Carolina from the Mississippi Conference. He served at Elkin, N. C., prior to coming to the Campground Charge.

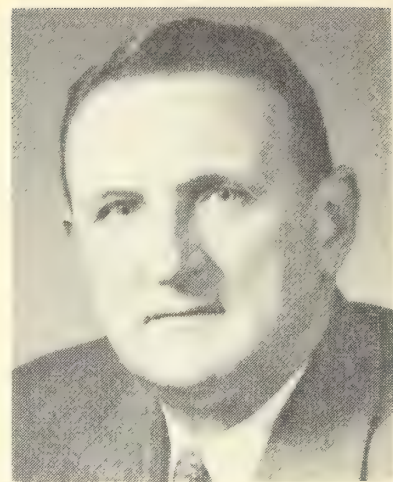
Asheboro Churchman and Civic Leader Dies

The City of Asheboro lost an active, energetic, popular citizen when Frank Redding, Jr. was called suddenly and unexpectedly to his eternal home July 5, 1961, at the age of 59. He was chairman of the Asheboro School Board and for twenty-two years gave of his time, interest and energy for better education. He was also vice-president of the First National Bank, director of Peoples Savings and Loan Association, and he was active in Rotary and other civic interests of the city and county.

The Methodist Church, and the Asheboro Central Methodist Church, in particular, have been deprived of the presence and services of a loyal and devoted churchman.

At the time of his departure he was chairman of the Board of Trustees of his church, a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance, and a member of the building committee. He had been secretary and treasurer of the church school, president of the Men's Bible Class, and served his church in various capacities, nationally and locally. He was often a delegate to the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and at one session he was a member of the committee on the stationing of ministers. In 1939 he was delegate to the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Viola Sanborn Redding; his mother, Mrs. Ida Hammer Redding; and a son, Milton H. Redding, who reside at the home; also two other sons, W. F. Redding III of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Donald S. Redding, of Raleigh,



W. FRANK REDDING, JR.

N. C.; and two brothers, John F. and Thomas S. Redding, of Asheboro.

Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., who survives, has been active in the church with her husband, having served as vice-president of the N. C. Branch of the Woman's Convention of the MP Church, as the first Western N. C. Methodist Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the WNC Methodist Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, treasurer of the Thomasville District of the Methodist Church for eight years, as a member of the WNC Board of Missions and Church Extension for eight years, and as a delegate to several Jurisdictional Conferences and two General Conferences of the Methodist Church. At the present time she is a member of the Western N. C. Methodist Conference Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT, Pastor

"That you may have lack of nothing."

—I Thes. 4:12

My neighbor's son was learning to saw a fiddle—one string at a time. When I moved he had not finished the first string. There are too many one-string Christians.

Mr. I. C. Better believed in hell more than heaven. He feared, or hoped, that many preachers were going to hell because they did not preach hell.

Mr. Whet Sharper believed in tithing. He insisted that the shepherd ought to shear the sheep every time they come up.

Mr. Jack Astor thought the preacher should clear out all the pews to give the young people room for recreation.

I still insist that the gospel of Jesus is not a one-string jew's harp but an orchestra without monotone or discord.

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The Christian has two source books for living—the Bible and the daily newspaper, and somehow we must relate the two. Both say "man cannot dwell in isolation; the church of Christ must be in the world of sin to bring the message of redemption." If we understand the condition of mankind, we have a duty to be relevant.

—BISHOP JAMES K. MATTHEWS.

John Wesley and the Day's Work

By GRADY L. CARROLL

John Wesley's life was filled with almost incredible accomplishments. They are summarized by W. H. Fitchett in his book *Wesley and His Century* (p. 445): "In range, speed, intensity, and effectiveness Wesley must always remain one of the greatest workers known to mankind. He seemed to live many lives in one, and each life was of amazing fulness. He preached more sermons, traveled more miles, published more books, wrote more letters, built more churches, waged more controversies, and influenced more lives than any other man in English history."

From whence came this multitude of accomplishments? What lessons for our twentieth-century worker may be found here? How may this life-abundant and remarkable be explained unless we look briefly at Wesley's attitude toward the day's work?

His day's work was purposeful. It was void of aimlessness. All were of singular high-mindedness; he saw the purpose with a clarity that few have seen it. He was often inclined to ask, Have I done enough for the Kingdom? When he rode out in the morning, on horseback or by coach in later years, he was doing God's work for Him. He had not the inclination to put his hand to the plow and gaze backward. There was always another sermon to be preached, a pamphlet to be composed, a book to be edited or reviewed, counsel to be given by letters, plans to be formulated for Societies and Classes, transcriptions of his journals to be prepared for the publisher and prescriptions written for the sick—so the Kingdom might be brought that much nearer to men. The crystal-clear vision had to be anchored in reality. He was in very fact the extension of God's arm in the land. Each day held a purpose for him, as surely as each had the poetic "twenty-four golden hours."

His day's work was planned. As he had purposes for his activities, he had time for them. Things were to be done decently and in order. From early days he was a consistently early riser, thus being able to preach to crowds before they went to the day's labors. He sought always to make the best use of his time, on which he placed the highest premium. From his pen we have, as we might expect, at least one sermon on Redeeming the Time. Regarding the wise use of time, he made this epigrammatic admonition to his preachers: "Never be unemployed; never be triflingly employed." As one who early in life parted with leisure, and who abhorred idleness, he planned well beyond the borders of the day. The traveling of 4,000 or more miles a year that was his average, was impossible without well-conceived and well-executed plans. They were not covered by mere aimless wandering. Here is his itinerary for one month in his eighty-seventh year, given by F. C. Gill in *Through the Year With Wesley* (p. 45): "Monday, 15, Stroud; 16, Gloucester; 17, Worcester; 18, Stourport; 19, Birmingham. Monday, 22, Wednesbury; 23,

Dudley and Wolverhampton; 24, Madeley; 25, Salop; 26, Madeley; 27, Newcastle-under-Lyme; 28, Burslem. Monday; 29, Congleton; 30, Macclesfield."

For one who was capable of meeting this schedule, Dr. Maldwyn Edwards has applied the title "The Astonishing Youth," through the title of a book.

J. Wesley Bready in his book *Wesley and Democracy* (25) states: "The bald facts of his life's work illuminate the statement of Lord Baldwin, made when Prime Minister (of England). 'I am supposed to be a busy man,' said Baldwin, 'but, by the side of Wesley, I join the ranks of the unemployed!'"

His day's work was prayerful. He relied unfailingly on Divine Providence—as on the Scriptures—for inspiration and certain strength for the day. He kept diaries, on the first pages of which he wrote: "I resolve, *Deo juvante*, (I) to devote an hour morning and evening to private prayer, no pretense or excuse whatever." (Fitchett, p. 450). He neglected not the communion with his Creator; he prepared with care his soul daily as he prepared his neat, immaculate person. Prayers may release new energies within the individual and thus Wesley found strength in them. In our history are those of whom it has been said that they *thanked* God and took courage; Wesley *prayed* to God and took courage to meet the onslaught of the day, whether a serene, attentive crowd or an unruly, fierce mob. While England slept, he fortified himself with spiritual food. His soul, lifted up to God, helped create the spiritual glow he imparted to others.

While work may be the salvation of many men, the salvation of many men was the work of John Wesley. He could envision the coming of the Kingdom of God through no means other than the day's work.

Three Scouts Receive God And Country Awards

Three Boy Scouts of Troop No. 2 received God and Country Awards at the evening worship service of the First Methodist Church, Murphy, Sunday, July 16. The three were: Freddie Davis, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis; Dewey Johnson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson of Peachtree; and Wayne Watson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson of Brasstown. Freddie and Wayne will enter high school this year and Dewey will be in the eighth grade.

The Awards were presented by the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., former minister of the church, who worked with the boys on the achievement. To obtain this award one must be of service to the church, be faithful in attending, have knowledge of Bible passages, and know something of the work of the church. At least a year's effort is necessary. The three boys are the first ones in Cherokee County to receive this award. Taking part in the ceremony, along with the parents of the boys was Mont Rogers, Troop 402 Scoutmaster.

Weekend Family Camp At Chestnut Ridge

Families who are experienced campers, or who are interested in camping with experienced leaders, are invited to Camp Chestnut Ridge, Efland, N. C., Friday afternoon, August 18 through Sunday noon, August 20. Fees include meals, sleeping accommodations, swimming, a movie, study and worship materials, and home-to-home insurance, plus all facilities for hiking, cook-outs, recreation, worship, etc. The fees are as follows: Registration, \$6.00 per family, adults and children 10 or above, \$5.50 each, children under 10, \$3.00, and babies free.

Leaders are Rev. and Mrs. Brooks Patten of Aberdeen, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Midgett of Chapel Hill, and Mr. Richard Davis of Durham. All are dedicated Christians and competent group leaders, as well as highly experienced campers with a background of church and scout camping.

Friday night's program will include supper in the dining hall, a movie, "Our Changing World," and recreation, concluding with family worship. The movie is a scientific-religious achievement, with time-lapse, animated, microscopic and regular photography, a dramatic story of creation.

Saturday will include a breakfast cook-out, classes for all ages, swimming, lunch in the dining hall, rest period, free time for swimming, hiking, crafts, etc., supper cookout, folk festival, and family worship at the campsites.

The Sunday program provides for Sunday School classes and worship in the woods, dinner in the dining hall; a free swim period before breaking camp is optional.

Families may register by sending \$6.00 before August 11, to Rev. Harold Minor, Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C. Study materials and instructions will be sent in return.

Al Capehart Aids in Trenton Charge Camp

The Trenton Charge has had the very able assistance of Al Capehart, Jr. of Richmond, Virginia, as an Endowment assistant. Mr. Capehart received his A.B. degree from Pfeiffer College where he was business manager of the college annual. He was a member of last year's European caravan.

In June the Trenton Park was the scene of a one day camp (for the Maple Grove Church). In July the Trenton boys and girls had two full days at the Cliffs-of-the-Neuse State Park for their day camp, the Trent river being unco-operative. This was the second year of day camping for the Trenton Charge. Our people, particularly the younger ones, are sold on day camping.

During Al Capehart's last week with us he led a Youth Activities Week, using as his theme, "The World in Conflict." He showed slides taken on his caravan trip last year, particularly emphasizing the contrast between East and West Berlin. This week was a good preparation, we believe, for our better understanding of the events which have taken place since then.

Al left us July 5 for a week at home to be followed by four weeks at Camp Don Lee as counselor.

Race Relations Discussed at Lake Junaluska by Bishop J. O. Smith

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—Today's race problem is "deeper than integration" and people of the church "must face the deeper aspects of justice, freedom, fair play and opportunity" by practice of the Golden Rule, Methodist Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta declared here July 30.

The situation can't be avoided, he said, rather "good people should be trying to solve it, and it can be solved with prayer, common sense and Christianity." He added that "most of the problems would be with us even if the Supreme Court had not decided as it has.

Bishop Smith spoke on "Racial Tensions and the Church" at the Junaluska Methodist Assembly, to inaugurate an annual series of lectures on major problems of the church in the Southeast. The series was provided by a trust fund from the Rev. Dr. Walt Holcomb of Atlanta and Lake Junaluska, who has been an evangelist and pastor for 67 years in Tampa, Miami, Memphis and Atlanta.

The problem is "serious but not as serious as we think," said the bishop, adding his belief that "we have an opportunity to do something great in race relations that will help the South and the rest of the world." But, he said, he is disturbed that church people don't want to discuss it, since that usually indicates "we don't want to face it."

The situation has taken on new importance, he pointed out, because of "need for our own personal salvation" from the confusion of not knowing what is the right attitude; because of national unity, in terms of "how can some have justice, fair play and peace, and others not have them?"; because of the world situation, since "our attitude toward people" is important across the world.

It is important to the church also because "Christianity is on the spot" in its talking about the brotherhood of man, said the bishop. "If the church avoids responsibility for leadership in this important situation, what right has she to expect it in the future? The right to leadership has to be earned."

On the world situation, Bishop Smith asserted that "I do not share the idea that all race trouble is Communist-inspired at home or abroad; it has come naturally as a part of the social revolution."

Recalling that he was born and reared in South Carolina, had picked cotton and played with Negro boys, and has written and spoken through the years for improvement of the Negro situation, he indicated various current attitudes regarding race: some want no change, some want change but not much, and some want to "shoot the works" with full integration. He suggested that the second group, with its emphasis on improvement of such things as schools, churches and wages but with continued separation, "haven't stopped to raise the question whether any economy can support separate quarters and facilities for all minority groups."

As to the extent of integration, said Bishop Smith: "Whatever it takes to practice Christianity and the Golden Rule, we're obligated to do. I doubt seriously that you can do that very far without an intelligent integration at many points. If the church will decide to do the Christian thing, the additional adjustments on the long pull will be worked out satisfactorily."

The job of good race relations, said the bishop, is up to the "good people," because if they aren't concerned, "the wrong crowd takes over, and the politician has a playground in which he makes promises he can't possibly deliver."

Since "we don't like the Ku Klux Klan or the Freedom Riders or sit-ins or kneel-ins" and since the Negroes "can't go lobby in Washington or in the legislatures," the alternate route is to realize that "victories come by taking the offense and not simply putting up a defense." That offensive for the Christian is to follow a Gospel that is "both personal and social," to quit dreading the problem, to see that changes are inevitable and to take the attitude that "we have a marvelous opportunity in the South."

He said "the job is a natural one" for Southern Christians, because of "the splendid relationship that has existed through the years between Negroes and whites in the South—we understand each other."

The bishop's advice included: "don't let extremists put words into your mouths." "Don't jump to conclusions as to social equality—we whites are divided socially among ourselves, and so are the Negroes." "Don't get too scared of inter-marriage; that's not good genetics, and good Negroes don't believe in it; besides, this is a personal matter more than a social problem."

Even if the Supreme Court had never ruled regarding integration, said Bishop Smith, there would be need in the church for "intelligent lines of communication between races" in gatherings to discuss community matters, since "it is not good with any of us until it is good with all of us"; in meetings of ministerial associations across racial lines, as in other professions; in interracial leadership training.

Then he asked, "How Christian or democratic is it if a Negro can't find a decent place to sleep or eat and yet a Japanese or a Mexican can? How much longer can we call it Christian when the Methodist General Conference must meet in some other section of the country because there are some Negro members? How much longer can we wait before the Council of Bishops can meet in the South, can eat and have sleeping quarters in the same place? How Christian is it when a Negro boy must leave some states to get a medical education? How much longer must we wait before merit is the basis for position, and not the old custom of white preference?"

This is a personal and spiritual matter, said Bishop Smith, which "can't be solved in the field of human relations without spiritual perspective." From the viewpoint of the church, this involves commitment.

A man must ask himself, "how free from prejudice am I? Do I really want what I think ought to be or am I dedicated to what Christ wants?"

The bishop pointed out that the situation is not all bad, that "the Negro has come a long way, progressing largely with help of the whites," his social and political status has improved and his average income is "way beyond that of persons anywhere else in the world." But, he added, "we need to keep moving ahead and recognize we're not far enough yet."

In introducing the lecture series, Dr. Holcomb said, "The Methodist Church should have taken the lead in race relations 25 years ago instead of waiting for statesmen to make it a political problem. It is not too late for the church to make a more aggressive stand."

He pointed out that, while race relations is a world-wide problem, "here in nine states of our jurisdiction, where the issue of racism is so boldly and blatantly underscored, our approach will be decisive for the influence of world Christianity. We want to clean out our own back yards before we thrust the delicate, debatable, dangerous issues into the front yard of the world. In racial tradition, each race has been prone to accuse the other for the tensions that exist, but there are two sides to the racial coin—one white, the other colored. Doings of one cannot be wholly right while the other is entirely wrong. There must be deeper digging. Whatsoever we uproot, both sides must give and take. In our exploring, we have not touched bedrock. The white man is now leaning backward to help the colored man to go forward, but we don't want to lose our balance, and fall backward, and crack our cranium."

Pfeiffer Still Has Room For Day Students

Misenheimer, N. C.—Pfeiffer College is encouraging day students who plan to enroll in the fall semester to take advantage of a special pre-registration plan.

K. D. Holshouser, the college's director of admissions, said this week that prospective day students would find many advantages in completing their registration procedures prior to the official opening of the college.

Under the day student pre-registration plan, placement tests are taken during the summer and other necessary procedures completed. "Day students are encouraged to utilize this plan by contacting the admissions office any week day," Holshouser said.

In past years numbers of students from the surrounding counties have attended Pfeiffer as day students.

Entering day and dormitory students will report for a special orientation program on September 10. The Director of Admissions said that all dormitory rooms had been filled since early summer but that applications from day students were still being accepted.

An enrollment of approximately 850 students is expected for the fall term, Holshouser said.

Protestants Send Over Two Billion Pounds Cargo Into Overseas Relief

New York, N. Y.—Protestant churches in America have sent more than two billion pounds of critically needed foods, medicines, clothing and other life-saving cargo through Church World Service to the hungry, sick and homeless overseas during the 15 years since the inception of CWS in 1946.

This was announced by Bishop Frederick B. Newell, acting executive director of Church World Service, cooperative overseas relief agency of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States, at CWS offices, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City.

In the CWS world-wide ministry to the needy, the churches have shipped a total of 2,005,219,850 pounds of relief materials, Bishop Newell said. Value of this goods is \$224,006,981. These figures cover the period from May 1, 1946, when Church World Service was founded, through June, 1961.

CWS, channel for the churches' relief and rehabilitation work in over 50 countries, traces its origin through three predecessors to 1920.

Severe droughts and widespread crop failures in China that year brought a desperate appeal for large scale famine relief that local churches and mission groups were unable to meet. To fill this need, the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches set up China Famine Relief U.S.A., Inc.

This earliest ancestor of CWS continued as an important agency until 1937. Then Japan's attack on China and the march on Peking caused the organization of the Church Committee for China Relief.

Outbreak of World War II and its destructive spread throughout the world

brought to mission and church leaders an acute awareness of critical relief needs in many other areas. It also gave them warning of the work they would be called upon to do in both Europe and Asia at the close of the conflict.

While war was raging, the Church Committee for Relief in Asia was formed in 1944. Meanwhile, the developing World Council of Churches was carrying on refugee resettlement and emergency relief in Europe.

To coordinate the work of these two groups, and of other related agencies, the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, the third predecessor of CWS, was organized. This committee examined budget requests, and recommended them to denominations for support.

During the war, support for both the European and Asian relief came from cash grants. With the war's end and the availability of transportation facilities, American committees began to ship food and material relief supplies.

In Church World Service there was combined the interests and operations of its predecessors, including the shipping of relief supplies to areas of critical need. CWS became a central department of the National Council of Churches when the Council was formed in 1950.

The American denominations have come to look upon their work of relief and rehabilitation as a "permanent obligation" in a world continually beset by natural and man-made disasters, and one in which the social and economic needs of great masses of underprivileged put a particular responsibility upon all Christian churches.

The life-sustaining food the churches distribute through CWS comes in part from

U.S. government surplus foods donated to the churches for free distribution, and from the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), the CWS community food appeal.

Clothing is made available through the United Clothing Appeal of the churches.

Medicines and other needed materials are in some cases donated, with a large portion purchased with funds allocated by the denominations.

Funds to support this world-wide ministry of compassion come from One Great Hour of Sharing, Share Our Surplus, and other relief appeals of the churches.



New officers of the pastors section of the Southeastern Methodist Ministers Conference are, left to right, Rev. George S. Wood, Henderson, Ky., president; Rev. Ernest P. Kendall, Decatur, Ga., vice-president; and Rev. C. H. Mercer, Smithfield, N. C., secretary-treasurer. They were elected for one-year terms at the conference, which had its annual session July 17-21 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.



Above are pictured most of the persons from North Carolina attending Town and Country Conference for the Southeast held July 27-30 at Lake Junaluska. Sixteen were registered from North Carolina Conference and 34 from the Western North Carolina Conference. The theme of the conference was "Make Methodism Mean More in Town and Country." Among the speakers were Dr. Carl J. Sanders, Richmond, Va.; Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Earl D. C. Brewer, Emory University; Harry V. Richardson, Atlanta; and Dr. J. W. Sells, Atlanta, Ga. Chairman of the conference was Rev. M. Wilson Nesbitt of the Duke Divinity School, Durham.



Woman's Activities



W. N. C. Conference School of Missions Meets August 14-18 at Pfeiffer

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Calendar of Coming Events

August 12-13, Spiritual Life Retreat, Pfeiffer College, Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, Concord, leader.

August 14-18, School of Missions and Christian Service, Pfeiffer College, Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Elkin, leader.

August 19-20, Wesleyan Service Guild Mission Study Week-End, Pfeiffer College, Mrs. Ira C. Shelley, Greensboro, leader.

School Days Are Almost Here!

School days will begin again for Methodist women from all parts of Western North Carolina Conference when members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service arrive on the campus of Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer on Monday, August 14, for the opening session of the School of Missions and Christian Service.

Each of these women will come with great expectation of learning something about the four mission study books to be presented in the local society during the coming year, for study is the key to ALL Woman's Society work.

They will have various kinds of equipment—notebooks, pencils, a Bible, plus the necessary linen for the few days of school.

The credit courses are: "Churches for New Times," taught by Miss Jane Stentz of New York; "The Christian Mission in Latin-America," taught by Mrs. J. W. Payne of Honea Path, S. C., and Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College; "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," taught by Mrs. Robert Wilcox of Maryville, Tenn.; "The Meaning of Suffering," led by Dr. George Schreyer and Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College.

Visitors classes will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Four conference officers will present summaries of the four studies. They are Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville, Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, and Mrs. W. T. Medlin, Jr. of Winston-Salem.

The evening sessions will feature a Bible Hour, when Dr. Robert T. Osborn will guide the group in a better understanding of the Bible.

EVERYBODY is welcome.

Guild Mission Study Weekend

August 19-20, 1961

Four courses of study will be given at the Wesleyan Service Guild Mission Study Weekend August 19-20 at Pfeiffer College: "Churches for New Times," taught by

Miss Jane Stentz of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

"The Christian Mission in Latin America," taught by Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, secretary of Christian Social Relations in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

"The Meaning of Suffering," taught by Dr. George Schreyer, teacher of Religion of Pfeiffer College.

These are all approved courses and taught by outstanding leaders.

Register now: Send \$2.00 Registration Fee for each person attending to Miss Mary Bright, Box 8133, Charlotte, N. C. Tell her

She Invites All Guilders to Pfeiffer



MRS. M. H. WHITE

Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild

your first and second choice of courses. Registration will begin at Pfeiffer on August 19 at 9:30; first session opens at 9:45. Room and board for Saturday and Sunday will be \$5.50 payable upon arrival at Pfeiffer.

Besides the very fine study courses special emphasis on leadership training will take up Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte and Mrs. Robert Wilcox as leaders. These are two of our very fine and enthusiastic Jurisdictional leaders, and we are fortunate to have them as leaders for this leadership workshop.

On Sunday Mrs. C. O. Newell will be in charge of the Bible hour. Albemarle District Guilders will be in charge of Fellowship on Saturday night. The weekend will close with lunch on Sunday.

Every Guild should be represented at this very important meeting. All district officers should be there to take advantage

of the specific leadership training. A special invitation is given for members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service unable to attend the Conference School of Missions.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Two Missionaries Write

Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, missionary to Korea, writes encouragingly concerning the rehabilitation work by the Methodist Committee of Overseas Relief and the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the resettlement areas of Seoul.

A native of Hamlet, N. C., and an ordained Methodist minister, Mrs. Weems is engaged in evangelistic work in two districts, as well as serving as treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, with headquarters at the Methodist Mission in Seoul. Mrs. Weems writes in part:

"From time to time you have heard of the rehabilitation work being done by the MCOB and the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the resettlement area. There have been times of discouragement. Since the task is so great most of what we do seems like 'a drop in the bucket.' Then several months ago a layman, whom I have known for years, said conditions in his village have improved. The farmers are living better this year and the pastor is better supported. According to the village standards, the pastor is doing well. Last Sunday I was in another village which has had the most poor people of any I have known. Eight babies were baptized that Sunday. The congregation was better dressed than I had ever seen it. As we ate lunch the leading layman told me that conditions had improved a great deal. I knew they had paid some debts that had been incurred three and four years earlier. In house to house visitation in another village the pastor showed me a new home for a family that had been in a dugout last year; a tin roof instead of a straw one; the enlargement of home industry, etc. Some have failed, yes, but gradually the people are living better, and we are grateful to God.

"The other Sunday four of us in a car were looking for a place to wash our hands before eating lunch when we saw a girl come to the well to draw water. There is no common bucket for drawing the water but each brings her own. As we asked for water we thought of Rebekah, who could not have given it more graciously than this girl did. The Water of Life is plentiful but in Korea there are still many who do not know its value and there are not enough to draw it for those who thirst."

Another missionary serving under the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the Orient, in a note to a Wesleyan Service Guild Unit of Edenton Street Methodist Church which bears her name, gives an insight into the needs at Aikei Gakuen, a social-evangelist center at Tokyo, Japan. She is Miss Mildred Anne Paine.

Expressing her appreciation for a love gift sent her by the Guild Unit, Miss Paine writes:

"What a lovely surprise your letter

brings! Thank you for your twenty-five dollar check for our work in the community around Aikei Gakuen. More and more needs come to us as our people here know us better and their children grow. Also Aikei buildings need refinishing inside. For new underwear for some unfortunate children and for brightening up our place we are right now very gratified for help.

"On Saturday, June 10, my younger sister, Mrs. Clara P. Otis, will leave for the United States after seven years of life and work near me here. We shall miss her, but now all countries are near each other, aren't they?"

Supply Work Giving Increases

Aptly termed "second mile giving," supply work cash, representing contributions over and above that given through pledges, is a channel through which certain equipment and other necessary tools needed for Woman's Division of Christian Service projects are supported.

During the conference year 1960-61 the Woman's Division received \$1,033.86 in supply work cash. Mrs. L. S. Thompson, secretary of supply work, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, reports. The Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS was in second place in amount given for supply work, and with a 94 per cent giving led the other five jurisdictions in percentage. Women of the N. C. Conference WSCS contributed \$20,020.61 to supply work during the last conference year, 99 per cent of which was in cash—an increase over the previous year.

The supply work "askings" for the N. C. Conference WSCS during the current conference year are \$6,250.00 for foreign work, and \$7,478.54 for the home field. The foreign countries WDCS projects to which supply work cash will be directed include Japan, Taiwan, Africa, and Pakistan. On the home front supply cash is shared this year by the eastern North Carolina rural work at Pembroke; Holston Valley rural work in Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia; Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, N. C.; Boylan-Haven-Mether Academy, Camden, S. C.; Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Ga., and Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Bennett Expects Large Enrollment

A class of around 200 freshmen is expected at Bennett College in September, Mrs. Susie W. Jones, director of admissions, disclosed this week. This will be the largest entering class in the history of the 88-year-old institution. Freshmen and new students are scheduled to report on September 14 for one-week period of orientation before classes begin on September 20.

The newcomers will represent 22 states and the District of Columbia and six foreign countries, among them Burma, Uganda, Nigeria, American Samoa and Panama. California will be represented by three, Texas by four, and there will be one from Vermont. Three students will come from Chicago and two from New Orleans. They will also come from 37 cities and towns in North Carolina.

LETTERS

Likes Day Camping

Dear Editor:

We, here on the Trenton Charge, are sold on Day Camping for our younger boys and girls. I wanted to write this letter to the editor and tell how we carry it out. This has been our second year with this activity.

We hold the Day Camp as early as possible in the summer after Daily Vacation Church School. We hold it at the Trenton Park, which is a cleared space along the Trent River. We meet from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. During this time we sing fellowship songs, take a hike, swim and dismiss with a devotional thought. Our hikes are led by specialists in various phases of natural life. They include insect, wild flower, bird, amphibian, soil, and other phases of nature as we have specialists to lead us. We teach boys and girls who wish to learn to swim beginning swimming strokes. One day during the week we cook our supper. We have pastor, Duke Endowment assistant, mothers, and a Scout or two for counsellors. Our children are usually those who are not ready for camp away from home, generally kindergarteners and primaries.

Since this activity has been so popular with us on this tree-point charge, I wanted to share with your readers from other charges. It has been fun for all concerned, and I trust that it has done some good.

Yours very cordially,
Walton N. Bass

Trenton, N. C.

Missionary Family Unharmed in Bizerte

A Methodist missionary family came through unharmed the four days of bitter Tunisian-French fighting in Bizerte July 19-22 and has been actively involved in relief and other work during the emergency there.

The father, the Rev. Thorleif Teigland, was the only Protestant minister in Bizerte after the cease-fire was declared July 22 and was called on to minister in various ways to the suffering people of the city. He and his family (Mrs. Teigland and three children) had gone to Bizerte in June to expand the evangelistic work which he had been doing on a visitation basis from Tunis for several years.

Word of the Teigland family's safety during the fighting was contained in a report to the Methodist Board of Missions from another missionary, the Rev. Lester Griffith of Cleveland, Ohio, who is stationed in Tunis. Mr. Griffith, who was a prisoner of the Algerian nationalists for 40 days in 1958, was himself one of the first persons to cross the Tunisian and French battle lines after cease-fire was declared. He went from Tunis as a relief worker to take out some Jewish children, who were in a summer camp near Bizerte. He loaded 12 children into his Volkswagen station wagon and returned them to their families in Tunis.

The Teiglands, who are from Norway, were the first Methodist missionary family to be stationed in Bizerte, where there is a small congregation.

Mr. Teigland was born in Norway and is a graduate of the Methodist Theological Seminary at Gothenburg, Sweden. He and Mrs. Teigland have served in North Africa 11 years.

Four Churches Unite for Youth Activities Week

A Youth Activities Week has been set by the combined MYF of Moriah, Tabernacle, Bethlehem and Pleasant Garden Methodist churches. This program will be presented by both the junior high and seniors of these churches, and will be held at Moriah Church, each evening from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m., August 20-25.

The theme for study will be, "Serving Christ in This Space Age," and the course of study will be the book, "I Serve." The Rev. J. R. Duncan, pastor of Bethlehem Church, will teach the seniors, and the Rev. Paul A. Bruton, pastor of Pleasant Garden, and the Rev. H. L. Blackwelder will teach the junior highs.

On the final evening a service of Holy Communion will be held, the communion meditation will be given by the Rev. Harold Schram, pastor of Moriah Church.

Speaker Praises Methodist Schools in Brazil

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—Because Methodist schools set a high standard of "trying to put something into people's hearts and minds to make them better citizens," they have influenced the whole education program in Brazil, the Southeastern Methodist missions conference was told.

Jose Gomes de Campos, vice president of a Methodist school and professor of school administration at a state university in Brazil, said his land is "fortunate that the main idea Americans brought to Brazil was the missionary idea—not to change the status of the people, but their heart. When you change the heart, you change everything."

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The Rev. G. Byron Deshler, pastor of First Church, San Gabriel, Calif., has been selected as director of the World-wide Prayer Life Movement of the Board of Evangelism. He assumed the position in Nashville, Tenn., June 1.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

"I am forty-eight years old and have been in the church only four months," testified one of the finance crusade workers in his local church. "During this crusade I have learned more about the church in four days than in all the rest of my life. My wife says she tried for twenty years to get me into the church, but now she can't get me away from it."

Challenge people with a difficult task that requires hard work, sacrificial giving, and intense devotion and in most instances they will respond nobly. Leave them drifting or assign them only a comparatively insignificant role and they will act accordingly. Christians—consecrated Christians—are eager to do that which is worthwhile—really worthwhile. The words of the song we used to sing in Sunday school are still true, "I want my life to count for Jesus."



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



A Boy Was There

By R. P. MARSHALL

The mountainside was covered with people. As far as one could see were the eager listeners who, forgetful of the need for food, had rushed out of their homes to follow the Prophet of Galilee. Now they were tired and hungry, and the cry of wailing children came to the ears of the Master.

Turning to His disciples, He said, "Where can we buy food for these people to eat?" One can imagine the consternation on the face of Philip as he replied, "Ten dollars worth of bread would not be enough for them, even if they had only a little each!"

And then, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, who never seemed to do anything spectacular, but was always around when needed, put in a word. He had been looking around among the people nearby, and had a bit of information that might help.

"There's a boy here who's got five little barley loaves and a couple of fish," he said, "but what's the good of that for such a crowd?"

You know what happened then—how Jesus gave the word for the people to sit down; and, taking the five loaves and two fish, He performed an act of divine multiplication, and fed the entire multitude from out of the little boy's lunch box.

Yes, there was a boy there, and it was very natural that there should be. Where there's a crowd there's always certain to be a boy around somewhere. Whether it's a circus or a revival, you'll always find him, peering through a crack in the wall, climbing a tree in order to see, or sliding under a tent flap. I'm sure boys haven't changed too much since Jesus' time. They're always sure to be around.

It is to the everlasting credit of Andrew that he recognized the possibilities in the situation. The others saw only a hungry crowd of five thousand. Andrew saw them, but he saw more than that. He saw in that crowd a little lad who like a good Scout, had come prepared for an emergency. Maybe the credit belonged to his mother, who may have had to hang onto his coat-tail while she packed the box of food, but he gets the credit for bringing it, at least.

Just think of what might have happened if the boy had not been there that day. Jesus could have fed the five thousand without him, I suppose; but think of what the boy would have missed!

Every Sunday is a time for us to meet Jesus in His church, and when we miss a service we have missed the opportunity to serve Him. When the Lord's Supper is celebrated in our church we should remember that again Jesus is feeding His people, and as the minister passes the bread and juice of the grape, he is acting for Jesus. And here, as always, Jesus has need for boys and girls.

What can a boy do for Jesus today? Well, what did that little boy do on the summer day in Galilee? He simply gave Him what he had. Jesus used the loaves and fishes to feed five thousand people. He can use our lives to help others to love and serve Jesus.

SUSPICIOUS SILENCE

It was a busy day in the life of Mrs. Brown,

So she sped upstairs to clean, leaving small Johnny down.

But silence reigned so long below that her suspicions grew

That John was into mischief—for all her small son's ways she knew.

A sweet voice reassured her, so again to work she went.

Ashamed at doubting one who seemed so angelic, content.

Again that dreadful silence reigned—"Son what are you into?"

(Experience had whispered, and again suspicion grew.)

"I ain't into anysing—just rockin' in my chair—

But kitty—naughty kitty—her's in your Bidgmedaire" (Fridgidaire).

AGES OF ANIMALS

The oldest animal is probably the Galapagos Island tortoise. While figures on the life span of animals are not very accurate, it is estimated that these giant tortoises live to the age of 200 years.

The natural age of horses is from 18 to 25 years; of cows, from 14 to 15 years.

A cat reaches extreme old age at 15; a rat is very old at 7. Beavers sometimes reach 5, and squirrels live to be only 8 or 9. Canary birds and sparrows, as well as chickens and doves, may live up to 20 years.

It is popularly believed that elephants

reach miraculously old ages, from 100 to 200 years. This is a popular error, for the elephant is old at 75, and rarely lives much longer than that. The huge hippopotamus lives about 20 years. Lions, leopards, jaguars, and hyenas live to be approximately 25.

Monkeys live to be approximately 17. However, apes confined to a cage age very rapidly.

It is extremely difficult to estimate the age of fish. Various authorities have reckoned the carp's age at 150 years, the pike's life duration at 100 years, while the salmon lives only about 4 years.

The age of insects is hard to determine. Many insects live only a few hours, though ants may live as long as several years. —Our Dumb Animals.

CHUCKLES

Buddy, an eight-year-old, came home the other day from a visit to his grandmother.

"Mon," he inquired, "do you know why they call them 'grandmothers'?"

Mother proceeded to explain the relationship, but she got only about half way through when Buddy interrupted:

"Naw, that's not the reason. It's because they're grander to little boys than mothers are."

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

Boys are the stuff out of which men are made. If the church wins the boy, it has won the man.

*The wise old owl sat up in an oak;
The more he saw, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard.
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?*

BIBLE QUIZ

1. Who slew a man and hid his body in the sand?
2. What grain did Ruth glean in Boaz' field?
3. From the stalks of what grain was linen made?
4. From what tree do dates come?
5. Who said, "I will make you fishers of men"?

Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Sheep—John 10:14
2. Lions—Daniel 6:27
3. Camel's Hair—Mark 1:4-6
4. A Kid of the Goats—Genesis 37:29-32
5. Dogs—Luke 16:19-21

Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 20

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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SILAS: TRUSTWORTHY CO-WORKER

Background Scripture: Acts 15, 16; 17: 1-14; 18:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Peter 5:12; Galatians 2:1-10.

Lesson Scripture: Acts 15:22, 30-32, 39-41; 16:19-25; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Peter 5:2.

This is lesson eight in our series on "Personalities of the New Testament." Our subject is Silas, one of the lesser known people we meet in the books of the New Testament. His story is a good illustration of the fact that men in the ranks are indispensable, no matter how brilliant or able the officers may be. Paul used him as a substitute for Barnabas when the latter felt that he and Paul could no longer work happily together. In spite of the well-known saying "A substitute is never just as good," we know that sometimes they are not only "just as good," but better. In this case Silas appears to have measured up to the situation in a fine way.

We meet Silas first as one of the delegation chosen to carry to Antioch the decision of the Jerusalem Council. The reader will wish to study the account of this most important meeting as recorded in two different places in the New Testament: Acts 15 and Galatians 2. The outstanding importance of this meeting was due to the fact that a decision was made here which was to affect greatly the subsequent development of the Christian movement. The arguments revolved about the question as to how far the new Gentile converts would be subject to the ceremonial requirements of Judaism. After considerable discussion, some of it quite bitter according to the account in Galatians, it was decided that no distasteful or onerous Jewish requirements would be made of the Gentiles, thus enabling them to come straight into the church from their pagan backgrounds. Since Antioch was primarily a Gentile center, this news was naturally received with great joy by them. We are told that, after delivering the letter, Silas and his companion preached to the group there and were well received. Thus Silas became one of the first bearers of the message of Christian freedom.

We next find Silas embarking upon a preaching mission through Asia Minor with Paul. They did not have easy going. At Philippi Paul cured a slave girl who evidently was believed to have the powers of divination, and who was being exploited by her owners. "But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone" they succeeded in having Paul and Silas flogged and thrown into jail. Here they sang songs of praise to God. Such an extraordinary response to cruel treatment the jailer had never before witnessed. As Frank Mead puts it "Their stripes they accepted as God's chevrons, and the chains made them so happy they sang through the prison night." No wonder such powerful witnessing caused the jailer and his family to accept Christian baptism!

In a comfortable age such as ours, when

men are more likely to receive commendation for being allied with the church than to receive persecution, we may think there is no longer any opportunity for us to follow in the footsteps of men like Paul and Silas. But we ought not to forget that the victories have not all yet been won. It has been said that the trouble with Christianity is that nobody has to die for it anymore. This is not quite true, for our modern age, too, has had its martyrs. Not only have missionaries been killed in many parts of the world in the recent past, but many men have had to pay dearly for their stand for Christian social justice. Then, too, we must remember that sometimes it is perhaps as hard to live and work and suffer for the right as it is to give one's life suddenly and dramatically as a martyr. These really are "times that try men's souls." We sing about "the cross of Christ, towering o'er the wrecks of time." Well, the wrecks of time are here. The question for us is, how are we going to live through them? What scars will we have to show that we served our time at the battle front?

Despite Difficulties, Cuban Methodism Carries On Work

Though the outlook for the Methodist Church in Cuba presents many dark aspects, the church is carrying on its work in all areas to the fullest extent possible—and is determined to continue to do so.

That, in summary, is the situation regarding Cuban Methodism under Castro, according to reports received by the Methodist Board of Missions.

On the dark side are facts that some Methodist ministers have been put in jail (and later released), that ministers must be careful what they say from the pulpit, that the schools have been taken over by the Castro Government and that youth attendance at church services is slipping because of Government pressures. Some ministers have chosen to leave Cuba.

Contrasted with those grim aspects are these facts: Every Methodist Church is being served either by an ordained minister or local (lay) preacher. Revival services are permitted and have been held in some places. Ministers and layment are free to go into rural areas and establish preaching points. Cuban Methodists have responded well to the financial appeal to support the Advance program adopted in 1959.

The Methodist Church intends to strengthen its program among children and youth. The Church will go ahead with recruiting and training "C-2's," young persons who will serve two years as home missionaries. Both the ministers and members of the Cuba Woman's Society of Christian Service held their annual meetings in June in Matanzas and were able to transact business.

The report to the Board of Missions told of a unanimity of spirit among the ministers at their meeting and of their determination to press forward with the church program, despite present difficulties. One source said: "The ministers met in an atmosphere of brotherly love and mutual concern. They agreed that if some ministers felt it was wiser for them to leave Cuba, their brethren would pray for them and ask God to use

them wherever they went. For those who elected to stay, the same prayers would be offered."

About 100 women attended the annual meeting of the Cuba Woman's Society, with women gathering from all parts of the island. The women conducted their business in the accustomed manner and carried on their usual program. They are continuing to support two home missionaries, who work in the rural areas of Cuba. Local Woman's Societies also are continuing their programs in the usual way.

Bishop Declares Abuse of Words to Be Major Sin

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—The abuse of words has become a major sin, Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippet, San Francisco, said in an address here.

He spoke at a joint session of a southeastern Methodist ministers conference, held July 17-21, and a Methodist writers conference, which met July 18-20.

"In this country," said Bishop Tippet, "perhaps the worst offenders of using language as an instrument of misunderstanding are the writers of advertising copy. Their studied use of mendacious words is appalling."

"This kind of truth distortion is not confined to Madison Avenue," he said. "It has been found in ministers' reports and on occasions has been heard in their sermons."

Bishop Tippet said that ministers and writers for religious publications should make sure of their facts and guard against the use of unverified sources.

He also referred to such things as "slanting a text from the Bible to make it mean what you want it to mean" and taking a word or phrase out of context to give it meaning not originally intended.

"It's bad enough when newspapers slant the truth," he said, "but it's reprehensible when ministers or writers for religious publications slant the truth."

"Fearlessly declare the truth in love," he challenged the ministers and writers.

"One of the most pernicious ills that a minister must constantly stand against is the deliberate distortion of the truth," he said.

Carolina Wesleyan Names Physics Instructor

Joe Donald Burchfield will be an Instructor in Physics at Carolina Wesleyan College for the academic year 1961-62 according to announcement by President Thomas A. Collins.

A native of Charleston, S. C., Burchfield was graduated cum laude from Furman University in 1959. He will complete his Master of Science work this summer at the University of North Carolina.

He had served as laboratory assistant since his junior year in college and as Research Assistant in graduate school. He has served as graduate instructor in Sophomore Physics at the University this past year.

He is unmarried and will move to the city in early September. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE FIRST OF THE JOURNEY

(Written on the plane)

This editor never dreamed he would write an editorial from this position. We are on a British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) jet liner flying 652 miles an hour at 3,000 feet altitude. This is a luxury plane with accommodations for some 200 persons. As we cruise along only the blue sky is above and the white clouds and rolling Atlantic (although invisible) beneath. This is a good time to pray and trust in Divine Providence. While we have flown a good many times, this is the highest, the farthest, and the fastest.

Even in this unusual situation, human nature and inclinations are in evidence. Some of it is pleasant to one who believes in Christian ideals and practices. For instance, we seem to have a cross-section of humanity aboard.

Some of the passengers are trying to make the most of it by reading, enjoying the refreshments of milk, coffee, and various kinds of sandwiches served by the stewardess, looking out upon the white clouds below and the beautiful blue above, and engaging in conversation. However, as is usual under such circumstances, there are some things that are repulsive to a sensitive soul, such as serving alcoholic beverages to those who indulge. We could wish the airlines neither practiced nor permitted this.

And speaking of altitudes, we all need to get above the hum-drum of everyday materialism and soar for a while in the realms of spiritual understanding and appreciation. Jesus said, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses." Many people have not yet come to accept that standard of living. They spend their labor and energies on that which is material and temporal, and which satisfieth not, and neglect the things which have the power to inspire and to satisfy with an assurance of Divine worth.

"O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

That brings us to the purpose of this great conference to be held in Oslo and the reason for our attending. Methodism has always been in the forefront in giving its testimony and making its witness.

Coming together in this Norwegian metropolis will be some 2,000 to 2,500 men, women and youth representing The Methodist Church around the world. While this body is not legislative in nature, it will, no doubt, influence Methodist thinking and procedure in a profound way. Historical background and present day challenge combine to make this a significant gathering. It is an honor, a privilege and a responsibility to be a part of it. It is our prayer and hope that much good will result.

Now that our plane is nearing the cradle of Methodism in London, we shall bid adieu for this time and hope to write again when we have reached Oslo.

Not 'Really Rolling' in Missions Says Speaker

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—The illusion of "a lot of us Methodists that our church is really rolling and moving in missions" had many holes punched in it by one of the missionaries speaking at mission conferences here July 21-27.

The Rev. Curran L. Spottwood, known as "the flying parson of the Philippines" since going there from Florida in 1946, pointed out that The Methodist Church has fewer than 1,500 missionaries in service today, compared to 2,400 some 30 years ago. He spoke to joint meetings of three simultaneous missions conferences—for conference and district missionary secretaries, for local church commission chairmen and for youth. Each group had a record attendance, totaling some 500 persons from over the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Spottwood thrust particularly at the need for church members to believe the Bible and to act on it—for youth to volunteer for service and to all church members to "put the cross at the center of our budgets." With more than a century of Christian missions in the world's most populous lands—Japan, China and India—only from one to four per cent of their people are Christians, he reminded.

"Communism today sweeps the world because young people volunteer to serve and give it absolute obedience," he said, while many young people believe "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy might—if you have time, or don't have a date tonight."

Meanwhile, he added, "we live in a time when the church should be on its knees, but we're sitting down, and giving four cents a week to the church's missions." He declared that "whether smoking is good or bad, anytime people of the U.S. spend \$7 billion a year on smoking and only \$168 million on missions, that's sin with a capital S." He made similar comparisons for expenditures for liquor, beauty parlors, golf and pleasure boats. He called this "pallid

churchianity" in contrast to real Christianity.

He recited numerous personal experiences with young Americans and Filipinos who "believed what they read in the Bible" and acted on it with complete disregard for themselves. Of one nurse in the Philippines, he noted that "in her healing hands I saw the hands of Jesus, yet she couldn't have worshipped with me in the churches of most of America."

Pointing out that "Christianity is the only religion that offers forgiveness," Spottwood urged that Jesus calls us to the ministry of reconciliation.

9,230 Annual Openings in The Methodist Church

Nashville, Tenn.—At least 9,230 full-time workers are needed annually to fill openings in The Methodist Church, it is announced by the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

The denomination needs to recruit each year at least 2,400 new ministers, 350 missionaries, 1,480 Christian educators (including teachers, directors of Christian education, Wesley Foundation directors, and others), and 5,000 for its healing ministry (doctors, nurses, and technicians). The church also offers vocational opportunities in various other fields.

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Chief participants in the dedication of a John Wesley statue in Washington, D. C., were, from left, the Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins, British secretary of the World Methodist Council; Maj. Gen. C. K. Gailey, commander of the Military District of Washington; the Rev. Dr. Norman L. Trott, president of Wesley Theological Seminary. Dr. Perkins represented both British Methodism and Lord J. Arthur Rank, who gave the statue to the seminary and American Methodism.



* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ DR. J. S. HIATT was guest minister at the homecoming at Oak Hill Church on August 6.

¶ REV. L. C. BROTHERS, Sr., who retired at the last annual session of the N. C. Conference, is now living at 614-A Glenbrook Drive, Raleigh. His telephone number is 834-3057.

¶ THE REV. FRANK J. STOUGH, Woodleaf, was preacher for the homecoming day at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Misenheimer, N. C., on Sunday, August 13. Rev. Lloyd Hunsucker is minister of the church.

¶ CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH of the Colliers Charge in the Statesville District conducted revival services August 13-18 with Rev. T. C. McLean, pastor of the Rhodhiss-Ebenezer Charge as the guest preacher.

¶ REVEREND AND MRS. R. BRUCE PATE, St. Mark Methodist Church, Kinston, announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Sharpe, on July 5. Mrs. Pate is the former Miss Jean Turner of Fair Bluff, N. C.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College, preached at Old St. George's Methodist Church Aug. 13. Old St. George is the oldest Methodist Church in continuous service in the United States.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS and Dr. James A. Hailey of North Carolina Wesleyan College, shared the preaching in a revival at Rehoboth Methodist Church recently. Rev. Angus Cameron, host pastor, led the singing for a well-attended revival.

¶ MISS BRENDA PRIDGEN, recent graduate of Rocky Mount Senior High School, was awarded a \$200 scholarship to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. The scholarship was awarded by the Rocky Mount Credit Women's Club. Miss Pridgen is a member of First Methodist Church.

¶ MISS LOUISE KEPLEY was recently awarded the Anne Mason Ratterman Scholarship of \$300 to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College this fall. Miss Kepley was a Beta Club graduate of Harrellsville High School. She is a member of Harrellsville Methodist Church.

¶ DURING THE ABSENCE of Rev. A. F. Fisher of Highland Church, Raleigh, on vacation from August 14 to August 28, the pulpit will be filled by Rev. G. S. Eubank, Superintendent of Raleigh District and Dr. A. P. Brantley, the Executive Secretary of Christian Higher Education. Two laymen from Highland will preside.

¶ CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH of the Colliers Charge will observe its annual homecoming service August 20, 1961, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Lonnie Templeton, pastor of the Trinity Charge of the Statesville District, as the guest preacher. All former pastors and members are invited to attend this service.

¶ SINCE THE DEATH of the Rev. Harold A. Pruyn, July 13, Marvin Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, is being served by the Rev. George B. Clemmer, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Clemmer will continue as interim pastor until Bishop Harmon returns from Europe.

¶ OFFICIALS of NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE have announced the appointment of John W. Kilgore as assistant professor of chemistry. A native of West Virginia, his home now is Tazewell, Virginia. He was graduated from Hampton-Sydney College. He has earned the M.A. from Duke University and is a summer candidate for the Ph.D. in Chemistry at Duke.

¶ REV. AND MRS. RICHARD R. HANNER, JR. were the instructors for a Junior High Lab at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Leadership School at Lake Junaluska August 6 through 11. Approximately 150 from the Western North Carolina Conference were enrolled in the school. Thirty-two of these were from Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, where Mr. Hanner is minister of education.

¶ THE THIRD ANNUAL Homecoming of Cherry Street Church, Kernersville, will be held on Sunday, August 20. The pastor, Rev. M. W. Heckard, Jr., will bring the message at the 11:00 o'clock worship. Rev. Benny T. Myers, a former pastor, will bring the message in the afternoon. Dinner will be served on the grounds at 1:00 o'clock. All former pastors and members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

¶ GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY for the North Wilkesboro District has been set at Nov. 19. Prior to that date the pastors and lay leaders should have received from the Conference Director of Golden Cross such literature and envelopes as they will need. Should any church fail to receive these materials by the fifth of November, please contact your District Director.

—W. H. DYAR, Director Golden Cross North Wilkesboro District

¶ THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of St. Paul Methodist Church in Maxton held its Youth Activities Week July 3-7. The theme for the week was "In Quest of the Best." Worship, discussion and recreation were enjoyed by young people of all the churches in town. Rev. Paul Gentry, Duke Divinity student, was the leader and was assisted by Rev. C. D. Roettger, Mrs. Joe Hord, Rev. Will Ramsey and Miss Jean Gainey. The week ended with a communion service in the sanctuary.

¶ THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING will be held at historic Snow Creek Methodist Church in Iredell County Sunday, Aug. 20. Rev. J. S. Hiatt of Elkin will be the guest minister at the 11 o'clock service. Dinner on the grounds with a program of sacred music in the afternoon. Rev. Powell L. Wilkens, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ REV. C. D. BROWN, pastor of Center Grove Methodist Church, Stanfield, is a patient in Cabarrus Memorial Hospital, Concord. He is recovering from a kidney stone operation.

¶ THE REV. AND MRS. JOSEPH M. REEVES will begin their duties with First Church, Mebane, on September 1. Mr. Reeves will assist the pastor, particularly with the youth. Mrs. Reeves will direct the youth work and will also do some kindergarten work.

¶ FIRST CHURCH, Rutherfordton, is planning Sunday evening services beginning September 10. For three Sunday evenings there will be held a School of Evangelism conducted by the pastor. The purpose is to inform and prepare the church for this year's emphasis on evangelism.

¶ BETHLEHEM METHODIST CHURCH, Union County, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, August 27. Rev. Fred A. Hill pastor, will bring the homecoming message at the 11:00 o'clock service. Bethlehem Church was organized in 1843 and is proud of the many ministers and other Christian workers who have gone out from the congregation. Following the service, a picnic lunch will be served. In the afternoon, a song service will be held. All former pastors and members, and friends are invited to attend.

¶ A GAVEL made from the wood of an historic South Carolina Methodist church will be used to call Methodists to order during a meeting of the World Methodist Conference at Oslo. Bishop Noland B. Harmon of Charlotte will use the gavel to preside over a program on "Methodism in Action," Saturday, Aug. 19. The gavel is made from the wood of one of the original pews from Bethel Methodist Church in Charleston, S. C. The church was founded by Francis Asbury, America's first Methodist bishop.

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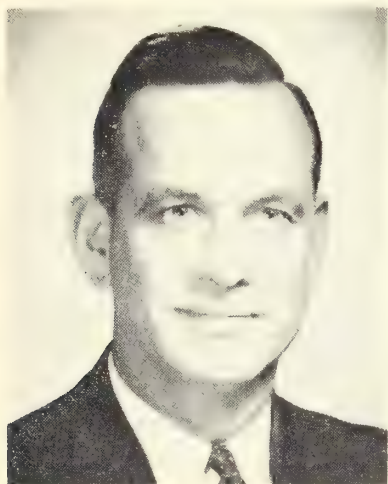
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N. C. Conference on Evangelism Meeting at Louisburg Sept. 5

Registration for the Methodist Pastors' Conference on Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference will begin at Louisburg College, September 5 at 9:00 a.m. and the conference will run through noon, September 7.

The Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Rich-



DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY

mond, Va., will be the conference preacher. Dr. Bailey has served churches in Emporia, Richmond, New Kent County, Norfolk, and Newport News, Va. He conducts a daily broadcast which originated on the Armed Forces Network in Tokyo called "Daily Bread." He also writes a syndicated devotional for the daily newspapers, called "Bread of Life." The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on him by his alma mater, Randolph-Macon College.

Dr. James L. Robertson will be the spiritual life leader. He has served pastorates in West Virginia and Maryland and has served some of the largest congregations in Virginia Methodism. He is in his seventh year as pastor of the Clarendon Methodist Church of Arlington. Dr. Robertson has been most active in the organization of prayer groups among the clergy and laity of Virginia Methodism. He is the Conference Secretary of Evangelism. Randolph-Macon College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree on him in 1951.

Dr. Leslie J. Ross will be the methods leader. He is a native of Indiana, a graduate of DePauw University and Garrett Biblical Institute. Dr. Ross began his ministry in the Northwest Indiana Conference and later transferred to the Southern California-Arizona Conference in 1941, where he served as district secretary of evangelism for the Arizona District.

Dr. Ross joined the staff of the General Board of Evangelism in 1951. He is now Director of the Department of Evangelistic Movements, which includes Personal Evangelism, Prayer Life Movement and Church Attendance; he is also Director of the Upper Room Radio-TV Parish for the General Board of Evangelism of The Meth-

odist Church with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Pastors' Conference on Evangelism is sponsored jointly by the Conference Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commission. It is the direct responsibility of the Board of Managers, composed of Rev. C. Freeman Heath, chairman; Rev. Wade Goldston, secretary; Rev. Key W. Taylor, Town and Country Commission; and a clerical member of the Board of Evangelism.

Rev. Troy J. Barrett will be the dean, with Rev. J. Kern Ormond as his associate. Rev. Wade Goldston will be the registrar with Roland Horne as his assistant.

Rev. L. C. Vereen will be song leader; Rev. Steve Kimbrough, Jr., soloist; Rev. M.



DR. J. L. ROBERTSON

L. Husted and Rev. A. L. Reynolds, pianists.

The cost of the school, room and board for the entire time, \$8.00; single meal \$1.25; room, one night \$1.00. Reservations should be made to Rev. Wade Goldston, Louisburg College, by August 25. No money to accompany reservation.

The Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT, Pastor

"Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." Eph. 5:25

Can't a man be just as good a Christian outside the church? I do not know, I never saw anybody try it.

He could do as well outside unless he wanted to see God at work in human lives, or wanted to cooperate in missionary endeavor, or take communion, or make confession, or commemorate the Resurrection, or engage in public worship, or save his children and influence his neighbors. All these require a church.

If I wanted to be a ball player I would join a team. A soldier joins the army. If a fellow wants a home he joins up with a woman and raises a gang of brats and never hears the last of it.

Chaplain From North Carolina Conference Gets Medal

Andrews Air Force Base, Md. (Special) —Awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal at Headquarters, Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) here recently was Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Floyd M. Patterson of Dallas, Texas.

At special ceremonies conducted in the office of the Vice Commander, Maj. Gen. James Ferguson, Chaplain Patterson was cited for distinguishing himself by meritorious service while serving as Deputy Staff Chaplain, Hq. Sixteenth Air Force, Spain. His citation read, in part: "Chaplain Patterson exhibited exceptional ability and initiative in the promotion of morale, welfare, and religious activities."

Chaplain Patterson, who is a member of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church, serves in Hq. AFSC as Deputy Command Chaplain. AFSC is the command responsible for all phases of acquisition of new aerospace systems—from the earliest applied research to the final installation and checkout.

A graduate of Central High, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Chaplain Patterson received his AB from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas and his BD from Duke University, Durham, N. C.

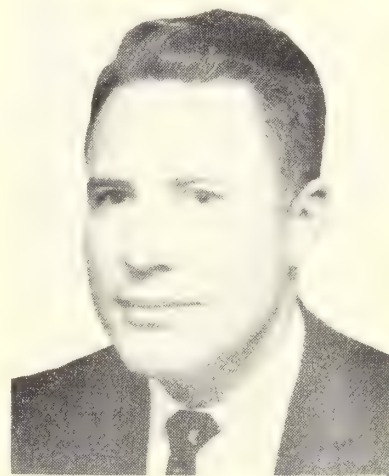
The son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Patterson of 3419 Harvard Avenue, Dallas, Texas, Chaplain Patterson is married to the former Netta Robertson whose parents reside in Burlington, N. C.

Bishop Smith Succeeds Bishop Stockwell in Latin America

Bishop W. Angie Smith has been re-assigned by the Methodist Council of Bishops to supervise the Methodist work in Latin America. The one year assignment was made necessary by the recent death of Bishop Foster Stockwell.

Bishop Stockwell, a native of Shawnee, Oklahoma, had been elected to the episcopacy a year ago following a 35-year career as missionary-teacher in Latin America.

Bishop Smith previously supervised the work of the Latin American conferences for 12 years. The request for his reassignment came from the churches of Chile and Peru.



DR. LESLIE J. ROSS

— PACKAGES OF POWER —

A Guest Editorial by
ROBERT G. TUTTLE

Living in a day of power blocks, power politics, power diplomacy, many have forgotten the essential power structure of the universe. This may result from the fact that God does not like to throw his weight around, but seeks to work inwardly, allowing his laws of consequence to function as a last resort.

With J. B. Phillips we agree: "It is God's secret plan that all history shall find its consummation in Jesus Christ." This is the power structure of the universe. When man accepts it, he lives; when he rejects it, he dies individually and socially. God, through Christ, seeks to make the structure understandable to human being. Christ, in the Beatitudes, reveals basic truth in minute packages of power, not in rigid formula.

Often we have taught these simple pronouncements to our children as easy memory verses, ignoring the fact that they are the essential guideposts to life even in an age of atoms, satellites, fusion, fission and missiles.

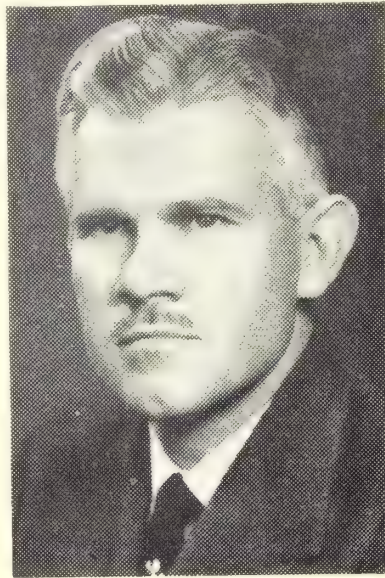
"Blessed are the poor in spirit" — When I learned this verse as a child, it did not make sense. I thought that Christians ought to be "rich in spirit"—not "poor in spirit." But when we come to grips with the truth of Christ and the nature of life, we see the Master pleading for men of open minds and responsive spirits, men who realize their poverty of spirit and know that they have only begun to receive the knowledge and the power that God is seeking to express in them and through them. "Oh, for the poor in spirit!" Jesus plead. "Oh, for men ready to move with God into new realms of understanding and truth!" In the power structure of the universe no limits have been placed upon the development of the human soul in vital contact with God. Blessed are those who realize their poverty of spirit and are growing.

"Blessed are they that mourn" — This bothered me as a child. Who wants to mourn? What is good about it? Increasingly there comes to me now the feeling that Christ is saying blessed are those that are not hard-hearted, happy are those that refuse to be cold-blooded, fortunate are those that are motivated by a sense of concern and compassion. To be callous in a world like this is to invite individual and social destruction. In the power structure of life indifference can not survive. Those not concerned with the suffering of those of other races, other classes, other nations are eventually crushed by the earthquakes of social upheaval.

"Jesus wept"—thank God for that statement. God suffering, and entering

into our sorrow! When we get to heaven, we shall enter more significantly into the redemptive sorrow of God. There is power in concern. Blessed are those who have the capacity to mourn.

"Blessed are the meek"—A boy wants nothing to do with meekness; he worships courage and strength. But meekness is not weakness. Christ himself was meek, not for one moment was he weak.



REV. ROBERT G. TUTTLE

Meekness has to do with submission to the greater, wiser will of God; it has to do with the Christian dedication of life, where greatness is realized only through great service.

"The meek shall inherit the earth"—how silly! Everybody knows that the strong get ahead. Again we turn the pages of history and discover the heaps of desert dirt that now are Babylon, and remember their great "strength." We gaze upon Alexander the Great and his fragile power that did not endure. We look down upon the Romans, certain that they had overcome the world by their undefeated legions. Yet each power structure in succession has failed (and will continue to fail), while God quietly repeats: "The meek shall inherit the earth." Others mutually destroy each other; the meek alone survive!

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness"—Who wants to be hungry? Who desires thirst? In his passion to lift men to new levels of life and satisfaction, the Master cried out: "Oh, for men who are hungering and thirsting for the right thing! When

will we begin to understand that God is trying to give us something—to do something for us? When we are hungry enough and thirsty enough, we will do everything possible to get that which we hunger for. Hungering after the things of God—"men shall be filled".

To illustrate: a man who has devoted sixty-five years to the accumulation of "things" (and "things" have their place in God's economy) wakes up one morning and asks himself: "Is this all there is to it? Where is the richness, the depth, the meaning of life? How did I miss the way?" Things have their place, but are not a sufficient satisfaction for the human soul. Happy are men hungering and thirsting after rightness, after truth, after God: they shall be filled!

"Blessed are the merciful"—Even as a boy this made sense to me. The influence of Christ has increased the flow of mercy in our world. In spite of international, racial and class conflict, the springs of mercy flow more fully today than in the days of Christ. We would not leave a wounded man lying beside the road to Jericho. Yet, due to the complexities of life and our intricate relationships with all other persons on this planet, by our vote, by our conversation, by our business dealings, by the things we stand for and the things we stand against, we may, unaware of the demands of mercy for the underprivileged lost and hurt ones throughout the world, in seeking to protect our own interests, fail to recognize with God the necessity of our brother across the tracks, in Cuba, or in Africa.

I need mercy. Every day is judgment day; every night I know that in some respect I have failed to live up to all that God might have expected of me this day. I go to my sleep confident that is a God of mercy; but continually I ask myself: "Am I merciful?" For "The merciful shall obtain mercy!"

"Blessed are the pure in heart"—This makes sense. The pure in heart see God. Those who see God are made pure in heart. Frank Laubach says, "I do not want to take into my mind anything that will break the endless contact with God." Impurity, vulgarity, unworthiness we know separate us from that sense of fellowship with God.

A culture that is wholesome, clean and noble, is strong and virile. A culture that loses its sense of purity and its reverence for values crumbles and disintegrates. We are dealing with the ultimate power structure, its strength and its wholeness. Purity is a recognition of the **principles of life**, and a dedication to abide by them for the **fulfillment of**

life. The pure in heart have fellowship with God; those who have fellowship with God are progressively cleansed and made whole.

"Blessed are peacemakers"—Peace-makers! How the world yearns for peace, and yet knows not the things that make for peace! Peacemakers are God's children; God's children are peacemakers. Yet, so many of us are troublemakers. We do not want to be, we do not intend to be; but we say the things and do the things that bring separation rather than reconciliation.

The power of a peacemaker is amazing. When two neighbors are about to fall out, a genuine peacemaker can graciously help neighbor No. 1 to understand the position and point of view of neighbor No. 2. With the same subtlety he can help neighbor No. 2 to understand the position and point of view of neighbor No. 1. Difficulties are resolved, antagonisms are healed, good will is restored.

Peacemaking begins with God, is practiced in the home, is nurtured in the church, moves into the community, and permeates the world. Jesus specialized in peacemaking. Christians are peacemakers. Peacemaking is not patching up the surface with willful blindness, but cultivating the rootage of rightness and justice and understanding which will produce increasingly the harvest of peace.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake"—Jesus was strange. He did not pick popular texts. Who wants to be persecuted? Who likes to get hurt? But there is power in the formula!

Perhaps this is what Jesus is talking about—Have you heard someone recently say something like this: "Yes, it's Christ-like. Yes, it's God's will. Yes, it's right—But don't ask me to do it! No not now. Maybe one hundred years from now. Not in this community! My boss wouldn't like it—I'd get fired. If I did this, my competitor would take over in two weeks." Yes, it is right; it is God's will; it is Christ-like; but—Don't ask me to do it!"

Could it be possible that you and I were born into this world with one great purpose?—That somewhere along the level of life that flows from birth to death we might see one spot at which man has not yet risen to the highest vision of God for humanity, and, seeing this, stand alone with God, and standing find that humanity has been lifted a little closer to the Kingdom of God! If I am born into life at one level, and live on that same level, and die on that same level, have I lived? If every generation is born at one level, lives on that level, and dies on that level, will humanity ever make progress? Can the Kingdom

of God ever come? If I observe at one point in my life a situation where I could take a quiet stand with God for something that humanity has not yet arisen to, and say: "No!" have I not by this act cancelled out my life? If I say: "Yes!" might I not have arisen to the purpose for which I was born?

Again we hear the echoing words of the Master: "Blessed are those who see that which is right, who understand the will of God, who stand with God at great personal risk: for they are the fore-runners of a better world, they are the pioneers of the Kingdom of God!"

Packages of Power: formulas of wisdom, keystones of the Kingdom, the power structure of life—as modern as the atom, as challenging as the missile! God forgive, if we have taken these Packages of Power—and have accepted them as memory verses for children, and not as flying banners of Christian responsibility.

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Campmeeting at Bethlehem

The fourth Sunday in August, the 27th, brings Campmeeting time to the Bethlehem Methodist Church at Climax. This is the time for the annual revival services at the old camp ground with an open arbor which was built in 1878. This will be the 107th year of these annual meetings.

At the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District, will bring the message and conduct the Quarterly Conference immediately afterwards.

Following the conference a picnic dinner will be spread. At 3:00 o'clock that afternoon the Rev. Paul A. Bruton, pastor of the Pleasant Garden Methodist Church, will preach. The Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, Greensboro, will be the evangelist for the evening services, preaching each evening, Sunday through Friday at 7:30 o'clock.

On Saturday evening, September 2, a special service of particular interest to young people will be held at 7:30 with a message by Dr. Harry Denman, General Secretary of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Denman will also preach at the services on Sunday, September 3. All youth are urged to be present.

The afternoon services during the week, Monday through Friday, will be held at 4:00 o'clock. Pastors from the surrounding communities will bring the messages. They are as follows: Monday, Rev. H. L. Blackwelder of Tabernacle; Tuesday, Rev. H. F. Schram of Moriah; Wednesday, Rev. F. A. Carlisle, Jr. of Bethel-Julian-Shiloh; Thursday, Rev. C. O. Kennerly, retired, Pleasant Garden; Friday, Rev. L. F. Strader of St. John's, Greensboro.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend any and all of these services. A special invitation is extended to the youth to attend the Saturday night service to hear Dr. Denman. Come and worship in these services in this sacred place. J. R. Duncan is the pastor.



Above are only five of the 1960-61 North Carolina Conference officers who planned the Tenth Annual MYF Conference Session being held at Duke University, August 14-18. They are (l. to r., first row) President Bill Graham, Chapel Hill; Treasurer Lee Overton, Durham; Vice-President Ronald Shearin, Warrenton; second row, Publicity Supt. Anne Louise Day, Roxboro; Secretary Glenda Pittman, Halifax. Absent are Jayne Anna Culbertson, Robbins; Alice Faye Smith, Pink Hill; Joey Warfel, Fayetteville; Mary Harris, Kinston; Betsy Overman, Goldsboro; Margaret Bridges, Fayetteville.

'Beating the War Drums'

An editorial titled as above, by John W. Bradbury in the current issue of the *Watchman-Examiner*, an independent Baptist journal of national circulation, is so timely and so much to the point that we are passing it on to you. The editorial says:

"The shades of pre-war days before April 6, 1917, before December 7, 1941, before 1951 are hovering over us again. There are dark and ominous clouds of international politics rolling above us. We, the people, have no voice in this matter. All that we can do is pay with blood and money. The marshaling of forces for the coming crisis indicates how impossible is our so-called 'civilization.' For what are we civilized? We have the United Nations, organized for peace, and the members thereof are planning for war. Let us not be hoodwinked. The world has not changed. We have made no progress with the passing of years. We appear to have learned nothing from the past. Strange, is it not, that the church of the living God, in this mortal hour, has not called its people to the altar of prayer? Not a single denomination has clearly uttered the appeal that is needed. We now have Christians in all countries. If we have the faith we proclaim, we must demonstrate that God is not dead. We must pray as never before. People should be called into the churches for prayer, they should be urged to wait upon God in utmost devotion. The television should be turned off, the radio quieted, the music box silenced while people turn away from the gadgets of earth to lift their voices heavenward. We know, full well, that this will not be done! Nevertheless, we think it ought to be done."



Spencer Memorial Opens New Sanctuary for Services

The opening of the new sanctuary on July 23 was a great day in the life of Spencer Memorial Methodist Church, Charlotte.

The church was organized in a cottage in North Charlotte in November of 1904. Services were held in this cottage until 1907. During this period the church was known as Highland Park, and was served in connection with Hoskins and Brevard Street churches under the pastorates of W. L. Nicholson, G. G. Harley, and Harold Turner. During the conference year 1906-1907 a house of worship was erected on North Caldwell Street. The congregation entered their new building in the fall of 1907 under the pastorate of the Rev. A. R. Surratt. At this time the name of the church was changed to "North Charlotte." Under this name the church was served by the following pastors: A. R. Surratt, W. A. Goode, W. M. Rollins, J. A. J. Farrington, and W. B. Davis. During the pastorate of W. B. Davis (1913) the name of the church was changed to Spencer Memorial, in memory of Mr. J. S. Spencer, of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company, who had given considerable assistance in building the church and maintaining its work.

In 1922, under the pastorate of the Rev. Joe Armbrust, a new addition was made to the church building. This addition was needed because the church had grown from 14 members under its first pastor, W. L. Nicholson, in 1904 to 323 members in 1922. In 1942, under the pastorate of the Rev. Clyde Murray, a new addition, consisting of 12 classrooms, was made. In 1953 under the pastorate of the Rev. C. M. McKinney, the church exchanged its prop-

erty on North Caldwell Street for the old Y.M.C.A. property in the 1000 block, of East 36th Street. The old Y.M.C.A. Building was remodeled to meet the immediate needs of the congregation for worship and Church school, and the congregation moved to its new location.

This place of worship was only a temporary arrangement until a new sanctuary could be erected. In November of 1958, under the pastorate of the Rev. Gilbert Miller, a financial crusade was begun for the building of this sanctuary and other buildings. A building committee was appointed to make definite plans. The committee consisted of the following persons, J. B. Johnson, M. J. Boyd, Frank Suddreth, Mrs. O. G. Nelson, W. G. Mahaffey, Horace Smith. The Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Director of Field Service and Finance of the Conference Board of Missions, was employed to direct the campaign. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$50,000 over a period of three years. The amount was over subscribed, and \$43,411 has been paid to date.

In the summer of 1960, under the pastorate of the Rev. Vernon A. Morton, the architect's plans were approved, and bids were let for the construction of the new building. On Dec. 18, 1960, the ground breaking service was held. Work was begun on the building in January, 1961, and completed the week of July 23rd.

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The only time some people call upon God is when they feel the Devil is getting the best of them.

The Jones Family Returns To The Congo

From the Bulletin of Westminster Church in Kinston comes the following "Letter from the Joneses":

Bishop Booth has just informed us that he wants us to serve in Katanga, at Elisabethville, where we first studied Swahili for three months in 1957. Things are too uncertain at Kindu to risk our return there now, though it is hoped that we'll move back to Kindu, at least within one year. We'll be leaving New York for Katanga around July 1.

Ken's speech-making continues its killing pace and has now passed 375 in just nine months. He has been pleased that the State Department has used him in several ways including lecturing to new Foreign Service officers, preparing for assignments in Africa. Since the Mission now has an airplane for work in the Congo, Ken has been learning to fly so that, as circumstances might require, he'll know how to make the thing go. Edlea doesn't plan to go "joy-riding" with Ken. This flying business is a sort of course in life-saving, if he lives through it.

On Palm Sunday, Jeffrey joined Dulin Methodist Church in Falls Church, Virginia, where we worship on the rare Sundays that we ourselves are not speaking somewhere. All three boys are crazy about television. Ken and Edlea would gladly sacrifice it NOW. With Kelly walking everywhere and opening cupboard doors, we are getting more exercise—leaning over, picking up and putting back. But he is adored by one and all.

In June we will be attending the Furloughed Missionary Conference at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, and thus will not be able to attend our own Baltimore Annual Conference sessions, where we had hoped to have fellowship with our many friends in the ministry.

Some of you have influence in your Methodist churches. Please don't hold up on Advance Special gifts for Kindu or for Congo because of present uncertainties. All gifts bearing our name will assuredly be applied to our work, and it takes so many months for the funds to move through channels that unnecessary delay could cripple our program.

Please keep us in your prayers and, as opportunity allows, lend us your support by every means that we may be of maximum helpfulness to the newborn nation which needs so much.

Yours in Christ,
KEN, EDLEA, JEFFREY, BRUCE
AND KELLY JONES

Dr. Charles L. Allen Preaches at Cashiers

Dr. Charles L. Allen of Houston, Texas, was the guest speaker in a series of services at the Cashiers Methodist Church, Cashiers, N. C., August 13 through August 17. Dr. Allen is the pastor of The First Methodist Church of Houston, going there from Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was pastor for twelve years.

These services were conducted in the new and beautiful sanctuary which was completed this spring and is being used this summer for the first season.

Methodist Missionary Jailed in Angola

The Rev. Raymond E. Noah of Palco, Kan., a Methodist missionary to Angola since 1950, was arrested July 14 in Luanda, Angola's capital, by the Portuguese secret police (P. I. D. E.). No public announcement of his arrest, and that of the Rev. Cecil Scott, a British missionary, was made by the Portuguese Government until July 27.

The Methodist Board of Missions in New York had been informed since July 20 of Mr. Noah's arrest, but had withheld announcement in the hope he would be released. The information about the arrest came to the Board of Missions in a letter, which had to be smuggled out of Angola. The Portuguese Government did not communicate with the Board about the matter.

A dispatch appearing in the *New York Times* of July 28 under a Lisbon, Portugal, dateline said:

"In the last ten days the Portuguese secret police have arrested the Rev. Raymond Noah, a Methodist missionary from the United States and long-time resident in Angola, and the Rev. Cecil Scott, British director of the Evangelical Mission League in Lisbon, which coordinates Protestant missions in Angola. They are charged with having helped Angolan students flee Portugal."

"The alleged complicity of American and other foreign Protestant groups has created widespread anger among Portuguese. An inflammatory Lisbon daily newspaper, *O Seculo*, recently castigated 'insane or criminal Protestants, enemies of the Portuguese nation' in a front-page editorial that was passed by state censorship."

In New York, the Rev. Dr. C. Melvin Blake, Methodist Board of Missions executive secretary for Africa, said of Mr. Noah's arrest: "The Board of Missions is naturally greatly concerned for Mr. Noah's welfare and earliest possible release. The Board has been making every possible effort through proper international channels to facilitate his early release."

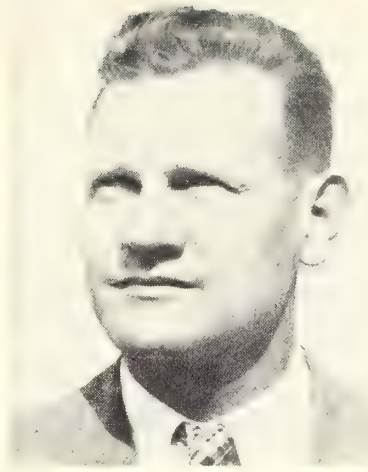
So far as is known, Mr. Noah is the first Methodist missionary to be jailed since the Rev. Dr. F. Olin Stockwell, who was held in prison 23 months by the Chinese Communists on false charges of espionage. Mr. Stockwell was released in 1952 and is now a missionary teacher at Trinity College in Singapore.

Mr. Noah was picked up by the secret police at 6:30 a.m. July 14, and thrown in prison. For the last several months, he had been director of Methodist work in Luanda. Previously he had done rural evangelistic work near Vila Salazar in northern Angola. His district was hard hit by fighting and by Portuguese reprisals against Africans. The Methodist church in Vila Salazar was badly damaged by the Portuguese.

Mrs. Noah left Angola in April to join two sons in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where they are in school. Mr. Noah had remained behind to continue his work.

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The most unhappy man believes in nobody, and has doubts about himself.



RAYMOND E. NOAH

Laymen's Retreat at Duke Saturday and Sunday

The Annual Laymen's Retreat of the North Carolina Conference will be held August 19-20 at Duke University. The program has been carefully planned to bring both inspiration and information to every layman who attends. Roy Black, Conference Lay Leader of the North Mississippi Conference, will be the guest speaker.

There will be discussion groups that directly relate Christianity to our daily living as well as to our participation in the affairs of the Methodist Church. Each man will attend two different groups of his choice.

There will be meetings by Districts under the leadership of the district superintendent and lay leader to discuss the opportunities for laymen within their respective Districts.

There will be a sunrise prayer service on the Chapel steps which is in reality an old-fashioned testimony meeting. Many say it is the highest inspirational part of Retreat.

There will be Christian fellowship among men as they talk, sing, discuss, and pray together to renew and strengthen their faith in God and Christ.

Every layman should attend and everyone is invited. The leaders—the church lay leader, the chairman of the official board, the chairman of the board of trustees, the president of Methodist Men, the men who head the commissions—should especially attend. Retreat is for them, for their guidance and inspiration.

Retreat begins with registration and room assignment under the Clock Tower at 10:00-12:30 Saturday morning, August 19. The first session begins at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Lunch on Sunday concludes the program. For those who cannot come Saturday morning, registration will continue after lunch.

The nominal fee of \$5.00 covers the cost of rooms and meals beginning with Saturday lunch and ending with Sunday lunch. We bring our own bed linen, pillow, soap and towels.

Rev. Henry G. Ruark, First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., will preach

at the services in the Chapel at 11:00 Sunday, August 20th.

The leaders of the Discussion Groups are as follows:

Lay Speaking—Roy Turnage, Jr., Ayden
Christian Men and Alcoholism—Rev. S. T. Kimbrough, Parkton

What Methodists Believe—Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham

Role of Laymen in Methodism—James F. Rogers, Burlington

Christianity in Business—Robert Rose, Goldsboro

Christ and Your Response—R. E. Luper, Fayetteville

Growth in Personal Spiritual Life—Walter F. Anderson, Raleigh

Christianity vs. Communism—E. J. Lucke, Burlington

Christian Stewardship—John Turner, Elizabeth City

Leading Youth to Christ—Wade Pierce, Wilmington

The Church Lay Leader—W. D. Payne, Henderson

The speaker at our Morning Watch service early Sunday morning will be Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, superintendent of the Wilmington District.

Layden Memorial Holds Successful V. C. School

Perfect attendance certificates were presented to 76 pupils during Vacation Church School commencement exercises at Layden Memorial Methodist Church, 2607 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

The school conducted daily sessions on "Personal and Group Relationships" August 7-11, and reached a record enrollment of 104. Mrs. Joanne Forbes, director, was assisted by a staff of 22 adult and youth workers.

Mrs. Dorothy Clayton's primary department had the largest enrollment, and 30 of her 39 pupils received perfect attendance certificates. Juniors, taught by Mrs. Jean Gilley, were second with 30 pupils, followed by Kindergarten, 27, and Nursery, 8. Mrs. Mary Goodman and Mrs. Milton Carroll taught the latter two classes.

Other staff members were: Music—Mrs. Marvin Murray; Secretary—Miss Eva Snell; Refreshments—Mrs. Audrey Burchette, Mrs. Elizabeth Byerly, Miss Sheila Dupree, Miss Betty Dale;

Nursery—Mrs. Wiley Dean, Mrs. Hazel Scarboro, Miss Jan Dupree, Miss Bonnie Sutton; Kindergarten—Mrs. Irvin O'Neal, Mrs. Bonnie Spiess, Mrs. Shirley Watkins, Miss Sharon Carter;

Primary—Mrs. A. C. Outlaw, Mrs. W. G. Cooper; Junior—Miss Susie Shertzer, Miss Jean Byerly.

Please Co-operate

The *ADVOCATE* regrets that we have had no stories on the recent deaths of some of our ministers, but no information from reliable sources has been available. We have no means of acquiring the necessary information except as the district superintendent or some interested person sends it in. Please co-operate.

Evangelism Given Major Priority In W. N. C. Conference Activities

Charlotte, N. C.—Western North Carolina Methodists are engaged in a major evangelistic movement which will be climaxed in local churches on Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1962, with the presentation of all persons who have joined Methodist churches during the year.

Major goals include the seeking of the unchurched, returning "deadwood" and "backsliders" to active church life, baptism of all babies and small children in Methodist families, a four per cent net gain in membership, and a community religious census in depth.

This is the first time in nine years the conference has undertaken a comprehensive program in evangelism requiring major priority among conference activities. This follows the quadrennial emphasis of the Methodist General Conference during 1960-64 that "Jesus is Lord."

Among the major events will be:

A school for the training of resource leaders who will be available to districts and local churches for sub-district schools of witness and local church schools of evangelism. This is scheduled Aug. 21 and 22 at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, N. C.

A conference-wide evangelistic mission to ministers, scheduled Jan. 29 and 30, 1962, in Dilworth Methodist Church in Charlotte.

Four area schools of inspiration and instruction in the united visitation phase of the program of evangelism, designed for pastors and chairmen of local church visitation action groups, scheduled as follows (meeting places to be announced later):

Feb. 26, 1962, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury and Thomasville districts to meet together.

Feb. 27, 1962, Charlotte, Albemarle and Gastonia districts to meet together.

Feb. 28, 1962, Marion, Asheville and Waynesville districts to meet together.

March 1, 1962, Statesville, North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem districts to meet together.

All district training schools scheduled this church year will include courses in evangelism. This will also be followed in the 1962-63 schedule of the schools.

Groups called, "The Twelve," will be organized at local Methodist churches.

The name is taken from the number of disciples Jesus the Christ chose to be with Him. Such a local church group will meet to enrich its own spiritual understanding, to learn how to speak about the Christ to others, to seek the unchurched, and to penetrate into every area of personal, family, business and community life with the spirit of the Christ.

The period of Lent will be used as a time of intense witnessing (telling others about the Christ), and the week of March 25-April 1 is to be used as a time for special visitation evangelism.

Directing the Western North Carolina Conference evangelistic movement is the

conference's Board of Evangelism. The Rev. John R. Hamilton, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church in Charlotte, is chairman.

Other officers include:

Dr. Cecil Heckard, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Albemarle, conference secretary of evangelism; the Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Shelby, vice-chairman of the board; and the Rev. Richard Crowder, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Charlotte, secretary of the board.

District secretaries include:

Dr. Heckard, Albemarle; the Rev. L. B. Laye, Weaverville; the Rev. C. G. Alspaugh, Charlotte; the Rev. H. D. Garmon, King's Mountain; the Rev. H. P. Myers, Jr., Leaks-ville; the Rev. K. D. Crouse, High Point; the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., Rutherfordton; the Rev. R. L. Wilkinson, Taylorsville; the Rev. Roy Bell, Concord; the Rev. C. E. Bruce, Conover; the Rev. H. T. Penry, Jr., Thomasville; the Rev. Joe S. Johnson, Brvson City; and the Rev. C. J. Huneycutt, Winston-Salem.

Setting Up a Prayer Chain In the Local Church

Many churches has discovered in the Prayer Chain or prayer cordon an invaluable aid to the spiritual life and well-being of the membership. The Prayer Chain is an intercessory group that functions in response to emergency calls in time of sickness or trouble. Members of such a group bind themselves to immediate prayer on receiving telephone requests. The group functions as follows:

Twenty-five or more persons are enlisted who can usually be reached at home. A list of those in the group, with their telephone numbers, is placed in the hands of each member. The first person on the list is responsible for starting the request down the list. Each member on receiving the prayer request calls the next person below. If that person cannot be reached, the following person is telephoned, and so on, until some member responds..

This group should be publicized in the local church with the leader's name and telephone number. In this way, when emergencies occur, the members can ask for immediate prayer with the confidence that their requests will be the subject of intercession on the part of a number of praying Christians.

If there are prayer groups in the church, some of the members of these groups will be happy to join the Prayer Chain. It is not necessary that this group meet. If there is an intercessory prayer group in the church, the emergency requests can be relayed to it at its next meeting.

Many families have testified to the confidence and encouragement they have received from the Prayer Chain in the knowledge that fellow Christians were praying with them in their crisis experience.

—From *The Prayer Chain*, World-wide Prayer Life Movement.

New Scholarships Established

At the recent session of the North Carolina Annual Conference Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Executive Director of Christian Higher Education, announced the following scholarships:

THE CAROL BESSENT HAYMAN SCHOLARSHIP, given by her husband, Dr. L. D. Hayman, Jr., of Jacksonville, to Louisburg College. This scholarship is given by Dr. Hayman in honor of his wife, Mrs. Carol Bescent Hayman.

THE VARA BETHUNE KELLY SCHOLARSHIP, given by Mr. Carl Kelly of Lillington in honor of his wife, Mrs. Vara Bethune Kelly, to Methodist College, Fayetteville.

THE ANNE MASON RATTERMAN SCHOLARSHIPS, given by Mr. George Ratterman of Mebane in honor of his wife, Mrs. Anne Mason Ratterman, one to North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, and another to Greensboro College, Greensboro.

Bishop Urges Step-Up

To Protestants in the U. S. who wonder whether there is any reason for Protestant missions in Latin America, a South American leader gave this answer at a recent Conference on the Christian World Mission at Silver Bay, N. Y.:

"The stark reality of the religious situation in Latin America is such that Protestant evangelism is not only necessary but urgent. The pity is that Protestant missionary efforts in Latin America too often have been considered an appendage to missionary efforts in other parts of the world."

The speaker was Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, head of the Buenos Aires Area.

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ANNOUNCE ADULT SCHOOL

An expanded National Adult School, annual training program for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Board of Christian Social Concerns, is scheduled this year for Oct. 22-27 at Cleveland, Ohio. It will be held in conjunction with the second National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare, sponsored by the National Council of Churches. There will be both joint and separate sessions.

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¶ **HOMECOMING** will be held at 11:00 a.m. August 27 at the Cooleemee Methodist Church. Rev. Henry Ridenhour will be the guest speaker.

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¶ **DR. ALLEN P. BRANTLEY**, Executive Director of Christian Higher Education of the North Carolina Conference, will preach at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, on Sunday morning, August 20.

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¶ **MISS SUSIE SHERTZER**, 2740 Layden St., Raleigh, represented Layden Memorial Methodist Church at the Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Durham August 14-18.

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¶ **MISS SHEILA DUPREE**, 140 Gilbert Ave., Raleigh, was chosen alternate delegate. Several Layden MYFers accompanied the pastor, Rev. Fred T. Gilley, to the ACS Rally Friday.

Training For Leadership In Evangelism

By HORWOOD P. MYERS

Good leaders are not produced by hit-or-miss methods. What is true in other fields is especially true in evangelism. For this reason, leadership training for evangelism is receiving a major emphasis in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Wherever the church has exerted a vital influence upon society she has served primarily as an instrument for evangelism. From New Testament times, the work of evangelism has been done largely by laymen working in their own communities through their local churches. It is the growing conviction of many that we have in our local churches tremendous resources of latent energy waiting to be used in the church's central task—evangelism. It is of utmost importance that we bring this vital force into action through training and inspiration.

One cannot fail to notice the upsurge of interest in evangelism springing up among laymen, many of whom have not as yet translated their interest into activity. Their desire for assistance is apparent in the questions they ask: "How does one go about winning souls for Christ?" "What can I do to increase church attendance?" "Can I help to deepen the spiritual life of our church membership?" Our laymen as well as our ministers are entitled to answers.

To meet this need the Board of Evangelism of the Western North Carolina Conference is providing for LOCAL CHURCH SCHOOLS OF EVANGELISM to be held throughout the Conference. This training has been made a foundation of the Conference program for this year.

In the local church, it is suggested that the Schools of Evangelism be conducted either on three consecutive evenings or during a four- or five-hour period on a Sunday afternoon and evening. Some of the churches will conduct schools in combination with other churches located nearby. The autumn months have been designated as the period when the local church schools are to be held. It is important that this training be done before the end of the year so that our churches will be ready for the intensive evangelistic work planned for the early part of 1962. These schools will constitute a vital cornerstone in the aggressive program which will reach its climax in a great spring offensive across our Conference.

How will leadership for all these Schools of Evangelism be provided? Each District Superintendent has requested several men to make themselves available to serve as resource leaders in



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these schools and to receive training for the task. The result has been heartening with sixty-four men having agreed to help in conducting Schools of Evangelism as called upon. All sixty-four will meet August 21-22 on the campus of Pfeiffer College to receive training designed to prepare them for their assignments. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, Spiritual Life Director of the General Board of Evangelism will direct their thinking.

Names of Resource Leaders available to assist in the schools will be published soon. They will serve without honorarium, but local churches are requested to reimburse them for expenses.

It is in the local church that the work of evangelism will be done. Through training and inspiration, we believe our concerned and alerted laymen will be made ready to meet the challenge of our day in leading men and women to Christ.

Yaupon Beach to Observe Fourth Anniversary

On Sunday morning, August 27, 1961, the pastor and congregation will observe the fourth anniversary of the founding of Ocean View Methodist Church, located at Yaupon Beach, N. C., and serving a beach area of resort development covering more than ten miles of ocean frontage. Each year, this sort of program has been observed, and with a special speaker. This year, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, will be our visiting preacher and bring the message at eleven o'clock. The membership now numbers more than one hundred, and the equipment is taxed to capacity to care for the local and tourist congregation in the summer season. Pastors vacationing in this area, members of the church and visitors on the beach are cordially invited to share in this anniversary program on the fourth Sunday morning in August. Rev. L. D. Hayman is pastor.

Rosemary Church Observes Youth Activity Week

"Youth Activities Week" was observed in Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, July 30 through August 4. Under the able leadership of Rev. Edward Owen, our Duke Student Youth Director for the summer, a most successful series of activities was participated in by a large number of young people.

The following ministers participated in the services, as speakers: Sunday, July 30, Dr. Thomas A. Collins, president of Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount; Monday, July 31, Rev. Edward Owen, of Duke University (Divinity School); Tuesday, August 1, Rev. W. J. Neese, First Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids; Wednesday, August 2, Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president, Louisburg College; Thursday, August 3, Rev. John Maides, former associate pastor here and present pastor at Asbury Church, Durham; Friday, Rev. W. A. Tew, pastor, Rosemary Church. This was a candlelight communion and consecration.

Each night the youth had discussion groups, guided recreation and refreshments following the speaking. Youth Activities Week is a part of our annual youth program. This church hires a youth worker each summer and it has paid good dividends. We have three young men from this church studying for the ministry: Hugh Cameron (entering Duke Divinity School this fall), Charles E. Woodruff, Jr. and Larry Maxwell of High Point College.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

The crusade team called on one of the procrastinators in their church, presented the appeal, and asked for his pledge. His reply was, "I guess I'll help on the next go round." They were alert and on their toes, having been instructed to secure the commitments on the first call so they would not have to do double work by returning a second time. All the members had been fully informed already and knew all about the program their church was promoting. They replied, "We are trying to make things go round now." This man was like Hambone who said, "The preacher says I ought to give a little money now and den to de church. I guess it will have to be den, 'cause I ain't got none to give now."

A widow with no income except what her son gives her, and who has a continuous doctor's bill, called her pastor and said she wanted to give \$60, which she said is the least she should give.

Most of us do just about what we really want to do.

Retired Ministers Please Note

If you are a retired minister and are not getting the ADVOCATE please send us your correct address. This is especially necessary in case of those retiring this year, because your name went off the list automatically when you left the pastorate.

N. C. Caravan Visits and Works in Linz, Austria

On Wednesday, July 5, at 8:30 p.m., the 1961 Youth Caravan arrived at the Linz train station where we were met by Pastor Helmut Nausner, our guide while in most of Austria, and members of the Nausner family. The moment we descended from the train, we could feel that a new experience was in store for us, and shortly we found that it was the warm friendship and love that these people had for us. The train ride had been tiring but on arriving at the church we were welcomed and refreshed by a smiling group of people, young and old, to wish us a happy visit. Mama and Papa Nausner were the first to extend their hands of welcome and we immediately fell in love with them.

Six o'clock came early for most of us on Thursday morning but we were delightfully awakened by a devotional given by Helmut. After a hearty breakfast, we were given a brief background of the beginning of this small Methodist Church. The talk was continued as we walked over to the church's kindergarten and there we saw the work that had been done by former caravans. Also, our tour included the home for refugee boys built by the church. We wanted to hear more of this church and its beginning but we had to get back to our schedule of work, which was to paint the windows and doors of the church and do repair work on the kindergarten. Everyone felt they were doing a wonderful job of beautifying the church until three pails of paint fell to the floor with a bang and spilled down the steps and banisters. So, in order to make every drop count, the stairs and floors were also painted. It seemed we were doing more harm than good, but we heard no sound of complaint from the Nausners.

Friday, July 7, was much the same as far as the work was concerned. After our lunch, Helmut and his sister, Ulla, took the caravan to the top of a mountain overlooking Linz, and explored through the Grottenbahn. This is an Austrian version of our Disneyland. By riding a dragon through a tunnel, we were able to see scenes of fairy tales. Below the tunnel there was a make-believe city; the delight of children and of the whole caravan.

Friday night we had an informal discussion with the young people of the church, which proved to be very interesting. They wanted to know about our everyday problems, and how we make money and spent it. We, in turn, asked them similar questions.

Saturday night the Caravan was given a party at the kindergarten by the Methodist young people, and even though we were very clumsy when it came to learning their dances, we enjoyed it immensely.

At 9 o'clock Sunday morning service was held by Helmut Nausner. Jackie played the organ and the caravan gave a special. After church we each had lunch with a member of the congregation and were shown real Austrian hospitality. The church service in the evening was devoted to the exchange of Christian experiences and problems and was a great help and consolation to all.

Monday morning all of the caravan, except for four, rode to the home of the

other Methodist minister's mother-in-law and began our work insulating her second floor room. The Methodist minister gave the girls instructions on how to be the most help to him in putting it up and the boys were again given shovels in order to dig a cess pool. It seemed we had just begun to work when our second breakfast was ready and to us it was just like the first. Around 4 o'clock, Papa Nausner came to pick us up and back to the church we went, tired and dirty; but we immediately started out again for a concentration camp which was about twenty miles from Linz, located near a small town called Enns. This camp is known as Mauthausen and was one of Eichman's strongholds. As we entered the walls, we became spell-bound and remained this way throughout the whole tour. We were all ready to leave this place of nightmares.

When we arrived back at the church we had a light supper and then Willie Nausner, the brother of Helmut, gave us a very interesting and thorough talk on the refugee problem in Austria. Although we were exhausted from our day's experiences, some of us remained to hear further about this problem.

Tuesday was the last day of work for the caravan. We went back to the house and worked until around 2 o'clock.

Tuesday night after supper a party was given for us by the church on the balcony of the Nausner's house. Everyone had a wonderful time until it was time to go and say goodbye to those we would never see again.

Wednesday morning, much to everyone's surprise, we all were up at 4:30 a.m. We rushed through breakfast and then went to the train station to catch the 5:30 express to St. Palter. As we said goodbye to

those who came to see us off, we realized that we were leaving behind something that we would never find in another European country—unselfish love and friendship. We waved farewell to the Nausners and friends that we had come to love and hoped that we would be half as fortunate to meet others like them.

We spent the rest of the day traveling through the scenic mountains of Austria and that night we participated in a church service in Helmut's church. This was a first for the North Carolina Caravans for the congregation had never had foreign Methodists in their church.

At 9:00 o'clock, we boarded our train for Vienna with our guide, Helmut, and his wife, Topsy, accompanying us ready for new adventure and friends.

N. C. YOUTH CARAVAN

Junior Day Camping Tried at Morganton

First Methodist Church, Morganton, held its first Junior Day Camp the week of July 23. It was set up as a laboratory experience under the leadership of Miss Louise Robinson, Conference Director of Children's Work. Being trained as leaders were Mr. Pratt Scroggs, Mrs. Harry Setzer, and Miss Clara Watkins of First Church, and Mr. Douglas Shepherd of North Morganton Church.

Ten boys and girls found their campsite on the farm of Mr. Milas Kincaid, about four miles out of town. They left the church each morning at 8:30 o'clock and returned about 3:15. The adult leaders met then until 5:00 o'clock for evaluation and further planning.

Setting up the home in the woods, cooking, planning, exploring, worshiping, and resting made for a happy week for all. On Thursday afternoon the families of the boys and girls were invited to visit the campsite.



Collier's Methodist Church of Route 4, Lenoir, North Carolina, in the Statesville District, observed a groundbreaking service for a new educational building and a new parsonage on Sunday, August 6. Picture, left to right: Rev. Wm. C. Cockman, pastor; Walter Clark, trustee; W. G. Cannon, trustee; Belk Bush, trustee.

More Food And New Kinds of Food Available For Relief Distribution

Washington, D. C.—More food and new kinds of food will be available during the coming year for relief distribution by such voluntary agencies as Church World Service, according to the Food for Peace program.

Church World Service, world relief agency through which the Methodist and many other Protestant churches work, is to receive more than 377,000,000 pounds of food during fiscal 1962. This is out of the 2,700,000,000 pounds Food for Peace will furnish to 21 such voluntary agencies.

The foods newly available to voluntary agencies include bulgur wheat, a cracked wheat easily prepared for eating, and more than 100,000,000 pounds of vegetable oils, eight times as much as during the past year. Other foods in the program include non-fat dry milk, flour, cornmeal and corn.

"The direct person-to-person aspect of food distribution by agencies such as Church World Service is invaluable," according to George McGovern, Food for Peace director. He added that "The knowledge and experience which the voluntary agencies have gained over the years par-

ticularly qualifies them for taking the leadership in developing imaginative programs to minister to the needs of a hungry world."

The hungry being nourished in this way include destitute families, refugees, mothers and children, the institutionalized. Some 24,000,000 malnourished school children will be provided lunches, an increase of two million.

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LAYMEN WRITE MATERIALS

Two well-known laymen have written the program material which will be made available to Methodist churches as aids in preparing for Laymen's Day, Oct. 15.

The writers are Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, and Robert W. Carson of Little Falls, N. J., lay leader of the Newark Conference and editor of a technical publication.

The material will be distributed by the Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, it was announced by its general secretary, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield.



Groundbreaking services were conducted Sunday, August 6, at the Hopewell Methodist Church site in Rutherford County. The Hopewell Church is on the Sunshine Charge in the Marion District.

In the absence of the district superintendent, Dr. Fletcher Nelson, a former pastor, Rev. Hugh Jessup of Old Fort, and the Rev. Joe Davis of Hildebrand officiated. They were assisted by the present pastor, the Rev. David E. Hubbard.

The new Hopewell Church building will replace the church property which was completely destroyed by fire in January of this year. The Hopewell Church has been approved by the Conference Board of Missions as a "Conference Special" for this year. The church wishes to thank the many churches throughout the conference who have already sent liberal

contributions to assist them in the construction of their new building. Any others desiring to assist may do so by addressing the Church Treasurer, Mr. Johnnie Glover, Ellenboro, N. C.

Construction work is now in progress on the new building. The new facility will consist of sanctuary, church school rooms, and fellowship hall.

Pictured above, left to right, are: Charlie Melton, oldest resident member; Mrs. Robert Earle Greene, church organist; Mrs. Bradie Robbins; Johnnie Glover, chairman of building committee; Laten Edwards; Rev. David E. Hubbard, pastor; Rev. Hugh Jessup, former pastor; Leo Glover, member of building committee; R. B. McFarland, chairman of Finance Committee; Rev. Joe Davis, former member, now pastor of Hildebrand Methodist Church; Elmer Walker; and O. C. Waters.

In Memoriam

Lewellyn—The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Circle One of Dobson Methodist Church wish to offer this tribute of love to our beloved friend and president for many years, Mrs. Maggie Harkrader Lewellyn, who died on Thursday, July 27, 1961.

We shall miss her spirit of friendliness and Christian influence and she shall remain very dear in our hearts. "Miss Maggie" loved her church and circle and was always ready to give of her time and loyalty. She was the last of the charter members of the Society.

We wish to express to "Miss Maggie's" family our love and remembrance of her and prayers as members and friends in this circle are that we might carry on as she would have us do. We entrust her now to our heavenly Father she loved and served so long.

—MRS. M. B. WHITE

President, Circle One, Dobson Methodist Church, Dobson, N. C.

Moriah, Greensboro, Will Celebrate Homecoming

The members and friends of Moriah Methodist Church will celebrate the traditional Homecoming at the eleven o'clock service hour Sunday, August 27.

A former pastor, Rev. James S. Gibbs, will be the feature speaker at that hour. The Moriah choir will offer special "Old Time Favorites" during the service.

The period of fellowship will follow the morning service with the spreading of the picnic dinner on the large tables on the church lawn. After this picnic dinner a short memorial service will be held at the foot of the cross on the lawn with a chorus from the Methodist Men's Club taking part.

The pastor, Rev. Harold F. Schram, and the members of Moriah invite all former pastors and members along with all friends of the church to attend this event and to bring a well-filled basket for the dinner.

Centenary, Winston, Uses New Building Sunday

A new half million dollar Children's Educational Building will be used Sunday morning, August 20, for the first time at Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The building has been completed this summer after four years of study, planning, and construction. The building will contain twenty-nine classrooms each equipped with a sink and water fountain unit, access to toilet, recessed lighting, tack and chalk boards scaled to the level of the child. The building has a total of 26,000 square feet, is air conditioned, and has conduits for two-way intercom communication and closed circuit television.

Miss Angela Brown is director of children's work and Rev. Richard R. Hanner, Jr. is the minister of education. Dr. Kenneth Goodson is the minister.

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The Church is full of willing people; some are willing to work, and others are willing to let them.



Woman's Activities



Varied Missions Work in Korea Told

By MARY GARDNER

In last week's issue of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE we published excerpts from Mrs. Euline Smith Weems, North Carolina native-born missionary to Korea. The story was concerning the rehabilitation work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service in the Re-settlement area of Seoul. In the same letter, Mrs. Weems describing other missions projects at Methodist Mission in Seoul and surrounding areas writes:

"In Korea there are many Wesley Clubs for boys and girls who cannot afford to go to primary school. We have fifty such children in our Wesley Club at Neighborly House (a community center). In March eight of these finished the four-year course offered. Three of the girls will get no further education. They are already working in factories. There is some follow-up work for the boys and girls who have studied here.

"Having the dormitory I wrote about in my last letter (The Chilwon District Dormitory, built with WDCS funds) has enabled us to teach Bible in several local churches. The location of the dormitory is such that we can work conveniently in a number of churches and return to the dormitory to spend the night. In most of our rural churches the teen-age girls are not able to go to school and I feel that something should be done for them during that pre-marriage period. We try to meet every other week. We are in the experimental stage to see what can be done, and where. Some groups are more successful than others and no two are alike. One group is composed of teen-age girls who are for the most part from non-Christian homes in a village where we have a tent church that has not been established very long. Some have been composed of women ranging in age from early teens to grandmothers; in Christian experience from new believers to those who are officers in the church. One group was composed of Korean army wives (they have moved). They are bored with life in a small village. In one church the girls insisted that the boys be allowed to study with them. That is unusual for Korea but seems to be working in this case.

What do we study? Of course we sing and have recreation. The Gospel of Mark is our Bible study except with one more mature group which is studying Acts. In a number of the groups the Bible woman has been telling about some Old Testament women. We have introduced them to the *Upper Room* and urged them to read it daily. One girl read it through at one sit-

ting. Also, we are introducing them to such magazines as *Farm Life*, *New Home* and *New Friend*. Some are asked in advance to report at the next meeting on something they have read in one of these magazines. Beginning in May we plan to add the study book of the Woman's Missionary Society (Korean) and may in time organize missionary youth groups. One girl wanted to try a 'Kimchi' recipe she found in one of the magazines. The Bible woman helped them with the 'Kimchi,' which has to be made in advance, and we had a cooking lesson when we met. Some of the groups are planting community gardens and no doubt we'll have more cooking lessons when the vegetables are ready to eat. At some meetings they bring up questions they want discussed, from the Reformation to family planning."

Educational Work in Latin America

A large part of the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Latin America is done through educational institutions. Some of this work is revealed through the words of missionaries engaged in it:

"Bennett College in Rio is an outstanding Methodist school," one missionary to that country declared. "It has been growing rapidly and conducts an extensive program. Included in its program are a kindergarten, primary and secondary schools, and a junior college. Its facilities are expanding along with the yearly increase of students.

"We love Brazil, and the different customs never cease to amaze us. The people here are congenial and gracious and have welcomed us in a wonderful manner.

"In Brazil there are many new fields open in education. There is a need for missionaries in religious education, counseling, and administrative work."

Secretaries Advised Against Discouragement

Recently a challenging letter was found amongst the files of Mrs. D. F. Devinney, the Woman's Division of Christian Service's first secretary of organization and promotion. We believe Mrs. Devinney's advice to secretaries of this line of work is equally applicable to secretaries of all lines of work. Mrs. Devinney wrote in part:

"No doubt there are times when you become discouraged; times when you feel that the task is mechanical, even irksome and somewhat of a grind. Please dismiss such thoughts, if you have them. The work of the secretary of promotion requires qualities of initiative and creative effort. Our

secretaries must be continually breaking new trails, arousing new enthusiasm and helping to build closer relationships between all groups and interests. Those are the qualities which make her an effective officer."

Mrs. Crawford New President Raleigh District WSCS

Mrs. John W. Crawford, 3204 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C., has been appointed president of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Crawford succeeds Mrs. P. C. Perdue of Louisburg, who has resigned because of ill health. Mrs. D. K. Fry, 2701 Hazelwood Avenue, Raleigh, succeeds Mrs. Crawford as the district's vice-president.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Tenth Annual Leadership Training Workshop

Four officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference attended the 10th Annual Leadership Training Workshop held at Carroll Hall at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, July 17-20.

These were Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, president of the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, the sponsoring organization of the Workshop; Mrs. W. A. Bales, secretary of Christian Social Relations for the conference; Mrs. J. C. Rabb, president of the W.S.C.S. of the Marion District; and Mrs. G. E. Brown, president of the Winston-Salem District.

The workshop featured a study in, "What It Means to Be a Leader," parliamentary procedure, mass media, which included television, newspaper, and radio, effective speaking, and three courses in, "New Frontiers," "Program Planning," "For the Woman Citizen," and "In the United States Foreign Policy."

Mrs. G. W. Lawrence of Charlotte, who served as second vice-president of the N. C. Council of Woman's Organizations during the past year, was elected as president of the organization.

Marion District Executive Meeting

The members of the Marion District Woman's Society of Christian Service had a resume of the work among Methodist women in their district at their executive meeting held recently at Brackett's Cedar Park.

The district had 21 delegates attend the annual meeting at Lake Junaluska, and 34 women were visitors at the meeting. They paid tribute to four societies for sending more than their quota, First Church, Forest City, sent eight; First Church, Marion, sent eight; Cliffside, seven; and Cross Mill, six.

The district now has 71 societies with a total membership of 2,105 women. They have organized two new societies in the district in recent months. They have established a memorial fund for the late Mrs.

R. I. Corbett, who was secretary of missionary personnel in the district.

All district officers made reports of their work.

Gastonia District Executive Meeting

The women of the Gastonia District Executive committee had a luncheon meeting recently at the Polkville Methodist Church, with Mrs. Wyatt Stamey and Mrs. Richard Maybin as hostesses.

Mrs. B. E. Callis, president, expressed her appreciation to the group for their splendid work as hostesses at the annual meeting at Lake Junaluska in June. Special mention was made of the lovely red organdy aprons made for the girls at Lambuth Inn. Extra aprons were given to Mrs. C. A. Meeker, editor of *The Methodist Women*, Mrs. Carl King, conference president, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, and to Mrs. Davis of the staff of the Inn.

Mrs. Charles Gunter said that the district now has 3,843 members. She told of a new society in the Methodist Church on York Road.

Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, conference secretary of missionary education, told the group how much Miss Ethel Bost appreciated the watch given to her by the Gastonia district W.S.C.S. She also explained some of the rules about new members in the society, and about other phases of women's work.

Plans were made to have the District Missionary Education Seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at the Lawndale Methodist Church. Mrs. P. R. Drum will be in charge of arrangements.

Tribute to Mrs. R. I. Corbett

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference paid tribute to the late Mrs. R. I. Corbett of the Marion District by sending a gift of \$50.00 to Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., to be used in the college scholarship fund in memory of Mrs. Corbett.

A beautiful tribute was given at the annual meeting of the Guild in June. It stated in part:

"Joyce Marie Decker was born January 14, 1888, in Gibson, Pennsylvania. Her family moved to Marion in 1897 and the next year she joined the Methodist Church in Marion.

"Upon graduation from Elizabeth College in Charlotte, Joyce became a member of the faculty of the Marion High School faculty where, it was said, she not only taught books but taught her students how to live. . . . She was organist at First Methodist Church for 35 years . . . and teacher of an adult class all of her adult life. She was conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild for four years."

She held many other offices in her work in the Marion District. In 1943 she was married to R. I. Corbett and continued her many activities in the church and community.

The tribute concluded, "She spent her entire life in Marion, but her Christian influence is still felt throughout the Marion district and in all of Western North Carolina Conference."

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There is more chance for a cripple on the right road than for an athlete on the wrong road.

John Wesley on Private Prayer

By GRADY L. CARROLL

Ralph Waldo Emerson once stated, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." John Wesley might well have stated, "Nothing great was ever achieved without prayer."

Though Christians have been bidden by Scriptures to enter into their closets and offer unto God their prayers, Wesley gave friends and acquaintances some thoughts on private prayer. If the venerable, saintly little clergyman had had his correspondence before him at the close of his long earthly ministry, in order to compile a prayer manual from it, what would he have chosen of value to 20th century Christians? The following from his published *Letters* may have found place in such a manual.

As to the primary purpose of prayer, he stated to Mary Bishop: "Whatever other ends are answered by prayers, this one is, and it seems the primary one, that we may have the petitions which we ask of Him. Asking is the appointed means of receiving, and that of others as ourselves." (Vol. VI, pp. 245).

As to *steadfastness* at prayer, he stated to Philothea Briggs: "No business, therefore, of any kind, no conversation, need hinder one that is strong in faith from rejoicing evermore, praying without ceasing, and in everything giving thanks." (Vol. V, pp. 338). For *attentiveness* at prayer, he approached Mrs. Pendarves thus: "Are you inattentive in prayer? Pray oftener. Do you address (yourself) to God twice a day already? Then do so three times." (Vol. I, pp. 102). Of other *hindrances* at prayer, he directed these thoughts to Dorothy Furlly: "Nature and the devil will always oppose private prayer; but it is worthwhile to break through. That it is a cross will not hinder it being a blessing—nay, often the more reluctance the greater blessings." (Vol. III, pp. 229).

As to the *nature* of private prayer to be offered, Wesley addressed this counsel to Miss March: "Pray just as you are led, without reasoning, in all simplicity. Be a little child hanging on Him that loves you." (Vol. V, pp. 326). And to Samuel Furlly: "Pray and be still before God." (Vol. VIII, pp. 270).

Prayer was what Wesley asked of his friends. His journal and diary entries indicate this, as well as many of his letters. His requests are recurrent throughout these writings. To Alice Cambridge he wrote:

"During the little time I have to stay on earth pray for your affectionate brother (Wesley)." (Vol. VIII, pp. 259). And finally, to Mrs. Cook: "I want you to be all light, all fire, all love, and to grow up in all things into Him that is our Head; and still to love and pray for yours affectionately (Wesley)." (Vol. VIII, pp. 159).

Wesley was indeed ever a believer in prayer—for himself and for others. It was for him a mighty weapon, a mighty force and a Christian duty not to be neglected.

Forty Young People Get Scarritt Scholarships

A total of 40 young people from 32 states have been given scholarships to attend Scarritt College this fall by the Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation of Shreveport, Louisiana, according to Dr. D. D. Holt, president of the college.

The scholarships total \$34,000 and will be given to the students for the 1961-62 year in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1000 each.

The Hurley Foundation was set up in 1958 after the death of Mr. Hurley. The trust is administered by the First National Bank of Shreveport with Mrs. Hurley as one of the advisors.

The Hurleys originally became interested in Scarritt through their Sunday school teacher, Mrs. George Sexton, who was a trustee of Scarritt. Mr. Hurley made his money in wildcat oil strikes and desired that his accumulated wealth be used to help young people get an education.

"This is the fourth year that the Hurley Foundation has provided scholarships for Scarritt students and the amount this year is approximately twice that of a year ago," said Dr. Holt.

Federal Loans to Methodist Schools Approved

Washington, D. C.—Federal loans to assist in erecting college facilities have been approved by the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency for Methodist schools—Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex., \$180,000, and Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, \$650,000, for college union buildings and dining facilities; Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., \$750,000 for a dormitory for 129 men.

WHEN YOUR SHIP COMES IN

*If you'll fill up a ship and then send it out
To those who are starving — or just about;
If you'll hunt up the poor, wherever they live,
And make their hearts glad with the things that you give;
If you'll use less for self and give a lot more
To people in need than you've given before;
If you'll think more of helping, whatever you do,
Than of when and just what will be coming to you—
Well, this is the truth and it ever has been:
Those who give always see loaded ships coming in.*

—ERNEST C. DURHAM



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Why Fuss About It?

The boys and girls in the Graham home loved their large dog, Dee. He was always with them, and took care of the youngest more faithfully than the older sister did. She sometimes "forgot," and ran away from the little feet that were trying to follow her, but Dee never forgot.

One morning all the children were cross—nothing went right. Harry took Arthur's shoes instead of his own, and broke one of the laces. And Arthur said he had done it on purpose, and he wished he would let him alone. Harry said he didn't care—there wasn't any sense in being so cross about such a little thing—and he wouldn't play with Arthur at all that day.

The trouble became so serious that Mother had to come and quiet the boys. After that, they looked at each other and had a hard morning.

Just before noon, as Harry was tormenting Dee, he rolled over the dog and hurt him. Dee howled and ran to the other end of the hall. Then Mother called Harry into the dining room and told him to sit on a chair the rest of the morning.

Arthur, who had followed his brother into the dining room, was pleased at this and thought Harry had gotten what he deserved. Dee followed, too. And what did he do but walk gravely across the room, passing Arthur who tried to coax him to play, and held up his right paw to Harry!

At that show of friendship, Harry burst out laughing, and it was impossible for Mother and Arthur to keep from laughing, too.

"Good fellow!" said Mrs. Graham to the dog. "He wants to show you boys that he forgives and doesn't hold a grudge."

"Arthur," said Harry, after he had shaken hands with the dog, "I didn't mean to break your shoe lace this morning. I honestly didn't know it was your shoe."

"I know it," replied Arthur, "and I didn't mean to be so cross about it."

"Neither did I," declared Harry. "Let's forget the whole thing."

And Dee wagged his tail, while the boys shook hands, kissed their mother, and the trouble was all over.

From **Burning Bush**

BE A BIT OF SUNSHINE

Work a little, sing a little, whistle and be gay,
Read a little, play a little, busy every day.
Talk a little laugh a little, don't forget to pray;
Be a bit of sunshine all the blessed way.
—Clipped.

SORRY YOU'RE SICK

We of the Children's Page are stopping in just a minute today to say Hello and How Are You to boys and girls who may be sick in bed, or just shut in the house because of an upset tummy or some other ailment. It isn't any fun being sick, is it, and we hope each of you is improving fast and will soon be going strong again.

But in the meantime it's hard to know what to do with the long hours and days that you usually spend doing so many interesting things out of doors. You do get restless, don't you, and sometimes even a bit impatient, and that's quite natural. Grown people frequently have that same trouble. But we've run across a few suggestions that might help, and be fun at the same time.

Now of course if you're real sick, the best thing is to be quiet and not try to do anything but just rest. And we hope there is someone to read to you or tell you stories, or just keep you company.

But for those who are not very sick, or are convalescing, this is your chance to read some of the good books that you've heard about. And there may be some of you who like to whittle or carve on wood, or perhaps on a cake of soap, and making animals, birds, or other objects. We know a boy who whittles real-looking dogs out of small chunks of wood. And there's another boy who has time while he's confined at home to make some of the exciting things he's seen in his **Popular Mechanics** magazine. Perhaps you like drawing or sketching, or water color painting. Maybe on the sick list are girls who like needlework—embroidery, crocheting, or knitting. These activities make the hours fly by so fast, and before you know it you've made something interesting while you are getting well.

Perhaps you like to write letters, or stories, or verses. This is a grand time to catch up on all those letters you owe, or to write one that you don't owe—just a cheerful, friendly message to somebody. Or you could use those hours

to write down some of the beautiful thoughts that go through your mind, or make a word picture of something lovely that you've seen. We heard of a girl who, through a long convalescence, wrote descriptions of sunsets, moonlight nights, flower gardens, and other lovely scenes. When in later years she became a writer, she used these descriptions in her stories.

And here's another suggestion. If the telephone is handy, it would be fun to call some other boy or girl who is shut in, and cheer them up with a friendly little chat. This will make you feel better, too.

There are so many interesting things to do, and we've mentioned just a few of them. The point is that you'll get well so much faster if your mind and hands are busy with things that make the shut-in time seem shorter. And if you must stand by the window and wish, and wish, and wish, be sure to wish with a big bright smile that will help someone passing by who feels a lot worse than you do.

Bye now. We hope you'll soon be well again.

OUR PRAYER

Dear Father, with Thy healing touch
Bless all the sick today;
Bless doctors, nurses, and families
Who care for them, we pray. Amen.

Chuckle

"Well, Johnny, how did you get along in school today?"

"Okay, Mother, but that new teacher is always asking us some crazy question. Today she asked everybody where they were born."

"Well, you certainly knew the answer to that—the Woman's Hospital."

"Betcha life I knew, but I didn't want the whole class to think I was a sissy. So I said, 'Yankee Stadium.'"

Bible Quiz

(Who Said It?)

1. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."
2. "Vanity of vanities . . . all is vanity."
3. "Call me . . . Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me."
4. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."
5. "I will arise and go to my father."

Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Moses—Exodus 2:12
2. Barley—Ruth 2:23
3. Flax
4. The Date Palm
5. Jesus—Matthew 4:19

Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 27

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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LYDIA: READY FOR THE GOSPEL

Background Scripture: Acts 16:11-40.

Lesson Scripture: Acts 16:11-15, 35-40.

This lesson deals with a successful business woman named Lydia, a seller of "purple goods" (textile fabrics that had been dyed by a special process) in the Roman colony of Philippi. Her home was in Thyatira, a city of Lydia in the west coastland region of Asia Minor. She may have taken her name from this region, famous for its purple dyes made from a certain type of shell fish. It is possible that she was known to her friends in Philippi simply as "the Lydian."

Lydia was probably a convert, or near-convert to Judaism. We find her with a group of women outside the city at a "place of prayer" on the Sabbath day. Evidently there was no synagogue in Philippi, so that this place by the riverside was the best substitute that could be found. Paul made it a habit to visit the local synagogue as his first point of contact whenever he visited a new city. Here he would usually find Jews who were prospective converts to the gospel. There would be also some "God-fearers," or inquirers, who had become interested in the Jewish faith because of its high conception of God and its exalted ethical standards. It could very well be that Lydia had joined the group as an inquirer, became converted to Judaism and then became the leader of the group. At all events she was, in the words of our lesson title, "Ready for the Gospel."

One is impressed by the forthright way in which this woman responded to Paul's preaching. Remembering that she was a dealer in fine textile products and no doubt catered to the wealthy and sophisticated class of people in Philippi, it would have been quite natural for her to hesitate before identifying herself with a small and unknown group of religious people. But we find none of this attitude at all. She was baptized "along with her household," which may mean her employees and kinspeople. Furthermore, after her reception into the fellowship she extended hospitality to Paul and Silas: "If you are satisfied that I am a true believer in the Lord, then come down to my house and stay there." (Acts 16:15). Frank Mead has written: "Sellers of purple in New York City say that Christ and purple will not mix. Why? Is there something wrong with Christ—or with business?"

The second part of our Scripture deals with the release of Paul and Silas after they had spent a night in jail. It was a night of excitement, accompanied by an earthquake, the destruction of a prison and the conversion of a jailer. The officials who had committed these men to prison were humiliated to find that they had beaten and locked up men who were Roman citizens. They gave orders for them to be freed, but Paul and Silas insisted that the officials come personally and allow them to leave. This may seem to reflect a certain

stubbornness of character on the part of the evangelists, but it no doubt taught the authorities a lesson, and may have insured better treatment for future missionaries.

Paul and Silas, upon their official release, went to the home of Lydia for a farewell meeting with the little group who were to become the nucleus of the church at Philippi, one of Paul's favorite churches. The reader will recall that he addressed them in these words: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5). That "first day" that Paul is talking about was the day he met Lydia and the women at the prayer-meeting outside the city by the riverside. Thus began the story of one of the great churches of Christendom, another reason why it is true that we should not ever "despise the day of small things."

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon Preaching at Advance

Advance Methodist Church, on the Advance-Mocks Charge, Thomasville District, began its revival services on Sunday, Aug. 13. Services are being held each night at 7:30 p.m. with morning services at 10:30. The morning services are for the benefit of those whose occupation keeps them from attending night services.

Dr. Wilson Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Church in Charlotte, is the visiting minister. Dr. Weldon has been outstanding in the field of evangelism during his ministry.

Preparation for the meeting, including visitation evangelism and special prayer services, has been under way for about three weeks.

Fletcher Andrews is the pastor at Advance.

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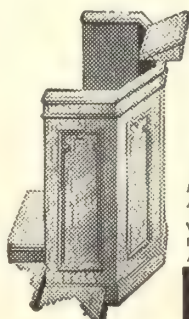
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Aberdeen-Pinebluff Hold Youth Week and Camp

Thirty young people and six counselors from Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen, and Pinebluff Methodist Church recently completed a youth week and camping program at Kerr Lake Methodist Camp.

Under the leadership of Rev. Brooks Patten, Rev. and Mrs. Julian Scott, Rev. Robert Van Hook, Mrs. Tommy Gschwind and Mrs. A. M. Graham the group spent two nights and three in a full program of camping, study, planning, worship and recreation. Three small group camps were used and a fine experience was had by all. Facilities at the new Kerr Lake Camp proved most adequate, with all equipment provided by the Camp. Mr. Joe Reed served as resident director and waterfront supervisor.

Earlier in the week evening programs were held at Pinebluff Lake, drawing up to fifty young people. These programs featured a Folk Festival, Party Night, with vesper messages being brought by Rev. Robert Van Hook, Duke Endowment student serving with the Pinebluff Methodist Church.

During the week of August 13, Mr. Van Hook assisted in leading a community recreational program at Aberdeen Lake to feature a Pet Show, Bicycle Rodeo, Swimming Meet and Water Day and a Teen-Age Western Party at the High School Recreation Room.

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Indescribable Beauty Enroute To Oslo

We're sorry it happened. Last week a figure "5" disappeared from the Editor's travel story and made him fly at an altitude of only 3,000 feet instead of 35,000 feet.

Everyone is active this morning as our group of 48 joins with some 2,000 other persons on the steamer Mainz for a trip from the city of Mainz, Germany, down the Rhine River to Cologne. It is to be an all-day trip, and we have maps to point out the places of interest and beauty along the 110-mile route. We are pushing off from Mainz at 8:45 and expect to arrive at Cologne around 6:00 p.m. It is a delightful variation from the many plane flights we have had and the several others yet ahead of us. The plane trips have been most pleasant. For this writer there are to be eleven in all from the time we left New York until our return. Our itinerary includes flights from New York to London, England; from London to Geneva, Switzerland; from Geneva to Zurich; from Zurich to Frankfurt, Germany; from Frankfurt to Paris, France; from Paris to London, England; from London to Amsterdam, Holland; from Amsterdam to Copenhagen, Denmark; from Copenhagen to Oslo, Norway; from Oslo to London; and from London to New York.

In the various places we have visited there has been much to admire. We have also taken side trips to Mont Blanc in France, and to Heidelberg in Germany to visit the famous University site. The large cities have also been interesting. An enjoyable evening on Lake Geneva and also on Lake Zurich have added a great deal of enjoyment to the trip. But to our way of thinking there is nothing to compare with the beautiful scenery afforded by this voyage down the Rhine from Mainz to Cologne. There are no words to describe it.

The Rhine flows between two beautiful mountain ranges. The scenery of green foliage and crops flanking the river on each side is a delight to the eye. The many ancient castles nestled on the mountainside together with the general view as we pass many cities along the river are sufficient to engage one's full attention. Incidentally, on the trip down the river we passed Petersberg modern castle, where Hitler entertained his guests.

Traffic on the Rhine is heavy. Large passenger boats carrying sight-seers and almost unnumbered barges carrying freight remind one of a busy street in

a large city. Added to this there is a railroad line and highway on each side of the river, with trains, both passenger and freight, rushing in either direction. The Rhine winds its course through the open spaces between the mountain ranges. Here one can really see the handiwork of God. Since words cannot describe it, the only way to appreciate it fully is to see it for one's self.

Cologne, was originally a Roman colony, and in the middle ages the most important town in Germany. The remains of the Three Holy Kings are preserved in the Cathedral—Germany's sublime architectural masterpiece. The old university was reopened in 1919. World War II wrought terrible havoc in the city. Yet Cologne Cathedral still stands as if in admonition and guidance, its tapering spires pointing heavenward. Restoration work is making rapid progress.

Among the many cities we passed along the Rhine on our way to Cologne was Bonn, once the temporary federal capital, and called perhaps the most lovely of all the towns on the Rhine. This is the birthplace of Beethoven.

Leaving Cologne we return to Frankfurt airport tomorrow from which we fly to Paris, thence to London, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and on to Oslo, to attend the Tenth World Conference of Methodism.

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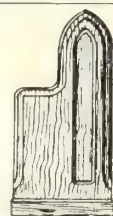
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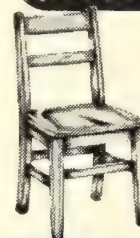
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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ DR. CECIL ROBBINS, president of Louisburg College, was the speaker for the Elon College Baccalaureate Service Sunday, Aug. 20.

¶ REV. THOMAS A. COLLINS, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College, will be guest preacher at Swansboro Methodist Church Sunday morning, August 27.

¶ W. JASPER SMITH, Comptroller of North Carolina Wesleyan College, and Robert Gay, Assistant to the Comptroller, represented the college at the Institute on College Business Management in Omaha, Nebraska, during July.

¶ THERE WILL BE a called meeting of the Methodist Ministers Credit Union on Tuesday morning, September 5, 1961, at 10:00 a.m., at Louisburg College. All members are urged to be present to consider By-law amendments.

¶ HOMECOMING at Centenary Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, August 27, at 11:00 a.m. The members, friends, and former ministers and members are invited to attend this 11th annual homecoming. Dinner on the grounds at 12:00 with fellowship together.

¶ ERNEST EPLEY, Methodist minister in La Paz, Bolivia, spoke to the congregation at St. Luke Methodist Church, 2019 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, on Sunday morning, August 20. Mr. Epley told of his work in Bolivia and of the threats to Christianity there imposed by the increase in communism. The Rev. Richard Crowder is minister of St. Luke Church.

¶ DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, Professor of Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College, and Mr. Ronald Sherron, Director of Admissions, represented Wesleyan at the 16th annual Institute of Higher Education at Nashville, Tennessee, recently. The theme of the conference was "Contribution of Christian Higher Education to a Free Society."

¶ THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING of Lander's Chapel Methodist Church will be observed August 27. The Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald will preach the homecoming sermon at 11:00 a.m. Dinner will be served, picnic style, in the fellowship hall of the educational building. Following the dinner hour a community sing will be held. All former pastors and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend this day of worship and fellowship.

¶ HOMECOMING at South China Grove Methodist Church will be observed on Sunday, September 3. Sunday School will be at 10 o'clock. Morning worship will follow at 11, with a former pastor, Rev. Wade Rogers, doing the preaching. A fellowship dinner will follow the service. At 2 o'clock, there will be a service of song and a historical review. The pastor, Erwin S. Cook, joins with his members in extending a cordial invitation to former members, and friends of the church and community to attend.

¶ HOMER BARKER, pastor of the Vanderburg Methodist Church in the Statesville District, held a revival the week of August 13 at Mountain View Methodist Church in North Iredell County. Donald W. Haynes is pastor of the church.

¶ REV. O. P. ADER, a long time member of the Western N. C. Conference, spent four months as a bed patient in the infirmary of the Methodist Home at Charlotte. He got out of bed, fell and broke his right hip. He is now a patient in the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte. Mr. Ader will be 92 years of age in January.

¶ METHODIST WORLD TRAVEL, 218 East Franklin Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., has announced a 16-day tour of Europe and the Holy Land to depart from New York City Dec. 18. This unique travel opportunity will feature a visit to Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Among other points visited will be Rome, Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Paris. All inclusive cost of the tour is \$1,295.00.

¶ ON AUGUST 6 homecoming was held at Gold Hill Methodist Church with the Rev. E. M. Dellinger delivering the homecoming message. Mr. Dellinger is a former pastor. Two other former pastors attended after holding services at their own church: the Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., and the Rev. J. W. Parker. The second Sunday in August has been set up as a permanent day for homecoming at Gold Hill.

¶ THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Carr Methodist Church of 107 N. Driver, Durham, is sponsoring a Homecoming Day service on Sunday, August 27. Rev. Millard C. Dunn, superintendent of the Fayetteville District and former pastor of Carr Church, will bring the message at the 11:00 o'clock morning worship service. All members, former and psators, and friends of Carr Church are cordially invited to attend. Bring your picnic lunch and join in the fellowship.

¶ TWO HUNDRED TWENTY youth of the Randolph County Junior High and Senior High subdistricts heard Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eppl, missionary teachers to Bolivia, at the last subdistrict meeting on August 7 at Jordan Memorial Methodist Church in Ramseur. The Eppl's shared their experiences and a group of colored slides with the young people. A love offering was taken at the end of the evening for the work of the Eppl's in South America.

¶ THE SENIOR YOUTH of the MYF at West Bend Church in Asheboro held their Youth Activities Week August 6-10 with the theme: "I Want to Know About." The youth selected five timely subjects to explore related to the Christian Youth's Witness and Challenge in the World Today. The last evening was ended with a Youth Banquet sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the youth ended their week by participating in an out of doors communion service, using a silver chalice as they knelt around a camp fire.

¶ HOMECOMING day was observed on Sunday, August 20, at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church on the Old Highway 64, east of Thomasville just beyond Silver Valley. Sunday School was held as usual at 10:00 and the worship service was at 11:00 with the Rev. I. L. Terrill bringing the message.

¶ THE REV. R. DELBERT BRYUM, Minister of Education at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in High Point, and Mr. Parks Todd, Duke Divinity School student who is assisting with youth work at Wesley Memorial Church, supplied the pulpit of Northwood Methodist Church in High Point on July 23 and July 30, respectively. The pastor of Northwood Church, the Rev. Herb. Jamieson, and his family were vacationing on a 3,000-mile camping trip through Ontario and Quebec in Canada, and the New England states.

¶ HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL will begin at marle, August 27. Morning worship at 11:00 Palestine Methodist Church, Route 2, Albemarle, after which dinner will be served at the church. The revival services will be held each evening at 7:30, and will continue through Wednesday evening, Sept. 6. You are urged to join us in prayer that we may have a revival that will reach many precious souls for our Christ. All former ministers and members, and friends are invited to attend the homecoming service and as many of the other services as you can. F. R. Davis is pastor of the church.

¶ THE WEST BEND METHODIST CHURCH in Asheboro dedicated two memorial gifts on Sunday afternoon, August 6, at 4:00. An Allen Organ, the gift of Marvin C. Whitley, and a Carillon, the gift of the S. E. Davidson family in memory of Mr. S. E. Davidson, were dedicated in special services at the church. The church organist, Mrs. Joretta Holt, presented a program of sacred music following the act of dedication of the organ and there was a carillon recital on the Schulmerich Carillon following the act of dedication of that memorial. Rev. Robert J. Ralls, former pastor at West Bend, assisted Rev. Ron L. Hall, the present minister, in dedicating the memorials to the glory of God. Mr. D. L. Hill and Mr. Angus Bobo, trustees, presented the two for dedication.

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Nine N. C. Methodist Colleges Will Open Doors to Thousands of Students

Within the next few weeks the colleges of the state and nation will be opening their doors to many thousands of young men and women who desire to continue their preparation for life's work. North Carolina is blessed with a large number of these institutions, both state and denominational. We give here a few facts pertaining to the opening dates of our Methodist schools in the state, together with approximate enrollment, faculty members and certain improvements to physical plants:

BREVARD COLLEGE *Brevard, N. C.*

Brevard College will open its Faculty and Student Workshop on September 6. Dean John W. Johannaher, Dean of Scarritt College, will be the speaker. His theme will be "The Role of the Christian College."

On September 10, dormitories will be open for new students with orientation for new students beginning on Monday. Registration for new and returning students will be on Wednesday, and classes will begin on Thursday.

We anticipate a capacity enrollment of 400.

Many improvements have been made to the physical plant, including the completion of the new science building in which will be housed all science and mathematics classes. Also a new tennis court has been completed, together with one of the best track courses in the entire section. Construction on the new gymnasium is expected to begin this fall. The faculty for the coming year is practically completed, and the school is looking forward to a very successful year. Dr. Emmett K. McLarty is president of Brevard.

DUKE UNIVERSITY *Durham, N. C.*

Duke University will open its doors to the freshman class September 14. Opening of the school year will begin September 21, and classes will begin at that time. The freshman class will include 675 boys and 325 girls for a total of 1,000. To indicate the crowded conditions of the colleges, these thousand students were selected from approximately 5,700 applications. The combined enrollment is expected to reach 5,700. Dr. Deryl Hart is president of Duke University.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE *Greensboro, N. C.*

Freshmen and transfer students will report to the campus on Monday, September 11. Orientation will begin that evening and continue through Tuesday. Registration for new students will be on Wednesday morning, September 13, and for returning students that afternoon.

Approximately 565 students are expected. An increased percentage of these will be men, since the college will open its first residence hall for males this September.

This will be the 124th year since the

college was chartered in 1838. Students are drawn in approximately equal numbers from the two conferences of North Carolina, with the next largest representation being from the state of Virginia. Dr. Harold Hutson is president of Greensboro College.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE *High Point, N. C.*

Faculty Seminars will be held from September 6-9. Registration, testing and orientation of freshmen is scheduled for September 11-13. All registration will be completed on September 14, and classes will begin at 8:20 on September 15. On Saturday evening, September 16, a Faculty and Staff Reception for all students will be given.

The college will have this year around 1,050 regular students, plus 300 evening students. There are sixty teaching members on the faculty, aside from some extra in the evening classes. Quite a bit of improvement has been made to the physical surroundings, including the laying of new sidewalks. Everything points to a very successful year for the college. Dr. Wendell Patton is president of High Point College.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE *Louisburg, N. C.*

New students at Louisburg College will come in on September 10. Classes will begin September 14. Approximately five hundred students are expected for the new school year. There are some thirty-four members of the teaching staff. The college has bought the Mills building across the street from the present campus and practically all classes, except the science classes will be held in that building, which has undergone complete renovation. Bids have been opened for the erection of a new 96-bed men's dormitory, which is to be constructed. The college has also rented a wing in the Nurses' building at the hospital, and a house in the city to be used for additional girls who will be registered for the school year. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins is president of Louisburg College.

METHODIST COLLEGE *Fayetteville, N. C.*

Freshmen orientation and registration of students at Methodist College will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 14, 15, and 16. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 18. Present indications are that the enrollment will be increased from 10 to 20 per cent over the freshman enrollment for the first year. Residence facilities for a limited number of boarding students are being provided for the first time in two air-conditioned dormitories. Laboratory and other equipment for the sophomore year has been installed. Professors have been employed to teach the subjects which will be added for the sophomore year. These men and women have the same high caliber of train-

ing and experience which was represented in the first faculty group. Several thousand additional volumes are being added to the library during the summer. We believe that the two greatest assets of a quality institution of higher learning are the faculty and the library. We are placing primary emphasis here. We look forward to another successful year. Dr. L. Stacy Weaver is president of Methodist College.

N. C. WESLEYAN COLLEGE *Rocky Mount, N. C.*

The freshmen and new students at North Carolina Wesleyan College will report on September 13 for orientation and registration, and classes will begin on September 18.

An official Opening Worship Convocation on the campus will be held Sunday, September 17, at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Leon Russell preaching.

The expected enrollment is approximately 60 to 70 sophomores and 120 to 125 freshmen for a total enrollment of approximately 175-200 in the second year of operation.

Eight major buildings have been completed on the campus: the Administration Building, the Classroom Building, Science Building, Men's Dormitory, Woman's Dormitory, Cafeteria-Student Union Building, Heating and Maintenance Shops, and the President's Home. A fine faculty has been assembled and ample provision made for a very successful school year. Rev. Thomas A. Collins is president of Wesleyan College.

PFEIFFER COLLEGE *Misenheimer, N. C.*

Pfeiffer College will open its 1961-62 academic year on September 15 with an anticipated enrollment of 850 students and a faculty of 54 persons. New students will report on Sunday, September 10, for an Orientation Program under the direction of Dean of Students Sterling Whitley.

Parents of freshman and new students are invited to share in a series of activities on September 10 especially designed for them. Dr. Roger Kusche, Pfeiffer's new director of religious life, will preach at a special "family" service in the Pfeiffer Chapel at 11:00 a.m. At 3:00 p.m., parents and freshmen are invited to attend a tea on the front campus lawn. This will be followed by meetings between parents and the Dean of Men and Dean of Students at 4:00 p.m.

Members of the faculty will hold a two-day workshop on September 8 and 9. Dormitories for upperclassmen will open on Thursday, September 14, with classes starting on the 15th. President J. Lem Stokes II will be the preacher in the Pfeiffer Chapel on Sunday, September 17.

BENNETT COLLEGE *Greensboro, N. C.*

Bennett College will have its faculty fall meeting September 7-14. The student leadership group will meet September 11-13, and classes will begin September 20. The enrollment is expected to run between 540 to 575. Dr. Willa Player is president of Bennett College.

THE TIME FOR NEW CHURCHES

"It's done, the great transaction's done!" so chant those singing one of the gospel hymns. So chant many mistakenly about the task of Church Extension. The past decade has seen phenomenal growth in North Carolina in the area of church extension.

In his current book, "The Call for New Churches," Dr. B. P. Murphy cites growth in North Carolina with the emphasis placed on the establishment of new churches in our state. Substantially more than 100 new churches have been established in the two conferences. Thousands of members have been won to Christ and His church who might otherwise have been lost. Leadership has been developed which would have been dissipated on lesser causes. Still the task is unfinished.

This year the Woman's Society of Christian Service will sponsor a study of "Churches for New Times." The Church-wide study will be "The Call for New Churches." Our eyes will be opened as we really study the desperate need of our times.

These are new times. More changes occur within a decade now than formerly occurred within a century. This is verifiable truth. We live in a revolutionary age where the revolution (social, economic, political) is taking place at alarming speed around the world. Automation will free many from established jobs, reduce the working time of others, give all greater leisure hours. These can be devoted to Christ and His church, or wasted in tedious, though feverish activity. The 'population explosion' is real as we are lengthening the life span and bringing more children into the world. We may live longer, but the important question is not how long we live but how well we live.

These changes must be directed by the church; this leisure can be devoted to Christian witness and service; these added souls and longer years can bless when the Church commands love and loyalty.

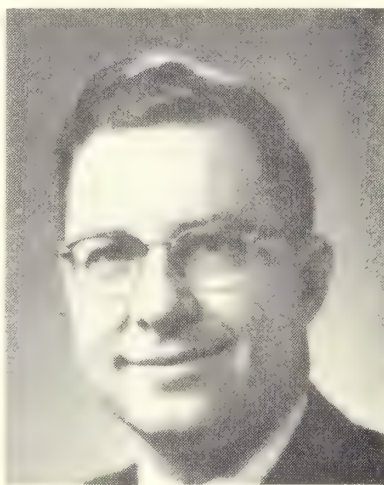
These new times, with the great mobility of our American people, create the demand for new churches. Other factors cry out for new churches in North Carolina. New suburban com-

A Guest Editorial by

THOMAS A. COLLINS

munities are growing, not annually, but monthly in and near our cities. New communities are growing around new industry, at newly paved crossroads, in villages now becoming towns and cities.

A jurisdictional survey this spring disclosed that 831 new churches are needed within this decade. These surveys were prepared by our District Superintend-



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*President, N. C. Wesleyan
College, Rocky Mount.*

ents; ones well equipped to know the needs of their districts. In the North Carolina Conference 84 new churches were started in the decade 1950-1960, yet the study revealed the need for 52 more new churches in the decade 1960-1970. Add to that at least as many in the Western North Carolina Conference to show the need for more than 100 new churches in these next nine years.

Another careful study revealed these churches will necessitate raising and expending in this decade more than three and a half million dollars in the North Carolina Conference alone for church extension. This estimate is low and does not take into account the shrinking value of the dollar.

What can we do about it? Where do we go from here? We can call the task too big and quit. Neither conference in this state has ever done this, even before 1950 when new churches were few and far between.

We can go on as we are, with limited progress. This will be like trying to stop the Mississippi at flood tide with a limited number of sandbags.

We can reappraise our needs, study our resources, and do what we must. We can set a timetable for the successful establishment of new churches where and when needed. Our respective Boards of Missions can prepare a fairly accurate timetable in consultation with the conference officials and keep it up to date.

We must then expand the financial base for our Boards of Missions. We must publicize the task and the results achieved. All of our people must be made to recognize areas of need and what they can do about them.

You are needed to help us expand the "Ten Dollar Clubs" in our state. More persons must share regularly if capital funds are to be available. We must give direct gifts to those new churches near us and foster the 'Mother Church' idea. Some churches, individuals, Men's Clubs or other agencies, should sponsor, initiate, and nurture outpost church schools, mission churches, pioneer congregations.

This usually takes strong pastoral leadership as well as consecrated members. Each will soon find he has more to gain than to lose. We find new life by giving life; new members by giving members in a worthy cause; new financial strength by generous giving. We are slow to learn the New Testament lesson of saving life by giving it away.

Some who read this may feel impelled to give the site for a new church, or to sell it for a reasonable sum to the Church. Many will make donations to new building funds; or contribute to the support of pastoral leadership for a new congregation. Will you make or approve loans for new congregations whose financial security is yet to be determined; offer your services to teach; visit, or pray for a new congregation; and discuss and promote the causes of church extension?

Adoniram Judson went as a missionary to Burma. After five years he could report no convert to Christianity despite diligent work. A friend wrote, "It seems so hopeless . . . what are your pros-

pects?" Judson replied promptly, "As bright as the promises of God." That which must be done can be done . . . but God needs new, dedicated leadership for these new and challenging times. God needs YOU.



'THOU SHALT NOT KILL'

The nation's religious leaders of all faiths are deeply concerned about the maiming and killing of men, women and children from accidents on the streets and highways, drownings due to boating accidents, poisoning of children in homes, and the useless and unnecessary injuries and deaths occurring in other ways.

The Commandment "Thou Shalt Not Kill" seems to have little moral influence on drivers of automobiles, whether the warning comes from God or traffic authorities.

The right to own and operate a car is bestowed by the state. The manner in which a car is driven is prescribed by law.

But transcending the legal law is the moral law, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." It imposes a moral responsibility on all drivers to operate their vehicles without maiming or killing themselves or others. We need to put our religious training into practice while driving and in all of our activities.

We are calling attention to our moral responsibility for driving safely because of the approach of the Labor Day holiday. If past experience means anything, hundreds of men, women and children will die, and thousands will end up in hospitals as a result of violating ordinary safe driving practices.

There also will be about 100 funerals following the holiday due to drownings, especially young people. Let's not forget that God made us responsible for the protection of our children, especially the very young who need constant supervision.

Labor Day is dedicated to all of us who labor, whether with our hands in a shop or our minds in an office. It was established to honor the dignity of work and the contributions of labor to human progress.

The spirit of Labor Day was never intended to be desecrated by the pain, suffering and sadness resulting from unnecessary tragedies during the celebration of this national holiday.

We urge each one to give thought to the purpose and spirit of Labor Day in making plans for next weekend.

Let the moral law, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," govern our actions behind the wheel of our car, not only during the holiday but every day. May each one have a safe and most enjoyable holiday.

IT'S UP TO YOU

It's up to you, my fellow dear,
To do the right or wrong;
To go with those who live for God,
Or with the wicked throng;
To be a man sublime and good,
Or stagger as a drunk;
To value life a priceless gem,
Or sell yourself as junk.

It's up to you, my fellow dear,
To wear a pleasant face;
To love the Lord and all mankind
And fill a worthwhile place;
Or idle time and life away
With nothing great in view—
Just drifting with the downward tide
Where Satan lands his crew.

It's up to you, my fellow dear,
To live a life that's clean;
To show the world you do not bow
To anything that's mean;
Or have no aim and purpose great
For which to live and die
Then go unhonored and unsung.

REV. WALTER F. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

What Thoughts Trouble The Teenagers?

By W. W. REID

To Americans there comes neither comfort nor any feeling of complacency in the announcement that in England crime among young men between seventeen and twenty-one is up 12 per cent from last year; that among young women of the same age it is up 20 per cent; and that among those under seventeen the increase is almost as great. And the great increase has been in "crimes of violence" from which England, until recent decades, has been comparatively free. Increase is seen also in youthful crimes in many countries of the European continent.

Is there any "common factor" between crime in America and crime in other "God-fearing lands" that may suggest some causes? . . . Wayland Young, a commentator for the *Manchester (Eng.) Guardian*, asks what the teenagers (of England) do which worry their adults, and *why* they do them. He says (in part):

"The more common activities objected to by official opinion are incontinence, theft, and riot.

"Teenagers are incontinent because the gap between physical maturity and the socially convenient age for marriage has widened. They are physically mature at fourteen, but must still wait for half their life span to elapse again before they can conveniently marry. Only three things can keep young people continent: malnutrition, overwork, and the fear of hell. We have been at pains to remove all three.

"They steal because they are stolen from. Here and now, our Government is consciously and purposely increasing the distance between rich and poor. Surtax goes down, national insurance contributions go up. It is an affront to common justice that one prestige office block should go up while one family is left living in squalor. Our society is taking and driving away the

improvements its poorer members could have. It is owlsh to complain if the young poorer members take and drive away the odd car in return. When the duke's son takes and drives away a car, we do not complain because the chances are it is his. But what do we mean by 'his'? Has he worked for it?

"As to riot: they do it (the few who do) for the giggle, for kicks. That is their phrase, and they know best. The boy who needs a giggle and some kicks is the boy who does not get them in ordinary non-destructive circumstances, and that is the result of being employed in a way he does not understand or making things for people who do not need them.

"But far the most important reason why young people are decreasingly inclined to accept the world as they find it, is that the world proposes to incinerate them at any moment it feels like it. The ordinary, wide awake, boy or girl between sixteen and twenty cannot conceive how anyone can have been so bloody daft as to build H-bombs. How can they possibly be expected to go along with any of that? The last war was before they were born; the Russian revolution is ancient history. Elders and—what? better?—can explain about one-party rule and people's tribunals till they are blue in the face; that is two steps away from experience. What is one step away from experience is this. They are alive, and they like that. They have bodies and minds which look nice and work well, and fit together nicely. But the majority society says they must expect to see all that burned and poisoned at any moment. They hear about deterrence, civil defense, megatons, radiuses of total destruction, fallout, decontamination and West Berlin. They hear it and they believe it. It is hardly surprising that they bring on the kicks and the giggles quickly, while there is still time, exactly as people did in the last decade of the Tenth Century, when they thought the world was going to end in the year 1000.

"If we want to reduce the national juvenile violence rate, we must reduce the international senile violence threats. If we want to reduce the juvenile theft rate, we must share increasing wealth justly. They will not be better than we are."

Are such thoughts and motives affecting American youth, too?

Youth Week Observed at St. Mark's in Belmont

"Christ Speaks to Teenagers" was the theme of Youth Activities Week at St. Mark's Church in Belmont the week of August 13. The special services opened that night with a sermon by the Rev. Bob Ralls, pastor of St. Andrews in Charlotte, who spoke on "Seek and ye shall find."

Monday night's speaker was Rev. J. W. Crawley of Ebenezer Church, Belmont; Tuesday night, Rev. Don Payne of First Church; Wednesday night, Rev. W. A. Kerr of South Point Church; Thursday night, Rev. Harry C. Long of Bethesda Church, Gastonia; and Friday night, Rev. Gilbert Miller of Park Street, Belmont.

Dennis Huggins, a Duke student who has done a fine job with the youth of St. Mark's this summer, was in charge of the week's activities.

Training for Personal Witnessing

By MITCHELL FAULKNER

The program suggestions of the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Evangelism, found in the "United Witness Booklet," contain suggestions for the training of personal evangelists through the local church, subdistrict and community schools of evangelism, classes in Leadership Training Schools in evangelism, the organization of "The Twelve" for intimate study, prayer and visitation, and in general the dividing of the local church Commission on Evangelism into small committees for intensive work in the several areas coming under this commission. These plans may be found in the "United Witness Booklet" and we prayerfully urge every pastor and dedicated layman to study them carefully.

However, as we write briefly about training for personal evangelism, I would like to share the sincere conviction that our needs go deeper than mere method. Each time we attend a meeting of either clergy or laymen where evangelism is discussed there is an almost plaintive appeal for a re-valuation and a new effectiveness in winning men to Christ. I believe that at least part of our problem is that we are unrealistic and superficial in our basic approach.

Christian discipleship has never been a popular movement. Discipleship involves discipline and this is always a personal matter. Men do not become Christian by the process of absorption any more than men become scientists by living in a scientific world. Personal dedication is required. I greatly fear that the size of our Methodism and our genuine need for effective organization may blind us to our deep dependency upon the Grace of God in Jesus Christ as He confronts men individually and claims their loyalty.

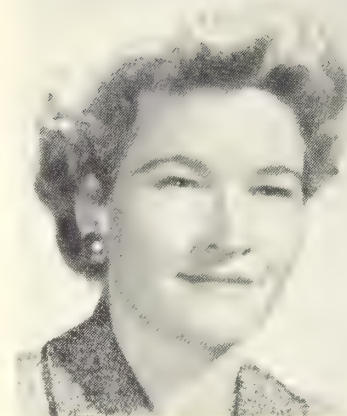
Alfred North Whitehead in his book, "Religion in the Making," says "life is an internal fact, for its own sake, before it is an external fact relating itself to others . . . religion is the art and theory of the internal life of man . . . this doctrine is the direct negation of the theory that religion is primarily a social fact. Most psychology is herd psychology. But all collective emotions leave untouched the awful ultimate fact which is the human being, consciously alone with itself, for its own sake. Religion in its decay sinks back into sociability." (p. 15, p. 23).

"Straight is the gate and narrow is the way . . . and few there be that find it.' When a modern religion forgets this saying it is suffering from an atavistic relapse into primitive barbarism. It is appealing to the psychology of the herd

and away from the intuitions of the few." (Ibid. p. 28).

I believe that the above has tremendous implications for Methodism in these days. It involves the rediscovery of the layman within the local church as the key figure, for if there is to be any evangelism, **he is to be the evangelist.** It involves the rediscovery by all connectional boards, commissions and committees, that they are the servant, along with the minister, of the needs of the individual layman in the local church. Above all, it means that the minister and his laymen must rediscover that evangelism waits upon revival, that is to say, that growth is impossible without vitality. Methodism can be no greater nor more effective in any place than the trained, dedicated layman, making his witness in the experience of the common day.

The truth of the matter is that any local church which looks to any conference board for more than guidance to help them be effective in that which they desperately want to do, is headed for disillusionment. Your conference board of evangelism is prayerfully saying to the local church, "If you have a passion for evangelism, we can help you with the program." We urge each local pastor to prayerfully examine his own heart and ministry, gather around him his committed laymen, and carefully study the suggestions and programs offered, to see if we might become better witnesses to God's marvelous and mighty acts in Jesus Christ.



Miss Tassie R. Langley, a native of Nash County, will be Director of Reading at Carolina Wesleyan College. Miss Langley comes to Wesleyan from a successful program with the Board of Education of Rye, New York. She will initiate a program of Developmental Reading for the college students and for the Evening Adult Education program. After graduation from Atlantic Christian College, Miss Langley taught high school English for four years in Four Oaks and two years at Wilson High School.

Interested in improving the reading and studying skills of her students, she earned the Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Reading at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Duke Librarian Honored

Durham, N. C.—The American Theological Library Association has chosen Donn Michael Farris of Duke Divinity School as its president-elect, to serve as president in 1962-63. Farris has been librarian of the school since 1950 and, since 1959, also assistant professor of theological bibliography. He founded and is the editor of the *ATLA Newsletter*.

Need for Increased Support for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service

The calling of 250,000 men to service with the armed forces will directly involve the Church's ministry to military personnel and their dependents, by requiring more Methodist chaplains for immediate active duty and an increase in local church activities on behalf of the personnel and families who will come into the civilian churches near the installations involved.

It is estimated that as many as one million people—uniformed and dependents—will be involved.

The Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities will need greatly increased support as they carry out their responsibilities on behalf of the Church, in securing, servicing, and providing oversight to more Methodist Chaplains, and in channeling needed assistance to local churches seeking to provide a ministry through "home churches away from home" for personnel and dependents.

A greatly increased response to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service (the sole support of the two Commissions) is needed.

BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT

Chairman, Commission on Chaplains

BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER

Chairman, Commission on Camp Activities

Rev. Harold D. Minor to Join Editorial Division

It is with keen regret that we announce the resignation of Rev. Harold D. Minor as Director of Adult Work of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference. He has accepted a position with the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church, effective September 1, 1961.

In this important position Mr. Minor will serve as the editor of "Adult Teacher" and "Wesley Quarterly." He will have the responsibility of securing writers for the Teaching Helps and Magazine Features appearing in "Adult Teacher" and the International Lesson Series and magazine features appearing in "Wesley Quarterly." He will also edit these materials, contribute editorials and feature articles, and write some of the teaching helps and lesson materials. All of this adds up to a big task and an important responsibility. We are confident he is equal to this new assignment, and we congratulate the Editorial Division in their selection of Mr. Minor for this important work.

During the past five years Mr. Minor has developed an adult program in the North Carolina Conference second to none. His leadership in the field of adult Christian education has been recognized by the General Board of Education, other Annual Conferences, and by non-Methodist groups. This program has included Adult Teachers' Clinics, Bible Conferences, Family Life Education Institutes, Mental Health Workshops, Social Action Seminars, Adult Education Rallies, Training for Superintendents of Adult Divisions, Family Camps, Young Adult Assemblies, Young Adult Work Camps, Young Adult Sui ritual Life Retreats, Television Programs, Curriculum Selection Projects, Field Service Engagements, Teaching in Christian Workers' Schools, and a host of other activities too numerous to mention. He has brought to all of these programs a deep Biblical, theological, and spiritual understanding that has made them growing experiences in the lives of many persons.

Obviously Mr. Minor will be sorely missed by all of us—young adults, teachers, district and subdistrict workers, families, pastors—but perhaps most of all by the members of the Conference Board of Education Staff. He has served on a team, and our lives have been enriched by this association with him. His wise counsel, dedicated leadership, and warm friendship will be missed by each one of us. We bid him and his faithful companion and their three fine boys Godspeed as they take up their responsibilities in this new field of service in The Methodist Church.

Harold D. Minor is a native of Iowa, born in Lake City and living also in Des Moines and Fort Dodge, where he graduated from high school in 1944. He began his college education at Iowa State College in Ames, transferring to Morningside College in Sioux City. Here he received the B.S. degree, cum laude, in 1947. He was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Zeta Sigma, honorary scholastic fraternity, and Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociology fraternity. From



The Minor family: from left to right, Mrs. Minor, Sterling, Gary (seated), Mike, and Mr. Minor.

1945-47, he served the Washta Methodist Church.

He received the B.D. degree from Garrett Graduate School of Theology in 1951, having taught Sociology and Marriage Courses at Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois, 1948-1949. He served as Field Representative for the Interseminary Movement, and as pastor of the South Elgin Methodist Church, 1949-51, leading in a church building program.

From 1951-1953, he was pastor of Rustin Avenue Methodist Church in Sioux City, and during 1953-56 served the Faison charge in North Carolina.

In 1956 he was elected Director of Adult Work for the North Carolina Annual Conference (SEJ). He has taught in Christian Workers' Schools, Lab Schools, and Coaching Conferences in North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida, and worked especially with young adults, teaching procedures, Bible Conferences, and curriculum selection. He was a delegate to the National Methodist Conference on Family Life in 1948, and to the White House Conference on Aging in 1961. He has been a member of the Adult Education Association, the North Carolina A.E.A., and the North Carolina Family Life Council.

His wife, the former Mary Ruth Thompson, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson of Lexington, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Greensboro College, and is a kindergarten teacher. Their children are three sons—Mike, 11; Sterling, 9; and Gary, 4.

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"The Southern Appalachian region, with six and a half million people, is the most open, most accessible and most promising mission field in the world."—The Rev. Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Berea College, Kentucky.

Christian Social Concerns to Be Discussed at Junaluska

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—Briefing in the issues of Christian social concerns and methods of dealing with them will feature a Southeastern Methodist gathering here Sept. 12-14.

The annual regional briefing conference will bring some 150 ministers and laymen, leaders of state and district boards of social concerns, from nine states. It is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Christian Social Concerns, in cooperation with similar agencies from the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction and the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service, as well as the national Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Speakers will include Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Lincoln, Nebr., chairman of the national board's Division of Peace and World Order; Bishop Paul Hardin of Columbia, S. C., member of the board; Robert Mann of Seffner, Fla., chairman of the conference and national treasurer; Miss Betty Goetz of Washington, D. C., of the State Department's disarmament staff.

National staff participants will be the Rev. Richard Edgar, director of leadership development, Division of Temperance; the Rev. Robert Regan, Jr., director of organizational activities; the Rev. Rodney Shaw, projects director, Division of Peace; the Rev. Emerson Smith, director of economic affairs, Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs; the Rev. Dr. Carl Soule, United Nations secretary, Division of Peace.

The participants will discuss both old and new issues of social concern, the church's present program and possible changes.

HEARD IN OSLO

Excerpts from Addresses Prepared for Delivery Before the
Tenth World Methodist Conference, Oslo, Norway

The Witness of the Spirit

By BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE

Methodism has always majored upon three expressions of the Christian life: Fellowship with God, likeness to Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. . . .

Too much of modern day Christianity is formal and conventional; the church spends much of its time asking questions, pondering problems and has difficulty maintaining and promulgating the faith. . . . We ponder our problems while they (the early Christians) accepted the power offered in the coming of the Holy Spirit. . . . When we substitute the clatter of ecclesiastical machinery for the opening of our minds to the Spirit's teaching and the yielding of our wills to the divine will, we falter and fail. . . .

It is by and through the Divine Spirit that we become aware of our adoption into the family of God and receive the strength He imparts for daily service. . . . It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to us our partnership in the divine nature. . . .

If we are to believe in what we call "experimental religion," we must believe that the real presence of Christ among His people is not in the bread and wine—though that is sacred beyond words—but in the living Christ made present in our lives through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Experimental religion is evidenced by a conscious knowledge of sins forgiven and it is this same Spirit which convinces us of guilt that assures us of pardon. . . .

We must not limit the witness of the Spirit to the assurance of salvation alone. . . . He makes us increasingly alive to all the great realities; elevating and broadening our interests and sympathies. Observing life as the Spirit reveals it, we discover how impertinent it would be to limit the blessings of the gospel to any one race, class or nation. . . .

The church is hindered and the kingdom delayed, not so much by indifference and opposition of the non-Christian influences in the world, but by the tepid, unruffled religiousness of us who profess to follow him. Christ needs, not our polite deference, but the strength of our lives.

The Work of the Spirit in Family Life

By BISHOP HAZEN G. WERNER

A family is a unity of persons developing growing, and fulfilling their lives through the interaction of love for one another and faith in a divine being.

What is the function of a family? The family exists to grow sound and adequate persons, to develop within these persons a positive self-image and the necessary self-realization, and to help them to relate them-

selves responsibly to their world and to their Creator.

The family, particularly in the Christian sense, involves itself in a kind of trusteeship. Through family living there is transmitted into the emotional blood stream of growing persons the great truths of integrity, moral idealism, honesty, clean life, trust and tolerance.

The church would be wise to concern itself with a ministry to the family as such. The redemption and Christian education of a man cannot be carried on aside from his life as a husband, father or a son. He is a part of a whole.

Many homes are more concerned with being modern than eternal. The simple graces of the spiritual life have receded before the importance of modern appliances. . . . None of these devices spell fullness of life for the family. Emotional and spiritual needs cannot be met with material means.

The problems of marriage and the family are in-depth problems. The Holy Spirit works within a person and within a relationship to awaken the life to the fact that God strengthens and Christ saves. It is at its depth that a family is in conflict, carries on its struggles, experiences its emotional hungers. It is at this very depth of intimacy and of finality that the Holy Spirit comes with power to lead the life of the home to trust God and to thus find the answer.

The consideration of the Holy Spirit must certainly come to life at the point of man's instinctual nature: the attraction of the sexes for one another, the fulfillment in sexual love, the procreation of new life, the sense of vocation in the family venture.

The work of the Spirit will give guidance to husband and wife in the experience of their sexual love. Without this guidance nothing can save us from affectional bankruptcy and marital dissolution. Human love in its inevitable erotic element needs the discrimination as well as the sanctification of the Spirit.

Insight concerning an order that will never pass is a gift of the Spirit. When the ordered structure of the family is one with the eternal order as revealed in the Spirit, there comes upon every member of the family a sureness about immortality. While working together, hoping together, praying together, believing together each one knows that the life of this hallowed relationship will never pass.

Through these family relationships, luminous and eternal, the Spirit shines.

The Witness of the Spirit

By BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY

The Book of Acts is really the Book of the Holy Spirit. The clue to the meaning of Pentecost is in the words, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." They

were filled with a power that made their witness sharp and clear. They lived in the constant awareness of the reality of the Holy Spirit ever present with them for guidance, comfort, and courage.

Let us examine four aspects of our belief in the witness of the Spirit. In the first place we believe in *experience*. Methodists should sing their theology which is a better way to proclaim it than reciting a creed or constructing a dogma. The sign of the living God is communication and revelation. This means experience and we are committed to the belief that His Spirit witnesses with our spirit.

Preachers without the experience of the Holy Spirit, are smoking fires with hardly any flame or light. Laymen who have not been baptized with the Spirit are merely salesmen for an institution with little joy and hardly any power. We cannot give what we do not have any more than we can go back to where we have not been. We believe in the Holy Spirit.

In the second place, the Holy Spirit's witness makes us believe in *results*. Spiritual affairs which produce no ascertainable results are to be considered with suspicion. The practical affairs which have no spiritual implications, are to be regarded as of questionable importance. Wesley talked about changed personal lives as the answer to Methodism's critics.

We may disagree about methods of evangelism, but we cannot disagree about evangelism itself and remain Christians, to say nothing of remaining Methodists.

A third aspect of this subject is *discipline*. Only within the framework of a strict discipline can the free Spirit work constructively. Since the days of St. Paul there have been those who would turn the Christian's freedom into license.

We have our General Rules and our Discipline. Our ministers carry heavy burdens and take responsibility for their conferences as well as for their churches. They are to serve where they are appointed. They are subject to the modern tensions and strains which are destroying so many of our contemporaries. I do not know a more difficult or demanding job in our modern world than to be a Methodist minister. The situation will not get better for we are not about to become pietistic fellowships of passive waiting servants of Christ. Ours is the marching tradition and we are a traveling ministry. We can only do our work by being the most disciplined of men.

Finally, let us see the witness of the spirit in the light of our *doctrine of Christian perfection*. This is a difficult matter for us to understand and explain. There is a very close connection between the doctrines of the Holy Spirit and Christian Perfection. Both stem from the experience of being found by God in Christ. Both are based on a faith that God is involved in all of a man's life. Both believe that the Spirit of God can capture a man and transform his desires. Both will destroy our timidity.

It is time that we tried to recapture the mood of a man and a people who would declare their intention of aiming at nothing less than being perfect in love. They were not saying that they expected to become sinless or perfect in judgment. But they were willing to be content with nothing less

than giving themselves completely and unreservedly to the service of Jesus Christ.

If, in this compromising, vacillating, mediocrity-ridden world, the Methodists should proclaim again that they were committed to being made perfect in love, in the midst of all the bad news which reaches us daily, this would be the Good News indeed.



The Witness Chair

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

The trial of Jesus did not end when Pilate gave sentence. It went on after the crucifixion. In fact, the most crucial part of the proceedings was after Calvary.

Jesus of Nazareth was the incarnation of the Eternal Christ and what happened to Christ's earthly body was of less concern to Him than what happens to the body of his teachings and to the Church which is the body of Christ.

The courtroom of the living Christ is eternally open. His trial is in progress wherever his principles are being challenged. In fact the trial of Christ was never at such a peak of intensity or on such a global scale as now.

If we were to envisage our contemporary world as the courtroom of Christ's trial, we could say that the spectators' gallery is quite full. The issue between Christ and communism is discussed everywhere. The church has become big business and its activities, its organization, its quarrels, its efforts at unity make news.

The counsel table is not as well filled as it should be. The Christian Church is tragically lacking in clergy qualified to plead the cause of Christ. But with all our need of good professional advocates, the most pressing demand today in the trial of Christ is for witnesses to give evidence. There are so many more persons able to argue for Christianity than there are persons able and willing to tell of what it is doing for them. And remember, an ounce of honest testimony is worth a ton of argument.

Today, as yesterday, religious groups grow whenever and wherever their members tell of their personal evidences and share their experiences. This may be seen in the Christian Science movement, which has spread with great speed not so much because of what a certain woman said 85 years ago, but because of what certain men and women have been saying in the decades since.

The early Christian Church began as a lay movement, each person telling what Christ had done for him. But now the conventional church program has so often deteriorated into a sort of professional propaganda financed by silent spectators. Professionals are engaged to present the sermons, read the scriptures, provide the music, recruit the members, while the laity merely sit back and pay the bills—and some just sit back.

A present crucial need in the trial of Christ is for more to move from the spectators' gallery to the witness chair, for more testimony and less argument, for more news of what Christ is doing for us and less discussion of what hostile forces may do to us.

Christ calls for witnesses to report what he has done in their personal lives.

To be where Christ is without having

learned to like what he liked will not be heaven, but quite the opposite. The difference between heaven and hell is a matter of taste more than of temperature.

The church loses so many young people today because it fails to take them over from the lecture stage of religion to the laboratory stage. We teach them in classes and preach to them in the pew, but we so seldom set them to applying some principle of Christ in some concrete situation. When we do, religion comes alive.

After all the lives that Christ has changed through the centuries have you and I no testimony to give from the witness chair? If not, what is lacking—commitment of will, conversion of taste, effort to apply Christ's principles in action, or losing ourselves in wonder, love and worship? Here, as I see it, are the most needed and neglected notes in personal religion today.

If we look deeply enough we can be witnesses to the new life in the Spirit discoverable in the world around us. An astronaut's view of our globe could easily lead us to pessimism. Nuclear bombs ready to reduce our nations to dust, a cold war between communism and freedom threatening to burst into uncontrollable flames, and restless peoples rising in unpredictable revolution.

With all the perils involved, there is the stirring of the Holy Spirit evident in the world. Instead of dolefully discussing what the world is coming to, we should correct our perspective by considering what is coming to the world.

Consider the new evidences of unity. It is a deeper unity than mutual commercial or military interest, such as is manifest in NATO and SEATO. It is more than a spirit of unity generated by better acquaintance such as we hope to foster by summit conferences and cultural exchanges. It is a unity made of God and not of men. It is more than a cultivated congeniality. It is an awareness of the fact that whether we are white or black, western or oriental, Russian or American, we are all of the same blood, children of the same family of God, objects of the same divine love.

Dark and divided as the world is, we can witness to this fact of a growing unity in the church.

When historians speak of the trial of Jesus they refer to the court proceedings before Pilate. But the centuries have shown that the hearing held there was the trial of Pilate before Christ rather than of Christ before Pilate. Likewise today, it is the world and not Christ that is on trial. He has been vindicated. The day of victory will come.



Youth in the Church

DR. HURST ANDERSON

President, American University

The character and the quality of the church's work with youth determine the vitality of the church in the generation ahead.

There is an inevitable repationship between the total cultural temper and the mood of youth, the economic pressure in our contemporary life and the frustration of youth, the crisis in family life and the

loneliness of youth, the uncertain world situation and the confusion of youth, the concentration of our rapidly growing world population in major cities and concurrent delinquency of youth, the secularization of certain areas of our common life and the break in moral standards of youth.

We cooperate with God in the rearing of our young

(1) by providing them with appropriate information about the world in which they must live,

(2) by assisting them in the development of skills with which to work and play,

(3) by encouraging the acquisition of new and rewarding interests,

(4) by stimulating their appreciative responses to new areas of human experience,

(5) by counseling and guiding the development of Christian attitudes, beliefs and commitments,

(6) by setting the example and the standards for Christlike behavior.

Some of these are peculiarly the responsibility of the school; others of the home; 5 and 6 are the special responsibility of the home and the church.

What can we do to improve our programs for youth in our churches?

First, we should seek financial aid from foundations and other sources to launch a major research project in that phase of human growth dealing with human motivation, the development of attitudes and beliefs, the psychology of commitment. We simply do not know enough about how to effect the desired changes in the behavior of the human organism.

We should find the answers to such questions as: What are the origins of belief? What factors in education produce changes in belief? What practices of our churches and church leaders bring about the desired commitments? Which programs of our church schools are effective, less effective, ineffective? The answers to these questions are fundamental.

Second, the problem of religious education should be given a more important place in the education of our ministers, not just those few who specialize in this area.

Third, we must seek to increase the number of young men and women who will be willing to make this specialty a lifelong pursuit.

Fourth, we must increase our local budgets for religious education on the assumption that this is one of the fundamental efforts of the church.

Fifth, adequate facilities must be provided, including a library of books and visual and auditory aids as well as modern classrooms and offices. If the job is to be done it must be done as well as it is done in other areas of education.

Finally, the program for youth must be the central concern of every local church, every district superintendent, every bishop.

I know of no period in which we have recently lived with greater potential for development along these lines than the present. Youth is restless, always so, perhaps, but peculiarly so now. Youth is searching for answers as youth has never searched before. Youth is confused, more so than in many of the generations immediately passed. Youth is responsive, more so than many suspect. Youth feels lost in a world

which is growing increasingly complex. Youth wants a cause in which it can invest. The opportunity of the church today is more real than it has been for a long time.



Methodism in Central Africa

BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH
Elizabethville, Belgian Congo

Since the last meeting of the Methodist World Council not only has the face of Africa changed, but every aspect of the inner life of Africans has developed. With it all there is a new Methodism.

Methodism has had its part in the exploding populations of the urban and industrial centers. It has experienced revivals in awakening rural areas. It has deepened its life in the growing independent maturity and serious responsibilities of African peoples. As every African agency, it has felt the strain and stress of inter-personal and interracial tensions. . .

No single description can present the diversity across the 3,000 miles of Central Africa. . . I want to open briefly several windows of insight. . .

Hardships—Due to raiding of irresponsible soldiers and their overpowering of local authority, the thousand congregations in the Central Congo have been deprived of their missionary helpers. Some of their ministers have been beaten and imprisoned. Plants have been sacked, funds cut off. Yet the church continues to worship, to teach, to gather and to plan for the future. . . There is a constant rise in the support of the church as Christian stewardship is more truly accepted.

Cooperation—The immensity of the problem pointed up by troubles have called attention to the dangers of divisions. . . In all the difficulties of present day Africa we have learned that we must stay together as Christians. . .

Education—There has been a tremendous expansion in the educational work of The Methodist Church all across this section of the continent. New secondary schools and teacher training colleges . . . multiplication of full primary schools . . . general strengthening of the level of education. . . The people are faced with overwhelming tasks beyond the attainments of their regular academic training. . . There is increasing attention to getting people prepared for outstanding positions of leadership by the provisions of scholarships for studies overseas. . .

Maturity—Visitors to the various conferences and meetings in Africa have been struck by the way in which the African people have grown in the expression of ability in leadership in the church. . . The maturity that has been expressed in the face of overwhelming problems has revealed itself all along the line from the helpful stewardship of local community leaders to national figures.

Mission—An interesting expression of leadership is shown in the sense of mission on the part of the church. The Africa Central Conference has established its Board of World Missions.

New techniques—The use of time on the radio and production of programs for that use has developed along with the growing

availability of radio receivers in the homes of the people. Also radio hookups between the stations of more isolated areas have saved time and made more intimate the relationships of one section to another. . . The use of pictures, films and other means of audio-visual communications could help us to match the challenge of present needs with the modern method. . . For the multiplication of contracts, for the meeting of medical emergencies, for the closer knitting together of separated sections, an airplane was secured . . . in the Central Congo.

We find people of the spirit that no matter what comes—and much is going to come in the years immediately ahead of us in each one of the sections of the life of The Methodist Church here in Central Africa—they will not let these things destroy the life and work of the church, but rather will let them bind the Christians into one to face the future together.



The Universal Gospel

By DR. HARRY DENMAN

The Christian gospel is universal because it is concerned about all persons and identifies itself with them. . . Legalism sees caste, but the gospel of universal redemptive love sees a person created in the image of God, and redeemed by redemptive love on a cross. Jesus Christ is a Savior for all persons, or he is not a Savior for any. . .

It is estimated that the world population will be five billion by 1990. What a challenge this is to the Christian gospel! Jesus is most attractive to children. Today we must give our major attention to the youth and the children. By 1970, half of the population in some parts of the world will be under 21 years of age. . .

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not for the few but for the masses. There must be an Oxford Club for depth, but there must be an evangelistic movement to the miners and the have-nots if a revolution is to be avoided. . .

The gospel of Jesus Christ must never be identified with any ism or movement. Today there are certain sincere laymen who believe God has called them to save the church from the influence of atheistic communism. On the other hand, they are willing for the church to be influenced by men who engage in godless capitalism. . .

It is estimated that 100,000 babies will be born today. If they live to be 70 years old, more than half of them will be hungry all the days of their lives. Today men and women are hungry for bread. They are lonely. They are unwanted. They are sick in body, heart, mind and soul. They are neglected. We who believe in the gospel of Christ must have Christ's social passion for all persons. We believe in individual and social redemption. . . The children and people of China starve for food, while in some countries food is stored because of surpluses. People in a Christian nation may not agree with the political philosophy of another nation, but can it be called a Christian nation when they will not share a surplus of food with those who are without food? . . . Which is Christian—the spending of billions of dollars to go to the moon,

or sharing of dollars with our Father's children who are sick and hungry?

The gospel of Christ is universal because it is the grace of God for all the needs of man. . . Sometimes man cannot find forgiveness at the hands of friends, family, society or the church, but always when he comes to Christ in penitence, he finds forgiving grace. . .

Redeeming grace in the flesh of a man at the steering wheel of an automobile will help him drive safely and carefully, not to save his own life but to save the lives of his neighbors and brothers. . .

A church that witnesses only to those who come to its sanctuaries will soon be a museum or mausoleum. The church that believes in the gospel of Christ will go to the community in which the church is located as well as send its sons and daughters to witness to others who are far removed from its community. . .

All persons are witnesses. There are two kinds of witnesses. Those who are for and those who are against. . . The believers in Christ will be full of redeeming grace and they will live so attractively that others will be attracted to Christ. . . Our witnessing will bring persons to Christ or send them away. . .

In 1963, when we commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Aldergate experience of John Wesley, I hope every Methodist will have a heart-warming experience. During 1963, we should, as Methodists, take this universal gospel to all persons where we find them—the pubs, the cinemas, the drive-in theaters, the parks, the seashores, vacation resorts, prisons, industrial plants, the remote places, the inner city, and suburbia. . .

If we believe that this gospel is universal, we will make it universal by taking it to all persons. I hope that Methodism in 1963 will major in: depth evangelism, mass evangelism, knocking on the door of every home, pulpit and classroom evangelism for the church members until the church becomes a force instead of a field for evangelism, pew evangelism—every member of the priesthood of believers witnessing, social evangelism . . . audio-visual evangelism. . . We have more means of communication than Peter had, but he had something to give. . .

The Methodist Church is accused of being an activist movement. Thank God it is. I desire that it be more active in communicating the gospel. . .

The gospel of Christ is universal because it has the truth for all problems and the spiritual power to solve them.

War and Brotherhood. . . The universal gospel is a gospel of love for all persons. . . The love of God is redemptive love and gives itself.

Integration and segregation . . . we think of color, but I am interested both in color and class segregation. Is a church Christian if a person is unwanted because of class, color or caste? I pray that there will be a day when there will be a world Methodist Church which will be catholic and universal in its evangelism and that nations and nationalism will be forgotten when we think of The Methodist Church.

Democracy and dictatorship. . . The universal gospel puts the importance on the individual, teaches that a man is valu-

able because God loves him. . . . Dictatorships take from a man his freedom, his liberty. Democracy gives him his freedom, his liberty. . . .

Methodism believes in the universality of the gospel, and always has been at its best during pioneer and frontier days. The world population explosion gives us a world evangelistic movement, not a dead sect, if we leave Oslo determined to give our time, talents and wealth to the proclamation and the communicating of the redeeming gospel of Christ.



The Role of the Laity in the Life And Mission of the Church

DR. ROBERT G. MAYFIELD

General Secretary of Lay Activities

The idea of the priesthood of all believers emerged as a basic concept of the laymen and their mission in the first century church. One of the images we have of the church is that of "the people of God." The theology of the laity is applicable to this church image. The Greek word for people is *laos*. Our word "laity" is derived from *laos*. Hence the word "laity," when properly understood in its New Testament context, refers to the whole church. Its clergy and "laity" are included in one concept.

The apostles and their successors preached the gospel about the person of Jesus Christ as they knew Him and as He is portrayed in the Acts of the Apostles and the writings of Paul. The clergy of that day gave strong leadership to the faithful, but could not speak with a united voice to the pagan culture. The newly converted pagan gladly gave a testimony of how God had worked in him, and through him, since he had surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. Dynamic gospel preaching and effective lay witnessing was the pattern followed by the early church during the first three hundred years of its history.

By the beginning of the fourth century a change began to take place in the church. With the conversion of Emperor Constantine and the Christianization of his office, the Christian faith became a favored religion. It became a popular instead of dangerous to belong to the church. During the next three centuries theological issues seemed to be the major preoccupation of the church. The role of the clergy was gradually accentuated until, in the 14th and 15th centuries, the laity and the clergy are even referred to as two separate bodies.

The reformation brought a change inasmuch as it proclaimed the biblical and early church doctrine of the priesthood of all believers. It emphasized that every member of the church, as such, possessed all spiritual authority and that, therefore, there was no valid ground for the existence of an especially consecrated clergy.

We find that the Wesleyan revival in England, and the growth of Methodism in America, made great use of the laity. The lay preacher or evangelist used by Wesley, particularly in America, preached the gospel and organized societies across the country as the frontier moved westward. Methodism on both sides of the Atlantic will be eternally indebted to the lay preachers and evangelists as well as many other laymen

what gave of themselves without reservation during the early years of Methodism.

In the twentieth century, there has been a substantial increase in the interest among the leaders of the churches concerning the role of the layman in the life and mission of the church. This has been particularly true since the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. Following the Evanston Assembly in 1956 a Department of the Laity was established in the World Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. This department has made an intensive study and has conducted many consultations on the "Ministry of the Laity" in the church of today.

In recent years many articles and books have criticized the church of today as being introvert and engaging in activities and functions for the purpose of perpetuating its own organizational structure. They are quite critical of the organizational structure having been corroded with bureaucracy which attempts to perpetuate itself through successive generations. I would be the last person to deny these charges as existing in some instances, nevertheless, the indictment cannot be made as a blanket charge against the whole church. We need to lead our members to a new appreciation of what it means to be a part of the people of God, called to be a royal priesthood and sent into the world to proclaim the good news. They must be brought to understand that the basic and primary mission of the church is not to exist for itself, but to exist as a servant in the world.

In daily life and work, the laity are not mere fragments of the church scattered about the world who come together for worship instruction and Christian fellowship on Sunday. They are the church's representatives wherever they are found. It is the laity which draws together work and worship. It is they who bridge the gulf between the church and the world. This gulf between the church and the life of the world can be bridged only by those who have a Christian view of their vocation. The time has come to make the ministry of the laity explicit, visible and active in the world. The real battles of faith today are being fought in factories, shops, offices and farms, in political parties and government agencies, in countless homes, in the press, radio and television, in the relationship of nations. Very often it is said that the church should move into these spheres, but the fact is that the church is already in these spheres in the persons of its "laity."



Florida Methodist Has New Editor

Lakeland, Fla.—Jack Detweiler, active Methodist layman and experienced newsman, has been named editor of the *Florida Methodist*, semi-monthly news-magazine, of the Florida Annual Conference.

His appointment was announced by Harris Sims, editor of the *Lakeland Ledger* and chairman of the conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.



Non-church goers wouldn't feel at home in heaven.

Methodist Men of Midway Organize Choir

The Methodist Men's Fellowship of Midway Methodist Church, Thomasville District, has organized a Men's Choir. This singing group appeared publicly for the first time on Sunday, August 13, at the morning worship service. The men led the entire program of music at the morning worship and sang two special selections. These special selections were "Open My Eyes That I May See" and "More Love to Thee."

In addition to this, the group has promoted the installation of two vapor lights on the church property. These lights are now in use.

Clarence Wilson, Jr. of the Midway Club was a delegate to the National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University in July.

The Midway Club is one of several that meet on Sunday mornings for their regular monthly meetings.

Conference On Christian Education Set for November

Nashville, Tenn.—The fourteenth national Methodist Conference on Christian Education will be held November 1-6 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

About 1200 Methodist educational leaders from across the nation will attend the biennial meeting. During the sessions, educational theory, philosophy, methods, and trends will be discussed.

The conference theme is "The Transforming Gospel and the Teaching Church." One of the conference features will be two addresses on the theme by Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, professor of systematic theology at Boston University School of Theology.

Dr. A. Merritt Dietterich of Baltimore, president of the conference and executive secretary of the Board of Education of Methodism's Baltimore Annual Conference, will preside at the general sessions.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "The way of the transgressor is hard." Proverbs 13:15

Said the new pastor to the little boy drawing pictures on the sidewalk, "What a fine little artist and what are you drawing?" Said the boy, "I was trying to draw the picture of our new pastor but I decided to put a tail on him and make him a monkey."

So people draw funny conclusions about preachers and religion. One is that religion is too costly. Serving the devil costs more. I knew one man that lost \$1400 in one gambling game and the church cost him just \$50 a year. A drag race on the highway can cost more than the whole church budget. Said the poet, "They took the turn, the car was whizzing; The fault was her'n, the funeral his'n."



The best compliment you pay the sermon is to bring a friend to hear the next one.



Woman's Activities



N. C. Conference Women Hold Retreat at Duke

By MARY GARDNER

"We are here to come to God; to wait for Him; to seek His purpose together. As we seek and find Him the seeking and finding will go on and on. There is ever rejoicing in the process of seeking and finding again and again."

The impact of this declaration of purpose by Miss Mary Finch at the opening session of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Fifteenth Annual Spiritual Life Retreat was felt by the more than 150 Retreatants throughout the two-day sessions at Duke University, Aug. 5-6.

Miss Finch, a former missionary to Japan, was the leader for the Retreat, with Mrs. J. E. Sponenburg, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, presiding.

The several definitions of a Retreat, given by Miss Finch, served as the general theme for the four sessions. Among these were "A time for deepening of Christian experiences; a time for rededication of self; a time to share in Christian fellowship; and a time to feed on His Word." Also, "A time for retreating to reality; a time for trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." The topics developed under the general theme were "The Way;" "The Techniques (or methods) Along the Way;" "Dedication" and "Hopeful Results of Having Sought and Found the Way."

"We need a sort of orientation in our seeking for God," Miss Finch declared. "We think of a quest for conscience, a surging purpose or a craving for knowledge of The Way. . . . We, like Thomas, so often say, 'Show us the Way,' but again like Thomas, we keep seeking and finding. We become acquainted with God more and more as we want to become acquainted with Him more and more. It makes all the difference in the world if we really believe that we want to find The Way. Let us accept The Way as we try to walk it and live it out in our life."

Second Session

Speaking on "The Techniques Along The Way," Miss Finch posed the question: "What do my possessions and my love for them do to me and what can I do to control them?" She named as three techniques prayer, psychotherapy, and fellowship. "Prayer is disciplined opening of one's will to God; an opening of one's self to God; a pulling off the outside layer to get one's self; an act of complete approval to God. . . . People who are most disturbed are the people who have lost The Way and to bring them back they must find God. . . . Many people have found fellowship as a

way to find The Way; sometimes in prayer groups, prayer cells, reading spiritual books and other spiritual materials, etc."

Third Session

At the Sunday morning session the Retreat leader cited some factors which one might expect in the way of dedication as a result of seeking and finding. These are an inner renewal; an outward creativity as expressed by the freedom that has come through the seeking and finding; a richness of living that will lift life around a greater worthiness of one's witness to the faith which one has, and an influence of the good.

"Sometimes we are so busy with the action that we do not take time for the renewal—we are so busy doing that we do not take time for being," Miss Finch asserted. "If we take the higher way we can expect these results. We should be so renewed spiritually that whatever happens we shall have the courage that God gives to those who need it most."

Fourth Session

The enriching spiritual experiences of the Retreatants were climaxed on Sunday afternoon in the sharing period termed "Conversational Groups."

Dividing into groups according to the nine districts in the conference, the women were led by the respective district secretaries of Spiritual Life or their representatives. These included Burlington, Mrs. Harold Mann; Durham, Miss Fannie Turner; Elizabeth City, Mrs. D. L. Latham; Fayetteville, Mrs. F. J. Duplissey; Goldsboro, Mrs. Lemuel Dawson; New Bern, Mrs. N. J. Raynor; Raleigh, Mrs. J. C. Burwell; Rocky Mount, Mrs. E. H. Measamer; and Wilmington, Miss Mary Nichols.

New District WSG Secretaries Announced

Miss Juanita Stott, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, has announced the election of four new district WSG secretaries. They are, Miss Sarah Godfrey, Sanford, Burlington District (acting); Miss Edna Crews, Oxford, Durham District; Miss Jessie Ferguson, Raeford, Fayetteville District; and Mrs. Lena Gray, Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount District. Holdover district secretaries are Mrs. Ernest Harding, Washington, N. C., Elizabeth City District; Miss Elizabeth Young, Smithfield, Goldsboro District; Mrs. R. L. Pugh, New Bern, New Bern District; Mrs. W. T. Cline, Raleigh, Raleigh District; and Miss Carol Sledge, Whiteville, Wilmington District.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Waynesville District News

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Waynesville District always has a fine record in mission study. During the past year 1,361 women attended mission study classes presented in the district. There were 126 studies in all, and of this number sixty-one classes received jurisdictional recognition.

Mrs. W. R. Harrill, president, in making a report, stated, "As we come to give an account of our stewardship, we realize that profits in the Woman's Society of Christian Service are intangible things and can only be measured by quality and amount of devotion, dedication and inspiration in individuals. But certain areas have ways and means of checking and making progress."

In thirty societies, "the study of *Basic Christian Beliefs* brought to light individual beliefs and rededication to Christ and His work."

Miss Jennie Ball of Brooks-Howell Home

Miss Jennie Ball of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville is officially a "retired" missionary, but she stays as busy as can be teaching mission study classes and making talks at societies that one should say "renewed" in zeal.

Miss Ball taught or assisted in teaching 60 classes during the past year. She attended the School of Missions of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Lake Junaluska in 1960 and also the Conference School of Missions at Pfeiffer College.

Then she put all of this knowledge into practice in teaching her classes. She has spoken in many districts within the conference and is invited back again and again to bring a message on other subjects.

She has made many attractive posters to go with her topics of study and has a fine collection of color slides suitable for use with each of the studies. Many groups make a gift to her when she teaches a mission study class—and Miss Ball always uses the money to buy additional films or books to go with her library for teaching the value of missions.

She was for 28 years a teacher at a mission school in India. When the time came to go home for retirement, she transferred her missionary zeal to the women who are the mainstay of the financial backing of any mission program.

Wesleyan Service Guild

The members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference gave more than \$40,000 to missions during the past year, reported Mrs. M. H. White, Guild secretary.

At the communion service at their annual weekend at Lake Junaluska, the Guilders gave a love offering of \$2,326. During the pledge service they made pledges of \$37,850 for the coming year.

Mrs. White said, "As we begin a new year in Guild work, we must keep that *Faith That Compels Us* and let it carry over into the entire work of the Guild. This year we must Grow—we must grow

in faith, in service and in our love for all people.

"We must invite and welcome many new people into our fellowship—remembering that by the beginning of the fall we want 5,000 Guilders in our Conference."

Charlotte District Has New Secretary

Mrs. D. M. Willis of Charlotte was welcomed into the district's executive committee as secretary of Children's Work at a meeting of the committee held in July at St. James Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lyle Beman, district president, reported on a training session for local presidents held at Dilworth Church in June. 150 local presidents were in the class.

The officers set the date of September 26th for the district's educational seminar to be held at Myers Park Methodist Church. A special plan to reach more women was made, classes will be held in the morning, each study will be allotted 45 minutes, and again in the evening the same type of program will be presented.

Each district officer summarized her activities during the preceding quarter. Each one also made a report of her part in the annual officer training day.

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'Steeple Echoes'

By T. R. JENKINS

The astronomers have shown us a universe so immense that we feel lost in it. And so we tend to think God is lost too. And the mighty torrent of history, sweeping human beings and civilizations along, and all the upheaval of our time have shaken our faith because, quite simply, we have believed in a God too much like ourselves. A LITTLE GOD. We feel overwhelmed and we think God must be overwhelmed too. *We must not confuse the great God with frail and mortal man.*

The prophets of doom who are so blatant in their pronouncements today are prophets who have lost their faith. Being obsessed with the rapid-fire happenings in our generation, they have come to feel that man is the master of events; and, have lost intimate touch with Him of whom it was said, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Dr. John A. Redhead, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C., tells of something which he read several years ago. A mother was writing about her daughter's feeling concerning tunnels. When she was a little girl she was terrified by them. As the two traveled on a train, the child would cling to her mother the moment the train entered a tunnel and would raise her head only when assured they were out of it. A few years later, however, her feelings changed entirely. So then, when they drove along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, as they frequently did, the child would become pleasantly excited as they approached one of them; and one day the child exclaimed: "Mother, I like tunnels, because they have light at both ends."

That would be, too, the faith of the man of God! We believe in a God who, before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world had been formed, WAS GOD.

Ground Broken for New Fellowship Building at Cedar Grove Church



On Sunday, August 6, after delivering the sermon at 11:00 a.m. and holding the First Quarterly Conference, Dr. C. D. Barclift, superintendent of the Durham District, led members of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Chatham County, in groundbreaking exercises for a new Fellowship Building. In the above picture, Dr. Barclift is at the left and the Rev. Ernest R. Porter, pastor, on the right as they prepare to turn the first spadeful of earth.

Members of the building committee and congregation are shown in the background.

The building will be a brick veneer structure, including a fellowship hall, kitchen, rest room, and storage space. The architectural design will be complementary to the existing sanctuary and classrooms. The building committee is composed of Albert Sparrow, Clyde Crabtree, Grady Snipes, Walter Atwater, Ward Snipes, Robert Morgan, and Mrs. Grady Snipes.

Retreat-Conference For Chaplains September 4-8

A joint retreat-conference for Methodist chaplains and armed forces personnel in Europe will be held at Berchtesgaden, Germany, September 4-8.

This announcement was made July 19 by the general secretaries of the sponsoring groups—Dr. John R. McLaughlin of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago.

Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco, chairman of the Commission on Chaplains, will be the principal speaker at the general services.

Retreats for Methodist chaplains in Europe have been held in previous years, but this is the first time a conference has been conducted for Methodist laymen who are serving in the armed forces in Europe.

In addition to Bishop Tippet and the two general secretaries, program participants at the meeting will include Dr. Leon M. Adkins of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church; Dr. Edwin A. Briggs, Chicago, executive secretary of the Section on Stewardship and Finance of the Board of Lay Activities; and Dr. Arthur West of Chicago, associate secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

Chaplains who will be speaking at the conference or sharing in the program are:

Chaplain George H. Birney, retreat master of the Berchtesgaden Religious Retreat House and a member of the New York Conference; Chaplain Merlin W. McGladrey of the Air Force Base at Ramstein, Germany (member of Minnesota Conference).

The retreat-conference will include worship services, discussion groups, fellowship hours and opportunities for meditation and personal consultations.

Discussion groups for the laymen will cover such topics as the Christian faith and national interest, what Methodists believe, Christian stewardship, recruiting persons for volunteer Christian service, and communicating the Gospel.

Carthage Church Given Pipe Organ

A new pipe organ has been presented to the Carthage Methodist Church by Colin G. Spencer, Sr., in honor of his wife, Mrs. Lena Fowler Spencer. Installation of the organ has already begun, and will be completed by August 27. The instrument was manufactured by the Shantz Organ Builders or Orrville, Ohio, a job which required two years from the planning stage to completion. Mr. Spencer was for many years chairman of the board of trustees of the Carthage Church, while Mrs. Spencer is chairman of the Commission on Missions, a position she has held for a number of years. Dedication of this fine organ will take place in the early fall.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens"

By ALICE M. BRAWAND

Martha ran all the way home from school. Quietly she ran upstairs, where her mother lay sick in bed.

All out of breath, she said, "Mother, what would you like me to do for you? I love you so much, and want to help you while you're sick."

Tears came to Mother's eyes as she reached over to pat her dear girl on the head. "I was hoping you would go to the store for me. We need things for supper tonight. Here is the list, and the money in this envelope."

Martha cheerfully did all Mother's shopping, and had a big bag of groceries to carry home. When she reached home she washed the dishes that were in the kitchen sink. Then, without saying a word to anyone, she got supper. She had often helped Mother get meals, so she knew how to do things.

About 5:30 that afternoon a proud little girl marched up the stairs, carrying Mother's supper on a tray.

"Mother, shut your eyes. And please don't peek!" she said excitedly.

"All right, I won't peek," replied Mother.

Quietly Martha turned on the light. Then she spread a napkin on the bed by Mother, and placed the tray on the napkin.

"Martha, what are you doing?" asked Mother, with her eyes still closed.

"Now you may open your eyes and see," said Martha.

"Oh, look here! What a surprise! It looks so good, and I know I can eat every bit of it. And to think that you did it all by yourself! Now I know you love me, because you show your love," said Mother gratefully.

"Mother, our memory verse for this week is, 'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' I think this means to help others in every way we can, doesn't it?"

"Yes, dear," replied her mother. "Every day we can do something for other people to lessen the burdens and to make them lighter. This is the way we show that Jesus lives in our hearts. I'm sure you will never forget that verse, Martha, for you have learned to live it."

—From My Pleasure

WHEN DADDY PRAYS

When Daddy prays he doesn't use
The words the preacher does;
There's different things for different days,
But mostly it's for us.

When Daddy prays the house is still,
His voice is low and deep;
We shut our eyes, the clock ticks loud,
So quiet we must keep.

He prays that we may be good boys,
And later on, good men;
And then we squirm, and think we won't
Have any quarrels again.

You'd never think, to look at Dad,
He once had tempers, too;
I guess if Daddy needs to pray,
We youngsters surely do.

Sometimes the prayers get very long
And hard to understand;
And then I wiggle up quite close
And let him hold my hand.

I can't remember all of it—
I'm little yet, you see;
But one thing sure I can't forget—
My daddy prays for me!
—First Methodist Messenger, Atlanta

IN HIS MOCCASINS

In the western part of North Carolina, near the Cherokee Indian Reservation, there is a sign which reads, "Indian not speak bad of other Indian until he stand in other Indian's moccasins for one moon."

Indian wise man! How often we speak hastily and unkindly about another boy or girl before we really know anything about them or about the conditions that might have made them like they are. Often we need to be "in the other fellow's shoes"—to have some of the experiences he has had—in order to understand him; and then we would most likely be more kind toward him. We may never have occasion to "stand in his shoes," and therefore, according to the good Indian, we should not speak unkindly.

Take Joe next door, for instance. He comes to school grouchy in the morning, and is quick to pick a fight with the other boys. You didn't know, did you, that often Joe wakes up to the sound of quarreling in his family, and many mornings he gets a whipping and starts the day with unhappiness in his heart.

You will probably never stand in his shoes, and so—Indian would say, "Don't speak bad of him," but rather be his friend.

And what about Peg, the girl in your class who dresses poorly, makes rather poor grades, and who just doesn't seem to quite belong in the group? Did you know that Peg's mother is sick much of the time, and she has to do the house work and care for the younger children? They are poor folk, and with doctor bills to pay, there isn't money for nice clothes. And with so much extra responsibility, Peg can't do her school work as well as the others. Maybe you won't have to stand in her brave little shoes, but you will remember, won't you, that she, and others like her, need a friendly smile and a pat on the back.

Indian wise man, you know!

—By E. Whisner

A CHILD'S PRAYER

I'm very young, and don't know much,
But I'm learning every day
'Bout folks and birds, and figure sums,
And how to sing and play.

But Oh, I wonder about God—
I want to take His hand;
I want to know Him and His love.
Won't you help me understand?

—E.W.

Chuckles

After several hours of fishing, the little girl suddenly threw down her pole and said, "I quit!"

"What's the matter?" her father asked.
"Nothin'," said the child, "except that I can't seem to get waited on."

Alfred: Mama and Papa keep me worried all the time.

Billie: How come?

Alfred: Well, Mama won't let me stand on my head, and Papa fusses because I wear out my shoes so fast.

Bible Quiz

(Another "Who Said It" Game)

1. "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."
2. "I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it."
3. "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."
4. "Whomever I shall kiss, that same is he; hold him fast."
5. "Here am I, for thou didst call me."

Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Paul—Ephesians 6:10
2. Solomon—Ecclesiastes 12:8
3. Naomi—Ruth 1:20
4. Mary—Luke 1:38
5. The Prodigal Son—Luke 15:18

Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 3

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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TIMOTHY: DISCIPLINED FOR SERVICE

Background Scripture: Acts 16:1-5; 17:14-15; Philippians 2:19-23; I Timothy 1:15; II Timothy 1:1-8; 2:1-5,22.

Lesson Scripture: Acts 16:1-3; Philippians 2:19-23; II Timothy 2:1-5,22.

This lesson concerns Timothy, one of Paul's most trusted lieutenants. We come across his name repeatedly in Paul's letters. Indeed, he seems to have been a sort of field officer, going here and there inspecting various situations and reporting his findings to Paul.

It appears that Timothy was the son of a mixed marriage, his mother being a Jew and his father a Greek. In II Timothy 2:5 we read: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you." It may be that, with all his good qualities, Timothy had, in some way, disappointed Paul. We do not know this for sure, but in the passage immediately following the one quoted above Timothy is urged to "rekindle" the gift of God within him, and is reminded that God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-control." He is then urged to "take his share of suffering for the gospel." These exhortations may indicate some need of renewal and rededication on Timothy's part.

In the selection from Philippians Paul informs the church there that he is sending Timothy to them in order to get news of their progress. He then adds: "I have no one like him, who will be genuinely anxious for your welfare." That is a high compliment for a youthful leader to receive. From the verses immediately following Paul seems to have been disappointed in some of his workers and was, therefore, doubly appreciative of Timothy's loyalty. About these other people he remarked: "They all look after their interests, not those of Jesus Christ." When one sacrifices for a cause and that cause becomes the dominant interest of his life it hurts to have to face the fact that others are totally indifferent, if not hostile, to that cause. How many ministers go about with a heavy heart because so many of their people do not share their concern about the great demands and opportunities of the Kingdom!

There is a true story about a man who telephoned a college where Christian workers were being trained. He inquired of the president whether any workers were available. When the president replied that they had all been placed in positions the inquirer became critical of the college for not graduating more workers. But it so happened that the president knew the history of the church where this inquirer was a member. He knew that in its long history it had never contributed a minister, a missionary, nor any other kind of church worker

to the professional ranks of the church at large. And yet during all these years it has depended on others for its leaders!

The author of II Timothy believed in a teaching ministry. He wanted the pastors to be active in teaching and training future leaders. Says he: "What you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2). Such a task is not easy. It will involve hard work and suffering. But one is to expect this. Just as a soldier needs the qualities of endurance and obedience, so the Christian leader must accustom himself to demanding tasks. The other illustrations given in the Scripture selections is from the world of sports. The athlete must train, and play the game according to the rules if he is not to be disqualified. Every Christian worker must be prepared for rebuffs and disappointments. This is part of the job. But he works in faith, knowing "that his labor is not in vain in the Lord."

This is the temperance lesson for this quarter. Much of what is said above concerning discipline can easily be applied to the field of temperance. We need temperance in various areas of our life, but the greatest threat to individuals and to society is indulgence in alcoholic beverages. As Bishop Palmer suggests (see Wesley Quarterly, p. 51): "According to one report approximately one of every nine casual social drinkers becomes a problem drinker. It is estimated that the rate will increase to one in five in the next ten to fifteen years. No alcoholic or addictive drinker ever planned on arriving at such a plight. Each began merely as an occasional drinker."

Leadership Banquet to Be Held at Grace, Greensboro

The Greater Greensboro Leadership Promotional Banquet will be held on Tuesday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grace Methodist Church in Greensboro. The purpose of this banquet is to promote the Greensboro Leadership School, to be held October 1-5, at West Market Methodist Church (with some of the morning laboratory classes being held at Grace and Christ Methodist Churches). Twenty courses, ten laboratory and ten general, will be offered in this year's school. Approximately 50 Methodist churches in the Greater Greensboro area are participants in the school. Each participating church is invited to have four representatives (plus pastor or pastors and leadership school committee members in the local church) at the Promotional Banquet.

Banquet chairman, Rev. Howard Coleman, announces that a very interesting program with the theme "Climb the Highest Mountain," has been planned. Rev. Julian Lindsay, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lexington, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Carl Clarke, coach and teacher at Kernersville High School, will present a period of entertainment. Rev. J. C. Grose, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Managers; Miss Pat Floyd, Dean of the Laboratory section; Mr. Kenneth Fansler, Dean of the General section; Dr. J. Clay Madison, District Superintendent, are also included in the program. The ladies of Grace Methodist Church will prepare the banquet.

Long Street MYF Has Successful Youth Week

The MYF from Long Street Methodist Church in East Spencer was host during Youth Activities Week to Main Street MYF, Salisbury, July 30 through August 4.

The week began on Sunday night with a picnic supper and Galilean Service at State's Farm. Just as the sun was going down, a large cross lighted with candles on the opposite side of the lake reflected in the water as a group in a boat came quietly across the water singing "Jubilate." When they reached the shore, a very impressive program was given.

All the remaining sessions during the week were held at the church. The average attendance was 35. The theme for the week was "Your Best Foot Forward," and each night Bob Crook, a layman from Long Street, led the discussion on the book "Choose Life."

On Tuesday night the group enjoyed making homemade ice cream on the church lawn.

On Wednesday night the emphasis was on missions. An "Around the World" Banquet was served, featuring foods from other lands, such as pizza, chow mein with noodles, pineapple salad, Spanish dishes, French bread, etc. Special guests for the evening were Mrs. Ruth Kesler, Spanish teacher at Boyden High School, who is originally from Puerto Rico, and Ober Garcia, a student at Catawba College whose home is Honduras. The group enjoyed learning about the two guests' native lands. A special offering of \$15.50 was taken to be sent to the MY Fund.

On Thursday night, a panel of two parents and two teenagers answered and discussed questions submitted by the group. Topics such as dating, problems with parents, school, going steady, etc., made very interesting discussions.

On Friday night the week ended with a Service of Dedication led by Rev. Fred Shinn from Long Street. The group was challenged with an inspiring message on "Your Outlook on Life," after which everyone knelt around the altar for the closing prayer of dedication.

Each night during the week there was a period for fellowship, singing, study, recreation and refreshments ending with worship in the sanctuary with members of each MYF in charge.

Greensboro District Lay Leaders And Speakers to Meet

Dr. J. Clay Madison, superintendent of the Greensboro District, announces that on Wednesday, August 30, there will be a meeting of the lay leaders and certified lay speakers of the District at West Market Street Church and at the Mayfair Cafeteria. The lay leaders, under the direction of Dr. Ben L. Smith, district lay leader, will meet at 5 o'clock in the Boren Room at West Market Street Church. At 6:30 the lay leaders and certified lay speakers will meet at the Mayfair Cafeteria for dinner, a program of instruction, and speaking assignments for this conference year. Ministers of the district are also invited to attend these meetings.

Youth Week on Union Grove-Zion Charge

The Union Grove-Zion Charge in the Statesville District held a charge-wide Youth Activities Week from August 6-10. Over fifty youth attended the three-hour program each evening. The junior high class studied "Basic Christian Beliefs," and the seniors studied "Vocational Opportunities and Needs." The senior group had a resource person each evening from the area of work being discussed. These included church-related vocations, education, and medicine. Each evening the youth began with an hour of volleyball and ended with a "special feature." These highlights included a film on Christian vocations, a campfire, a stunt night, and a Galilean service.

On Sunday night, the week began with a significant challenge. Three former officers of the WNC Conference MYF spoke to the local youth. Ted McCulloch, former conference president; Dickie Hargett, former chairman of the Program Area "Witness," and Doris Davis, former corresponding secretary for the conference MYF, all spoke on their vocational choice and its meaning.

As a result of the success from the week, two of the churches have merged their MYF groups for the weekly meetings. This will enable them to have a full program and both a Junior High and Senior High group.

Midway, Lexington, Youth Have Special Week

Midway Methodist Church of Lexington held its annual Youth Activities Week August 6-11. The theme for the week was "Are You Able?" The speakers for the week included Rev. Clifford Peace, Mrs. Sam B. Moss, Dr. McWhorter, Rev. Jack Caudill, and Rev. Sam B. Moss. The speakers talked with the group on sub-topics of the theme. The sub-topics ranged from the first, "Are you able to believe in God?" to the final session, "Are you able to follow through?"

Project period each night included sorting old Christmas cards that are to be sent overseas. Everyone joined in and made it very little work and much fun.

There were recreation and refreshments for the group to enjoy each evening which gave an added zest to the activities.

To climax the week of fun, fellowship and activity, the final night was concluded by the Communion service which was administered to the group by the minister, Rev. Samuel B. Moss.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

There is a passage in Alan Paton's novel, *Too Late the Phalarope*, which might stand as a text for the United States and Russia, and for all mankind, in the midst of the Berlin crisis and the threat of atomic disaster. Alan Paton says:

I have been to the great Falls in Rhodesia . . . on the great river, the Zambesi, in a boat. There are islands there, and quiet waters, and trees that hang down into them, and coloured birds calling and crying in the peace.

Then the great river quickens and shudders, and goes streaming away before you green and foaming; and the boat quickens and shudders, too, for you are drawing near to the great fall of smoke and thunder. And the captain turns the boat, so that it draws back from the brink, and you return to the islands and the safety of the peace.

And if we were to draw back from the brink and not go down to the great fall, then it was time to turn.

We do not, of course, want "the safety and the peace" at the price of cowardice and enslavement. Nor yet can we demonstrate valor and preserve freedom by plunging mankind into a nuclear holocaust.

It should be clear by now that mankind cannot survive in the atomic age without universal, general disarmament under the protection of a measure of world law and government. And yet the nations drive on downstream in the arms race.

We are at the edge of the abyss. And if we are to draw back from the brink and not go down to the great fall, then it is time to turn.

Sincerely yours,
DAVID ANDREWS

Boone, N. C.

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Open Letter to a Grandson

Dear Bruce:

How thrilled we were to receive the phone call from your daddy saying you arrived at 2 a.m. You must have come into the world under the cover of darkness because you were afraid to enter during daylight. And I am not surprised to learn the first thing you did on opening your eyes was to cry. These are fearful times when even strong men tremble.

You are not responsible for the unhappy conditions in the world, but I trust and pray you may be able to make some contribution toward making this a better and safer place to live.

Humanity's greatest need is for peacemakers; indeed our survival depends on peace and good will among men. Jesus pronounced a blessing upon peacemakers. And if there is peace in the world, it will not just happen. It will be made by men and women of good will. My fondest dream is that you may be one of them.

The peacemaker must begin by finding peace for his own heart and soul. This can be done by making peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no true happiness without peace in the home. It is here that you must live and love and give yourself to your family.

A community wrought by race or religious

prejudice, torn by political or class strife, or rent by friction between capital and labor suffers for the need of peacemakers. In such an atmosphere those who do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God are often misunderstood and hated. The way of victory may be the way of apparent defeat. It is not easy to turn the other cheek, go a second mile and give your cloak also, but this is the way of the Prince of Peace.

It may seem there is little or nothing one person can do to support peace among the floundering nations of the world. To aid the Christian missionary program is a big step in the right direction. Friendly person to person contact with people of other lands is helpful. One lesson I have learned is that people in distant countries always respond with good will when met face to face with a kind and pleasant spirit.

The time may come when you will cry for peace, but there will be no peace. It may be necessary for you to use force to protect our country just as it may be necessary for you to use force to protect your home from prowlers and robbers. Peace which is purchased at the price of liberty and freedom is not peace but slavery.

So, my dear boy, you will live a rewarding and worthwhile life if you work and pray for peace. For this cause I trust you have come into the world.

Love,

YOUR DEVOTED GRANDFATHER.

(The above letter was written by Bruce H. Price, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.)

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Revival Set at Piney Grove Methodist Church

HOMECOMING DAY will be held at Piney Grove Methodist Church, located on the Cid Road in Randolph County, on Sunday, August 27, 1961.

Morning services will be held at 11:00 by the pastor, the Reverend Archie L. Dishner. Everyone is asked to bring well-filled baskets, from which lunch will be served at noon. Following the lunch will be fellowship and singing and the recognition of former members and distinguished guests which will end at 5:00 p.m. Evening services will be held Monday through Friday, at 7:30.

All former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are cordially invited to join the congregation at any or all of the services.

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* BORN to Rev. and Mrs. James M. Armstrong, a son, Timothy Norris, August 12.

¶ DR. JACK MOORE, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, presided at First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, in the absence of Rev. Henry Ruark, Sunday, August 20.

* COLLIERS METHODIST CHURCH, Route 4, Lenoir, will conduct revival services Sept. 10-15 with Rev. T. C. McClean, pastor of the Rhodhiss and Ebenezer Methodist churches, as the guest preacher. The pastor, W. C. Cockman, requests the prayers of all our people for this revival.

¶ DR. JACK MOORE, Academic Dean of North Carolina Wesleyan College, attended the Southern States Faculty Conference at Lake Junaluska. The theme of the conference was "The Nature and Mission of the Church in This Revolutionary Age."

¶ A SERMON, "The Three Essentials," by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, is in the first issue of "The Twelve" magazine, published as a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Mission to People. Copies are being distributed to the pastors and lay workers in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

* ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, the children of Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Hager entertained at a reception in the Social Hall of the Broad St. Methodist Church, Mooresville, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of their father and mother. Rev. Mr. Hager is a retired minister of the W.N.C. Conference and resides at 137 N. Magnolia St., Mooresville. He has been a reader of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE all his life. His father subscribed to the ADVOCATE, and his home has never been without it.

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* IN THE ABSENCE of the pastor, J. Q. Galloway, Dean Jack Moore and the Rev. J. R. Hailey, both of North Carolina Wesleyan College, conducted the worship services on August 6 and 13, respectively, at the Battleboro Church. Haywood Edmondson, a ministerial student from First Church, Rocky Mount, preached at the McTyeire Church on Aug. 6 and 13.

¶ TWENTY HIGH POINT COLLEGE students are attending the Seventh National Methodist Student Movement Conference Aug. 26-31, being held on the campus of the University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill. Approximately 5,000 students, campus pastors and counselors, faculty and leaders are expected to attend the six-day meeting. The High Point College delegation is the largest single group from North Carolina to attend. The Tar Heel delegation totals 52 students from colleges across the state.

* SPEAKING at Memorial Church, Thomasville on Sunday, August 20, were Rev. and Mrs. Justin G. Haruyama, newly appointed missionaries to Japan. Mr. Haruyama is the son of a Japanese minister from California now serving in Japan, and Mrs. Haruyama is the former Miss Sara Hamilton of Troy, N. C. Memorial Church, already pledged to half of their support, hopes to be able to assume it all.

* ANNUAL HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Fair View Church, Mount Mourne, on Sunday, September 10, 1961, with Rev. Dwight Pyatt, pastor of Fair Grove Church, Thomasville, as guest minister for the eleven o'clock service. Mr. Pyatt is a former pastor of Fair View. All former pastors and friends are invited to be with us for this service. W. E. Ruffy is the pastor.

* PISGAH METHODIST CHURCH located in the Gastonia District and just south of Lincolnton, N. C., will have its annual homecoming observance on Sunday, Sept. 3, 1961. A former pastor, the Rev. Jack D. Harris, now pastor of the North Kannapolis Methodist Church, will be the speaker for the morning worship: As is the custom the congregation will remain after the worship and bring their picnic baskets of delicious food to be spread on the tables that will be placed on the grounds.

¶ BOULEVARD METHODIST CHURCH, Statesville, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on September 17, 1961. At the morning worship hour Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. J. Elwood Carroll will dedicate the educational building which was constructed in 1953. The Homecoming picnic will be held on the church grounds at 1:00 p.m., and the Fiftieth Anniversary homecoming service will be held at 2:00 p.m. All former pastors, district superintendents, and members are invited to the services of the day. The Rev. C. M. White, second pastor of the church, 1912-1917, will speak at the afternoon service.

¶ DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, preached at Gibson Memorial Methodist Church, Spring Hope, in the absence of Rev. E. H. Measamer, Sunday, August 20.

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Ramseur Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Jordan Memorial Methodist Church will observe its 75th Anniversary and dedicate its new educational building Sunday, September 3, 1961. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, head of the Charlotte Area of the Methodist Church, will bring the morning message and dedicate the educational building.

The church was organized as the Ramseur Methodist Church in 1886 by the Rev. Joseph C. Thomas. The present church building was erected under the leadership of the Rev. H. H. Jordan in 1896. In recognition of Mr. Jordan and his work, the church voted in 1954 to change the name to Jordan Memorial Methodist Church.

Dr. Henry Jordan and Senator Everette B. Jordan, sons of Mr. Jordan, were born in the parsonage at Ramseur.

In 1955, under the leadership of Rev. Ernest Page, the present educational building was erected. In December 1960 under the leadership of the present minister, Rev. Worth Sweet, the building was cleared of all debt.

In 1896 the present sanctuary was erected by Wesley Jones. Sunday, September 3, 1961, Mr. W. I. Jones, his son, will present the educational building to Bishop Harmon for dedication.

Dedication Service at Bethlehem Methodist Church

On September 17, (third Sunday) at 11:00 a.m. the new Educational Building at Bethlehem Methodist church, Salisbury District, will be dedicated. This building was completed late in the fall of 1960 and is an addition of brick exterior, providing space for Sunday school classes, meetings and young people's activities.

Bethlehem is a small but growing church located in Cabarrus County. In June 1961, Bethlehem joined with Gold Hill Methodist Church to form a two-point charge. Previously, Bethlehem was a member of the old four-point charge at Gold Hill.

The present pastor, Rev. M. E. Seehorn, credits the united efforts of the membership, the former pastors and the present district superintendent with the progress at Bethlehem. Results are being shown by a growth in membership and benevolences.

The present district superintendent, Dr. James C. Stokes, will deliver the address and conduct the dedication service.

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Multitudes of people keep plenty of food in their stomachs, but their souls are starving to death for spiritual food.

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When a church loses the spirit of prayer, praise and testimony, then you will behold empty altars and see no souls getting to God.

The Church Holds the Key to Their Future

A Guest Editorial

By C. W. ROBBINS

In a few days now, thousands of young people will be heading toward more than a half hundred colleges and universities located in North Carolina. The majority, or roughly 55 per cent, will enroll in state supported institutions; the balance, or about 45 per cent, will attend church-supported or private schools. Almost one out of five will be in a school related to The Methodist Church.

What about these church-supported colleges? What is their present and probable future role in the complex educational structure?

To begin with, it is safe to state that church-related colleges in North Carolina are currently doing a better and a more effective job than they have done in years. This does not mean they do not need to do better. Their very survival depends upon their continuing advance toward excellence.

Some of the visible signs of progress may be listed as follows:

A definite improvement of academic standards.

More emphasis upon faculty members who are not only academically qualified, but committed to the Christian way of life.

The widespread tendency by college administrations and faculty to re-examine the Christian aims and purposes of their institutions.

A search for new and better ways to strengthen the ties between college and church.

Improved and more modern physical facilities.

But if we think the Christian college is secure and that it will be swept into ever increasing greatness by the current enthusiasm for higher education we deceive ourselves. There are signs already that fill administrators in church colleges with apprehension.

Here are some of the reasons for their fears:

The steadily growing proportion of students seeking admission in state-supported colleges.

The skyrocketing costs of maintaining a high caliber college.

The steady draining off of sources of private support—once almost the exclusive province of Christian colleges—by tax-supported colleges and dozens of other benevolent and charitable causes.

The growing necessity of church and private colleges to raise tuition beyond the reach of many deserving young people, thereby forcing many Christian col-



leges either to price themselves out of existence or to serve largely the economically privileged.

The increasing tendency on the part of our generation to look to government for support of education.

It may be that our generation will allow itself to be taxed to educate our youth. Whether or not it is willing to contribute voluntarily in human and material resources to maintain our dual system of higher education is yet to be determined.

America needs both the private and the state-supported schools. They are not competitors, but partners, supporting and complementing each other in a cause big enough to demand the best of both. In this system lies our best hope for preserving our educational, cultural, spiritual and democratic ideals. The two, working side by side, are our guarantee of economic, social, political, and religious freedom.

The strengthening of Christian colleges is fundamental to our very existence as a Christian nation. And if they are to be preserved, the responsibility falls squarely upon Christian forces.

Therefore, as a beginning, the following suggestions may be of some value.

First, are suggestions to the colleges:

Strive for closer church-college relations.

Bring more church groups to the campus.

Keep before the college community the Christian aims and objectives of the institution.

Strive for academic excellence.

Operate on a sound fiscal policy.

Eliminate frills and non-essentials.

Make the fullest use of all facilities and equipment.

Undertake only those things which can be done well within the college's resources.

Cultivate individuals and foundations for financial support.

Then there are some suggestions to individual church members:

Get better acquainted with the colleges—visit the campuses; invite faculty and students to the local church for programs.

Encourage more able and dedicated youth to attend the denomination's colleges.

Support and encourage the local church to support the college sustaining fund and college capital funds campaigns.

Give and encourage others to give to scholarship funds and to specific needs.

Remember the colleges in wills.

Pray for the colleges and all associated with them.

The support of these institutions of the church is no longer simply the responsibility of the few. If they are to be preserved, the prayers, the good will and the loyal support of every person who believes in the application of the Gospel to all areas of life must be effectively mobilized.

There are encouraging signs that the church is beginning to mobilize its forces for the herculean task ahead.

Experiences by Group on Way to Oslo Conference Many and Varied

By S. J. STARNES

For the past three weeks we have been traveling through Europe with a wonderful group of 48 persons on our way to attend the Methodist World Conference in Oslo, Norway. For the most part the group is made up of young people of college and high school age, but there are 16 older persons, some serving as counselors, others who just selected this particular tour. It has been a congenial bunch and the fellowship has been wonderful. Space will not permit us to say all we would like, or to relate or describe in detail all of our impressions. We would like, however, to give a few highlights of the journey up to the time of our arrival in Oslo.

There are a number of outstanding features in connection with the tour. For instance, at Geneva, it was our visit to Mont Blanc across the border over in France. It was an all day trip and was richly rewarded by the beautiful mountain scenery. The ride on the cable car up to the very peak of the mountain was thrilling, to say the least. The snow-covered mountain tops in July and August was something new to members of our group. Lunch in the town of Chamonix at the foot of the mountain was an enjoyable occasion. Beautiful Lake Geneva was enjoyed very much as we rode and sang religious hymns.

Our trip to Zurich was brief—only one night. It was the national holiday, and they were celebrating with enthusiasm. This lasted until the wee small hours of the morning. However, the boat ride on the beautiful lake at night and the cable car ride across the lake suspended in mid-air, with the display of electric lights shining everywhere afforded not only a thrill, but a beautiful scene.

From Zurich we flew to Frankfurt, Germany. This is one of the largest cities in Germany. There are many evidences of havoc wrought by World War II. Bombs fell upon the city and a great deal of damage was done. They are still rebuilding. We were carried on a bus to Heidelberg, where we visited the famous university. We saw there also an old castle in which were two large wine vats. Our guide told us one of them held 30,000 gallons and the other 50,000 gallons. Whereupon one of the ladies remarked no wonder they got pickled. The finest part about the visit to Frankfurt for this writer was the fact that our son, William, who is a member of the North Carolina Conference and presently as a chaplain in Turkey, flew some 2,000 miles or more to be with us for a few hours. We were together for about four hours, and he joined our group for the evening meal at the hotel. Because he had an engagement in Istanbul the following Sunday, he could not remain longer.

From Frankfurt we were driven by bus to Mainz, where we boarded a boat for a trip down the Rhine River to Cologne. This trip was described in our article in the issue of August 17.

We left Cologne by bus on Saturday afternoon for the 150-mile drive back to Frankfurt airport, where we boarded a plane for Paris. We remained in Paris until Tuesday. On Sunday morning some of us attended worship services at the American Chapel. It was good to be in a service where only English was spoken and where the congregation was English-American. This was the first time this had been the case since we left home. The preacher for this day was Dr. Kuizinga, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U. S. A. He preached a good sermon from the text "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

An afternoon bus trip took us to Versailles, where we were guided through the tremendous quarters formerly occupied by the kings of France. The building, with its paintings and appointments, is huge. It is said that Louis XIV built it. Louis XV enjoyed it, and Louis XVI paid for it. Sounds like some of our modern church building programs. Our evening meal was at Trianon Palace, where the treaty of Versailles was written and signed by President Woodrow Wilson, Prime Minister David Lloyd George, Premier Georges Clemenceau, Monsieur Orlando, and Monsieur Hymens, following the close of the first world war. This was also the place where former president Dwight D. Eisenhower spent two years while he served as supreme commander of the Allied Forces during world war two. His family, we were told, lived just a little way from this building. Guided trips on Monday took us through the most fabulous shopping center of Paris, said to be the delight of the ladies but the ruin of the husbands. We were taken through the Louvre, a tremendous state building, covering 53 acres and in process of construction for 320 years. It formerly housed the kings of France until 1681 when Louis XIV decided to relocate in Versailles. Its carvings and paintings are numerous and are among the world's finest, both religious and historical. Here also we saw the Arch of Triumph, erected by Napoleon. The river Seine divides the city of Paris with a small island in the midst of it. There are 32 bridges over the river, and one of them was built with stones taken from the Bastille. Hence, we have material which once served to imprison men now being used to assist them in their journey along life's way. We had the opportunity of going through the magnificent Sacred Heart Cathedral, atop the highest hill, and overlooking the city of Paris. Later, we went through Notre Dame, erected in 1153 when the population of Paris was some 35,000 to 50,000, as compared to its 6,000,000 today. Needless to say, all these places of interest were crowded with sightseers, which may account for the fact that with all their pomp and glory, none of them seemed to offer the atmosphere of worship to which we Methodists are accustomed. They have a long and glorious history, and are beauti-

ful to look upon, but do not seem to be the kind of place one would want to go from Sunday to Sunday for the purpose of worship and to seek spiritual refreshment. Our final evening meal, or dinner, in Paris was at the Eiffel Tower, built in 1889, and requiring 54,000,000 tons of material for its construction.

After our stay in Paris the group flew to London, where we spent two nights and a day. Two sightseeing tours were taken, which carried us over the city and to several important places, such as Buckingham Palace, where we saw the change of guards, by Westminster Abbey, the houses of Parliament, etc. But the most interesting to this writer was Wesley Chapel on City Road. Here we found a very attractive and worshipful sanctuary as it was when John Wesley preached there, except for some repairs and improvements. It was a high privilege to stand in the pulpit once occupied by Mr. Wesley, and to kneel for a brief prayer at the altar where he ministered. We were also shown graves where John and Charles Wesley are buried, and guided through the house where John Wesley lived, and the room in which he died in 1791. The following day we took a train for Grantham, then a bus to Lincoln, and an afternoon bus for Epworth, where the Wesley family was reared and where Samuel Wesley was rector of Epworth Parish for 39 years. After the burning of the old rectory in 1709, where young John was miraculously rescued through a window from an upstairs room, a new brick house, quite large, was erected and the family lived in it for 25 years until Samuel Wesley's death. We were shown through this building which is now the property of the World Methodist Conference. We were taken to the old Epworth Church where Samuel Wesley ministered. There we were also shown the tomb where he was buried and on which John Wesley stood and preached when he was denied the use of the church. He could not be refused the privilege of using his father's tomb, because it was family property. We visited the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, which is a very attractive building. Here we had a brief worship service conducted by the warden of the Epworth rectory. Back in Lincoln, where we spent the night, we visited the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral of the Church of England, and an old castle, after which we returned to London airport, some 200 miles away, and boarded a plane for Amsterdam, Holland.

Amsterdam is an attractive city of 1,000,000 population. While it is an old city, it gives the impression of a modern American city in many ways. We were given a tour of the city by bus, and taken to Marken Island where ancient customs and costumes are still proudly displayed. We traveled to Marken by boat, a distance of some five or six miles from the mainland and were told that a dyke is to be built and the water pumped out and the area converted into land space. The same trip will probably be made within the next ten years over the same area by automobile. On the ride from Amsterdam to the Hague on Sunday morning it was interesting to see large groups of people emerging from the various churches where they had attended worship services. At the Hague we went through the

miniature replica of the city, arranged for sight-seers, and after a very delicious luncheon at the Sheveningen hotel we were shown through the magnificent Palace of Peace, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. Among other interesting things here is a statue of Christ, the gift of Argentina, and another of a woman representing justice, the gift of the United States. Here also is the seat of the International Court of Justice, presided over by fifteen judges, each from a different country. Amsterdam is the capital of Holland's 11,000,000 people with its 13,000 square miles of land. The Hague is the seat of the government. Queen Juliana is the reigning monarch. Agriculture and dairying are among its varied industries. We saw huge fields of sugar beets, and many large herds of dairy cattle, and visited a cheese factory. We were shown through a porcelain shop where many crockery and china articles are made. This was established in 1653. In Amsterdam we were given a tour of the city and a trip through the world's third largest harbor. A boat ride through the canals, of which there are 70 running through Amsterdam at a depth of ten feet and having 500 bridges crossnig them, was an enjoyable experience. On this trip we passed the home of Rembrandt and were told where he is buried. We also were shown through a diamond cutting factory and saw the great number of people at their work. A visit to the Rijksmuseum art gallery afforded an opportunity to see some of the world's finest and oldest paintings. The group spent a bout an hour and a half in the evening in the hotel discussing and studying various topics to be considered at the Oslo Conference. Most of this was by the young people of the group, and their understanding of the problems confronting the church and their concern about them is both revealing and encouraging.

A jet plane leaving Amsterdam at 8:00 p.m. carried us over the 400-mile trip to Copenhagen in one hour, serving the evening meal on the way. We arrived at Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, at 9:00 p.m. and were safely tucked away in our hotel by ten o'clock. Copenhagen is

another of the fine Scandanavian cities of 1,000,000 people. It boasts of having the oldest stock exchange in the world, the building erected in 1650. On our tour of the city we were shown the state Lutheran church, an unusual building erected of white brick both outside and inside, including the columns and the floor. It is known as the Palace Chapel. We also went to the Rosenborg Palace and were shown the Crown Jewels worn by former kings. A visit to the museum revealed many very fine oil paintings and marble statues, as did also a trip to the St. Albans Church, Amalienborg Palace, and an afternoon visit to the Christianborg Palace, where the kings of the Danes were ordained and crowned until 1840. This was organized in 1610 and contains two organs, one very old, which is played on special occasions, and the other played for worship services. It also has chimes which are played on the hour periodically. Numerous religious paintings are found here also. On the trip we have visited some of the world's outstanding museums and art galleries and have seen many of the finest paintings and statues in existence.

There are certainly many other things that could be said about this very interesting tour, but we must be discreet in the matter of space. From Oslo we hope to give some facts about the great world conference of Methodism which we came to attend. (See page six in this issue.)

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Heard at Third National Convocation of Methodist Deaconess, Lafayette, Ind.:

"In the end it is far more important for men and nations to learn to live together in unity and peace than it is to make the first landing in outer space."

—BISHOP W. VERNON MIDDLETON
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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He who conquers the other fellow and fails to conquer himself has lost the battle.

'As We Were Saying . . .'

By BILL BIGHAM

When we least expect it, God reaches down into the routine of our lives, and we suddenly find ourselves in the midst of something really extraordinary . . . divine.

On May 21, we read in *The Upper Room* . . . "Pentecost was a revelation . . . the Lord set aflame the faith of the disciples . . . They beheld others filled with the Spirit. . . . The gospel of redemption was preached, and men believed and were saved."

Several weeks ago, we divided the parish into geographical areas and organized a number of small cells. Attendance jumped several hundred per cent—with 58 present last week. These small groups meet on the same evening, same hour, so that what we have is a group of serious Christians in holy communion with God, lifting up the special needs of our church, the pastor, the yet-to-be-won multitudes of our city. . . .

Then on May 21 . . . we were ending our worship service; it was about 8:45 p.m. I had been speaking about the changes which were wrought in the lives of the first disciples on that first Pentecost, the dramatic difference in the life of John Wesley after the Aldersgate experience (this was Aldersgate Sunday for us), and the transformation that can take place in our lives when we really let the Holy Spirit enter our hearts. We were singing the last hymn: "Come! light a living flame within my breast!" I felt the necessity of extending an invitation. . . .

And God reached down into the routine of our lives . . . we suddenly found ourselves in the midst of something extraordinary, divine. One by one they came. Fathers, mothers, sons, daughters. Some were coming to rededicate lives marred with sin. Some coming for the first time. Some were weeping quietly. And in the church there was a sigh, as if a soft wind moved through our small, rented building.

I don't know exactly what happened on that first Pentecost. I do know what happened in our church—Pentecost Sunday, 1961—the Holy Spirit inflamed our hearts, transformed our little congregation. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

After months of work and prayer, it looks as though we will finally be able to start construction on our own building. God is blessing us. We are registering new tithers every month. They feel the challenge and joy of real sacrifice.

In July and September, we'll be participating in a great revival movement in our church. Pray with us for these meetings. And in between we'll have a short vacation, taking advantage of the visit of Bill's mother to do some traveling to get better acquainted with Brazil and the work of our church.

P.S.—Anna Connor Bigham was born on March 21! Looks like the women of the family are trying to even up the score.

To answer some of your questions . . . yes, you may still contribute to our work. Send gifts to: The Treasurer, Division of World Missions, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y. And please mark plainly: "BIGHAM-BRAZIL-WORK." Thanks for your continued interest in our ministry.

Gets First God and Country Award in Robersonville



Phillip Keel, the first Scout in Robersonville to be so honored, was presented the God and Country award, Sunday morning, August 6, during the worship service at the First Methodist Church. The award was earned under the direction of the Rev. John Pearsall, pastor of the church. After the salute to the flag, the scout oath and law by the Scout Troop No. 72, H. H. Pope, Scout Master, presented Philip to his pastor for the award. "Phil," son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keel, has always been active in church school and church. Shown left to right: H. H. Pope, Philip Keel, J. P. Keel, the Rev. John Pearsall, and Mrs. J. P. Keel.

Some Highlights of the Methodist World Conference in Oslo, Norway

By S. J. STARNES

After the long and interesting trip through ten different countries on the way to Oslo, it is good to be at the seat of the great World Conference on Methodism and to hear the addresses and otherwise to enter into the spirit of this quinquennial meeting of a great world church. One is able to see the cosmopolitan hue of The Methodist Church. Gathered here are devoted men and women from many nations of the world. Displayed on the rostrum of the Philadelphia Hall, in which most of the general meetings are held are 70 flags representing that many different countries.

The conference was opened on Thursday evening, August 17, at 7:30 with Dr. Harold Roberts, president of the World Council, presiding. Devotions were conducted by Mr. Edwin L. Jones, a leading layman of the Western North Carolina Conference. Greetings were extended by resident Bishop Odd Hagen of the Northern European area, and by the Mayor of Oslo, and others. Seated on the platform was the King of Norway, Olav V. The president of the Council received and recognized the Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, U.S.A., the Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, U.S.A.; the Senior Bishop of the C.M.E. Church, U.S.A.; the president of the Australian Methodist Church;

the president of the South African Methodist Church; the president of the New Zealand Methodist Church; the president of the Methodist Church in Ireland; the president of the Welsh Assembly; the president of the Methodist Church in Ghana; the moderator of the United Church of Canada; the representative of the Church of South India; the president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church, U. S. A.; the president of the Conference of the Methodist Church, United Kingdom. Music for this service was furnished by a united choir, and the president of the World Methodist Council, Dr. Harold Roberts, delivered the presidential address. This was a very colorful service as Methodist forces united in giving their witness to worldwide Christianity.

As is well-known, the theme of the conference is "New Life in the Spirit." Each day is begun with a Holy Communion service, conducted in the Central Methodist Church, with Bishop Odd Hagen presiding, and being assisted by several different ministers from various countries each day. The service is held at 7:30 a.m. The theme of the conference is approached from several standpoints, such as "The Holy Spirit in Biblical Teaching;" "The Holy Spirit and Moral Standards;" "The

Holy Spirit in Methodist Thought and Life;" "The Holy Spirit in Corporate Worship;" "The Holy Spirit in Personal Life." Many of the leading churchmen from various countries spoke on special themes. For instance, Bishop Arthur Moore spoke on "The Witness of the Spirit;" Dr. Rupert Davies of the United Kingdom spoke on "The Wisdom of this World and the Wisdom of God;" Dr. E. Gordon Rupp, of the United Kingdom, spoke on "The Church As the Family of God;" Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, secretary of General Board of Lay Activities of American Methodism spoke on "The Laity in the Church." In this address Dr. Mayfield emphasized the importance of the laymen understanding the teachings of the Bible; understanding the doctrines of the church; understanding the difference between church membership on the one hand and Christian discipleship on the other; of understanding the difference between the conflict of the secularism of the world and true discipleship of Jesus.

Aside from the general addresses, there were numerous group discussions where some 15 to 30 people, under the chairmanship of a leader, discussed doctrines, attitudes, problems, trends. Bishop Hazen G. Werner delivered a masterful address on "Methodism in the Home," followed by Dr. Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., who spoke on "Methodism in the Field of Social Service." An address by Dr. A. J. Carey on "The Negro Methodist Churches in America" was thought-provoking as well as being most enlightening and encouraging. Sir Hugh Foot, of the United Kingdom and Bishop James K. Matthews of the U.S.A.



Shown here is the choir and ministers and laymen who participated in the opening service at the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway. Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, who gave the opening devotional address, is the third person on the right in the pulpit.

spoke on "Reconciling Races and Nations." These are only a few of the many addresses and subjects used, but they are indicative of the high caliber messages the delegates were privileged to hear.

On Friday evening two outstanding leaders in the field of world Methodism were honored with a banquet when some 400 to 500 invited guests enjoyed a festive meal and heard eulogies on the contributions made by Rev. Dr. E. Benson Perkins, of England, and Dr. Elmer T. Clark of America. These are the two secretaries of the World Council, who are retiring from these positions. Dr. Eric Baker of London, England, paid tribute to Dr. Perkins, and Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., spoke of the work of Dr. Clark. The awards were presented by the editors of *World Outlook*, Miss Dorothy McConnell and Dr. Henry C. Sprinkle, both of New York. Taking the place of these two men on the World Council are Rev. Max Woodward, former minister of Wesley Chapel, City Road, London, and Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, former district superintendent of the Winston-Salem district of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Dr. Harry Denman of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church in America spoke on "The Universal Gospel" at the 7:30 service on Thursday evening, August 24. Mr. James W. Fowler III, president of the student body at Duke University, and one of the youth delegates to the conference, gave an address on Monday, August 21, on "Youth in America." Dr. William R. Cannon, dean of the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Ga., spoke

on "The Holy Spirit in Personal Life" on Friday morning, August 25.

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was installed as the new president of the World Council of Methodism at the closing session on Friday evening. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts, of England. Bishop Corson's address as the incoming president was the final message delivered to the conference.

King of Norway Appears Before Methodists at Oslo

Oslo, Norway, Aug. 17—King Olav V of Norway honored the 10th World Methodist Conference by attending its opening assembly here tonight in Philadelphia Hall.

Delegates from every continent who attended the meeting also received written messages from the President of the United States and high ranking church leaders of several world-wide denominational bodies.

The vice mayor of Oslo, Rolf Stranger, also brought greetings to the Methodist assembly.

Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm, head of The Methodist Church's Northern Europe Area, welcomed his fellow Methodists to Norway.

As the assembly opened, the flags of 70 countries where Methodism is at work were carried in a colorful procession.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts of Richmond, Surrey, England, president of the World Methodist Council, presided at the service and gave his presidential address. Dr. Roberts is the principal of Richmond



College, which is affiliated with London University.

The text of President Kennedy's message to the conference follows:

White House

I am happy to send greetings to the 10th World Methodist Conference meeting in Oslo during August this year. In these momentous days all of us, whatever our position or responsibility, need spiritual guidance to aid in carrying out our tasks. I wish every success to the 10th World Methodist Conference in its efforts to bring men closer to their spiritual ideals.

Sincerely,
JOHN F. KENNEDY

The conference also received greetings from the following: Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Josef Norden Haug, Washington, D. C., general secretary; World Presbyterian Alliance, Dr. Ralph Waldo Lloyd, Maryville, Tenn., general secretary; International Congregational Council, Dr. Russell Henry Stafford, Columbia, Conn., moderator; United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, New York, president; World Convention of Churches of Christ, Dr. Jesse M. Bader, New York, general secretary.

Music was by the combined Methodist choirs of Oslo.

Edwin L. Jones, a Charlotte, N. C., layman who is treasurer of the World Methodist Council, led the opening devotions.

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The mule can't kick and pull at the same time; neither can a church member.

North Carolina Conference MYF Officers



Delegates to the 10th Annual Conference Session of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship elected their officers of 1961-62 during the five-day session held Aug. 14-18 at Duke University. The 500 representatives were joined by 1,600 other youths for the 16th annual rally day Aug. 18 when the new leaders were installed by Rev. Conrad Glass, conference director of youth work. The elected officers, shown left to right above are: Jack Harrell of Snow Hill, treasurer; Glenn Goodyear of Lumberton, vice-president; Joe Warfel of Fayetteville, president; Helen Heusner of Chapel Hill, publicity superintendent; and Merle Smith of Roxboro, secretary. The program area leaders chosen by the new officers are: Nelda Holder of Garner, Christian Faith; Bob Fleming of Warrenton, Christian Witness; Leigh Johnson of Fuquay, Christian Citizenship; George Roycroft of Durham, Christian Outreach; Betsy Overman of Goldsboro, Christian Fellowship; and Edna Harvey of Kinston, UCYM representative.

(Duke News Bureau Photo by Wallace)

Workshops to Be Held on New Junior High Curriculum

By J. CONRAD GLASS, JR.

October, 1961, means the advent of an entirely new Junior High Curriculum to Methodism. A complete revision has taken place and many are the heralds of this new material.

"Tremendous!" "Exciting!" "A great contribution to Christian Education!" These are the words being used by adult workers with junior highs to describe the new closely-graded material.

In order to acquaint the Junior High workers, both morning and evening, youth division superintendents, church school superintendents, and pastors with the purposes, philosophy, and teaching methods of the new curriculum, the N. C. Conference Board of Education is conducting the following Workshops:

Burlington—Monday, September 11—Front Street.

Durham—Tuesday, September 12—Duke Memorial.

Raleigh—Wednesday, September 13—Highland.

Goldsboro—Thursday, September 14—St. Paul.

Rocky Mount—Friday, September 15—First Church.

New Bern—Monday, September 18—Centenary.

Elizabeth City—Tuesday, September 19—First Church.

Fayetteville—Thursday, September 21—Hay Street.

Wilmington—Friday, September 22—Grace.

The time of these workshops is 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson, an experienced adult worker with youth, along with the Conference Director of Youth Work, Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., will conduct these sessions.

Some orientation is essential if these new materials are to be used properly. New materials alone will not solve the problems of the Junior High Department. But new materials used *correctly* can help! See that your church school workers take advantage of this opportunity for a greater understanding of the new material.

The church with a large enrollment of junior highs grouped together by school grades will desire to use the new Closely Graded series. The new Closely Graded series will consist of four pupil's books, four teachers' books and a packet of pictures, charts, and maps for each of the three years in the Junior High Department. One of the four books a year falls into the following categories: (1) Christian life and thoughts; (2) Church; (3) Bible; and (4) Christian growth and maturity. One of the pictures in each packet will depict the theme for that year, namely "Who Am I?" seventh grade; "My Enlarging World," eighth grade; "My Growing Faith," ninth grade.

To use the series to the best advantage (1) class time should be at least one hour in length and worship should be a part

of the class session; (2) there should be one adult per ten to fifteen pupils; (3) each teacher should have the opportunity to be in a group in which the new curriculum is reviewed and the teaching-learning process discussed until he feels sufficiently acquainted with what he is doing

Churches with smaller enrollment of 12, 13, and 14 year olds meeting together in one or two classes will find excellent help in the form of a new pupil's quarterly, *Christian Adventure*, which is replacing *Lessons for Intermediates*.

Junior Hi Times, formerly *Our Intermediate Fellowship*, a quarterly program mag-

azine for the evening meetings of the Junior High MYF will be expanded to eighty pages and carry between six and eight units consisting of approximately nineteen sessions. This will allow some choice as to units to be studied instead of rigorously following a Sunday by Sunday arrangement. *Junior Hi Times* is planned for mixed age groups as well as ones which may be grouped by age. It is directed to boys and girls themselves and should be made available to each person to whom a morning quarterly is given.

The morning curriculum contained in both the Closely Graded Series and the Group Graded periodical combined with the evening meeting materials in *Junior Hi Times* comprises the main body of curriculum for 12 to 14-year olds and reflects the concepts spelled out in *Foundations of Christian Teaching in Methodist Churches* and contributes to the achievement of the objective of Christian education on a level of experience appropriate to junior highs.

Spiritual Life Retreat for Young Adults

By HAROLD A. MINOR

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond, Virginia, District of The Methodist Church, will be the featured speaker at the Spiritual Life Retreat for North Carolina Methodist Conference young adults.

The Retreat, to be held at Camp Chestnut Ridge south of Efland, will begin with supper at 6:00 on Friday, September 29, and conclude at 3:00 Saturday, September 30. Attendance for all sessions is urged but not required. Registration fee of \$5.50, includes insurance and the study book, *Teach Me to Pray* by W. E. Sangster.

Dr. Bailey's addresses will be related to the theme, "How to Live in Christ," under the three titles, "The Attitudes of Life in Christ," "The Disciplines of Life in Christ," and "The Fruits of Life in Christ."

Prayer concern groups will be led by R. L. Cannon, Jr. of Vanceboro, chairman of the Adult Work Committee of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education; Mrs. Elton Wooten of Goldsboro, director of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference Young Adult Fellowship and chairman of the Retreat; Miss Beulah Ashbrook of Durham, Young Adult Fellowship director of Missions; and other Durhamites, Richard Davis, Mrs. Robert Phillips, and Mrs. Bernard Blaney, all delegates to the N. C. Conference Young Adult Assembly last June.

The opening feature of the Retreat will be the movie, "Wake Up or Blow Up," featuring the widely known literary specialist, Dr. Frank Laubach. This film shows how thousands of Americans are helping underprivileged peoples conquer the basic problems of survival facing them, contrasts this kind of help with the strategy of Communism, as the latter exploits the desperate needs of these developing nations.

Work and witness sessions will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, respectively. The work period will include a

meditation from *God and the Day's Work*, by Robert L. Calhoun, while the witness session will be led by the Rev. George Tyson of Goldsboro.

Information blanks may be secured from any Methodist minister, or from the Methodist Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, North Carolina.

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A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

It's a little bit of heaven

*That our Lord sends from above
When He speaks our sins forgiven
Through His mercy and His love;
When He fills our heart and spirit
With His comfort and His peace,
As He comes to take possession,
Bidding inner tumults cease.*

It's a little bit of heaven

*For our souls on earth below,
When we pray and worship Jesus
Like the saints of long ago.*

It's a little bit of heaven

*Just to know our Lord is near,
And to know the Holy Spirit
Takes away our gloom and fear,
And protects us when we're tempted
To partake of what is wrong,
So we sing and shout His praises
As we journey all along.*

It's a little bit of heaven

*When we have no guilt within,
And no lashing of the conscience,
Though the world is full of sin;
When we look beyond life's sorrows
Where no tears will dim our eyes,
And no death can take our loved ones
From our home above the skies.*

REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
Taylorsville, N. C.

Raleigh District Planning Conference Sept. 13

The Raleigh subdistrict chairmen and co-chairmen of the "United Witness for Christ and His Church" met with the district superintendent, Dr. Graham S. Eubank, the district director, Rev. L. C. Vereen, and the conference director of evangelism, Rev. C. Freeman Heath, at the Fairmont Methodist Church on August 17 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of studying and implementing the program, "Knock on Every Door" and "Visitation of all Prospective Members" in the area embraced by the Raleigh District.

The group adopted the following program for the "District Planning Conference" at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh on September 13:

9:30 a.m. Devotional by Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent.

9:40 a.m. Welcome by Rev. L. C. Vereen, District Secretary of Evangelism.

9:45 a.m. "The Over-all Program," Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism.

10:00 a.m. "The Preparation and Taking the Census," Rev. Warren Petteway.

10:15 a.m. "The Importance of the Prayer Vigil," Rev. Kelly Wilson.

11:00 a.m. Intermission.

11:10 a.m. "The District Rally," Dr. Graham E. Eubank.

11:15 a.m. "Training and Assimilation of New Members," Rev. J. Kern Ormond.

11:30 a.m. "Easter Preparation and Training Classes for Young People," Rev. Frank Grill.

11:40 a.m. Panel Discussion and Question Period.

12:00 Noon. Dinner will be served at \$1 per plate.

Portuguese Release Methodist Minister

A Methodist missionary who was arrested in Angola on charges of having helped Angolan students flee Portugal has been released in the custody of United States Embassy officials in Lisbon, according to the Methodist Board of Missions in New York.

The Rev. Raymond E. Noah of Palco, Kan., a missionary to Angola since 1950, arrived in Lisbon early Friday 12. State Department officials, concerned over his arrest and 28-day imprisonment, were on hand to meet him when the S. S. Mozambique pulled into port. Mr. Noah left almost immediately for Geneva, Switzerland, where he arrived later that night.

The missionary was arrested July 14 by the Portuguese secret police (P.I.D.E.) in Luanda, Angola's capital. No public statement or announcement of his arrest and that of the Rev. Cecil Scott, a British missionary, was made by the Portuguese Government until July 27.

Information about the arrest of Mr. Noah came to the Methodist Board of Missions in New York on July 20 in a letter which had been smuggled out of Angola. The Portuguese Government did not communicate with the Board about the matter.



IN ATTENDANCE AT RALEIGH PLANNING CONFERENCE

Left to right: Rev. Robert McKenzie, Jr., Chairman of Raleigh Subdistrict; Ed Hales, Co-Chairman Zebulon Subdistrict; Rev. Kelly Wilson, Chairman Franklin Subdistrict; Rev. C. F. Grill, Chairman Cape Fear Subdistrict; Dr. Graham S. Eubank, District Superintendent; Rev. L. C. Vereen, District Secretary of Evangelism; Rev. Troy Barrett, Chairman Warren Subdistrict; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism; Rev. W. B. Petteway, Chairman Vance Subdistrict; Dr. Humphrey Lee, Co-Chairman Franklin Subdistrict; Rev. Kern Ormond, Chairman Zebulon Subdistrict.

Nanci Weldon New Queen Of Junaluska

(See front cover)

Lake Junaluska, N. C.—Amid all the pomp of a royal coronation, Miss Nanci Weldon of Charlotte, N. C., was crowned the 39th Queen of Junaluska, Aug. 12, in Stuart Auditorium here.

The annual coronation ceremonies included a procession, the Queen's Entertainment, the Queen's Reception and the Queen's Coronation Cotillion.

Stuart Auditorium's stage was decorated to the appearance of the front of a huge plantation house of the old South.

Miss Betsy Searcy of Montgomery, Ala., the 1960 queen, led the procession, followed by 29 couples, the three maids of honor, trainbearers, flower girls, crown bearer, special attendants, and then Miss Weldon.

The three maids who attended Miss Weldon were Miss Alice Lindsey of Statesville, N. C.; Miss Jane Guillory of Memphis, Tenn.; and Miss Sandra Johnson of Lake Wales, Fla. They had all been contestants for the honor of queen with Miss Weldon. The queen is chosen on the basis of character, participation and beauty.

Miss Weldon is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson O. Weldon. Dr. Weldon is pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church. Miss Weldon is a sophomore at Duke University, majoring in religion. She is active in the YWCA and the Methodist Student Fellowship, and is on the dean's list.

During the summer the 19-year-old coed is active in the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Lake Junaluska and had headed its publicity, fellowship and youth center committees. She has been MYF president in Myers Park Church.

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If you must say mean things, go down in the cellar and talk to yourself.

Homecoming at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Sept. 10

Annual Homecoming at Pleasant Grove Methodist, Oakdale Road, Charlotte, will be observed Sunday, September 10. The celebration will include church school at 9:45 a.m., with special homecoming worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by the usual picnic dinner at the Memorial Park on the Old Church Grounds on Pleasant Grove Road.

The 11 o'clock service will be conducted by the minister, Rev. Howard R. Jordan, with the Rev. Kenneth M. Johnson, minister of Oak Summit Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, as special guest speaker. Mr. Johnson is a former member of Pleasant Grove. Special music will be offered by the adult choir under the direction of Mr. LeRoy Madary, choir director, with Mr. Spencer Tinkham, organist.

In the afternoon there will be time for visiting and there will be a short musical program prepared by Mr. Madary and Eddie Sloan, chairman of the music committee. The program will include solos and duets by various members of the choir and group singing with the congregation taking part.

All former pastors and members, and all friends of Pleasant Grove are invited to this event and are asked to bring their traditional basket and share in the fellowship of the service and in the picnic dinner.

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"Every rural church should become a place of community worship, a school to teach the meaning of religion, an instrument of moral discipline, an agency through which people unite for common service and a means for propagating the tenets of religion."—The Rev. Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta.



Woman's Activities



Rural Church and Community Workers in WNC Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Western North Carolina Conference has five rural church and community workers, Miss Vera Falls at Cherokee, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks in Yancey County, Miss Anita Benoy in Surry County, Miss Laura Wells in Clay County and Miss Virginia Miller in Avery County.

These young women have had the busiest kind of a summer with all of the various activities that the season brings. Four work with a group ministry, and the fifth, Miss Vera Falls, has additional responsibilities in the Cherokee Clothing Center and in the Keenan Craft Center at Cherokee.

Early in the summer the five met at Lake Junaluska to help train the young college students who were doing summer work with the Town and Country Commission.

The exact nature of their work was stated in the 21st Annual Report of the Woman's Division, "Wherever a rural worker labors—in a town or open country church, community improvement club or civic organization, consolidated or one-room school—she strives to learn about the people, their needs and wants, and how best to help them help themselves. Because of the diversity of people and land, these needs vary greatly from one area to the next. For the same reason, the kinds of programs are almost as numerous as the women who serve in them."

The rural church and community workers are connected with all departments of the church and a peek at their calendars reveal that they have precious little free time, so numerous are their activities.

One of their first loyalties is that of the planning sessions with the group ministry. Here the entire group plans a helpful, attractive program for all the churches served by their ministry—church school work, Methodist Youth Fellowship activities, Woman's Society of Christian Service, all phases of Methodist work.

Incidentally, these workers usually inherit the secretarial part of the planning sessions—minutes of the meeting, the monthly newspaper to all parts of their parish and any correspondence involved in the procedure.

In church school, their whole philosophy is to help the church person become better trained, to get a clearer vision of her task as a teacher or counselor. She assists in the fall Training Schools for the Board of Christian Education. Her main task is to enlist her people to attend the school and often she provides transportation. If special programs are being planned, promotion day or Church School Rally Day, she assists the

leaders in having a more helpful program. Summer months always bring the vacation church schools to be planned for:

In the MYF her job is that of counselor and guide for the young people who comprise the membership of the group. When there are a dozen small churches in the parish, she assists in coordinating the work of all the local units into a parish-wide organization. The one phase that provides the most fun is that of planning and carrying out the recreational activities of the MYF.

In the Woman's Society there are many needs and many calls—to help plan more worshipful programs, to teach study courses recommended by the Woman's Division, and to help with transportation to district and conference events.

The Western North Carolina workers have had very unusual experiences in their work during the past year. Miss Virginia Miller and Mrs. Arthelia Brooks entertained a young Japanese rural worker for a week, showing her the kind of projects undertaken in the mountain region. Miss Laura Wells has the advantage of attending many very fine retreats at the Hinton Rural Life Center in Clay County. Miss Vera Falls finds that the plan of keeping plenty of good used clothing in the Cherokee Clothing Center—then keeping the center in order so that sales may be made, and assisting with the newly established craft

center is a full-time job, in addition to her schedule or regular activities.

One worker stated her philosophy like this: "There is no typical rural job, but there is a common philosophy among rural workers. There is the profound belief in the *whole* nature of religion. The rural worker believes that no part of life is outside the circle of the church's responsibility. The worker, therefore, is a general practitioner, who looks at life, religion and society as of one piece . . . the worker joins hands with all the professional resources in the community, as well as the social and spiritual resources in the area of the church organization, in the dual job of strengthening spiritual life in the church and of carrying the strength to the building and bettering of the community."

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Annual School of Missions Attracts Many

Coming in the wake of a Spiritual Life Retreat held August 5-6 and continuing with added spiritual emphasis, the Fifteenth Annual N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions and Christian Service in session at Duke University August 7-11, had for its theme "In Thee Our Life is One."

The 560 women attending the five-day event, including 362 registrants and 198 visitors, were engaged in a Daily Hour of Bible Study, classes on the four current mission study courses, clinics for officers training, and evening Leadership Training Programs.

The Daily Bible Hour

Dr. Herbert Sullivan, a member of the Duke University Divinity School faculty, led the four one-hour sessions of Bible study, using Second Isaiah (40-55), and I Peter as the Scripture for the general



Rural Church and Community Workers in lobby of George R. Stuart auditorium at Lake Junaluska. Left to right, Miss Vera Falls, Cherokee; Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, Burnsville; Miss Anita Benoy, Mt. Airy; Miss Laura Wells, Hayesville; Miss Virginia Miller, Newland.

heme "Biblical Insights Regarding Suffering." Subsequent topics discussed by Dr. Sullivan were "Introduction to the Theme: The Origin and Nature of Suffering;" Second Isaiah: The Prophecy of the Suffering Servant;" "The Cross and the Fulfillment of the Prophecy;" and "The Church: The Fellowship of Suffering and Reconciliation." "We need to recognize that to exist is to suffer," Dr. Sullivan declared. "Through the centuries man has continually asked how and why. . . . The church is a fellowship of suffering for the redemption of the world. . . . Our suffering when rightly received is but an extension of the cross. . . . We can get to Pentecost only through the Crucifixion; we can get to God only through the fellowship of suffering." The entire Bible study was closely related to the current study course "The Meaning of Suffering."

The Class Sessions

That the school's faculty was of superb worth was evidenced by the enthusiasm of each woman for her respective instructor. The courses and their instructors included "The Meaning of Suffering," Dr. George M. Schreyer, Department of Religion, Pfeiffer College, and Dr. Ethel Tilley, Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Meredith College; The Christian Mission in Latin America, Dr. Leslie Sayer, New York, Division of National Missions, National Council of Churches; and Dr. Rhoda Edmeston, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.; Churches for New Times, Rev. T. A. Collins, President N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, and Dr. W. A. Kale, Duke University Divinity School, and The Christian and Responsible Society, Mrs. William C. Smith, Portsmouth, Va., Secretary Christian Social Relations, Virginia Conference.

Leadership Training

Under the leadership of Miss Gene Maxwell, of New York City, Secretary of Children's Work, Woman's Division of Christian Service, and Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, of Charlotte, Secretary Missionary Education in Foreign Fields, Southeastern Jurisdiction WSCS, the Leadership Training programs during the evening assemblies included a variety of features. These were films, panel discussions, role playing, chart studies, and a depth Bible study. The general theme for these sessions, "Factors That Confront Us," was supplemented by such topics as "Purpose of Leadership Training; Factors of a Changing World as it Relates to Women;" "Philosophy of Learning;" "The Wholeness of the Program;" and "How the Study Courses are Related." Members of the school's faculty and several conference officers participated in the presentations.

The Study Jewel

The Lillie Moore Everette Study Jewel, awarded each year to the district having the larger number of societies conducting three or more study courses, was presented to the Elizabeth City District. The presentation was made by Mrs. Harold Braswell, conference secretary of missionary education and service. Mrs. Harold Leatherman, of Manteo, is the district secretary of this line of work. The Elizabeth City District also led in the number of jurisdiction study classes during the 1960-61 conference year, with Raleigh and Durham Districts tying

for second place. The Goldsboro District led in the number of study classes held.

Other Highlights

Among the marked manifestations of interest in the program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at each of the three woman's events at Duke each year are an increase in sales of literature. Mrs. Frank Houser, conference secretary of literature and publications, reports sales totaling \$1,478.81 for the Spiritual Life Retreat, the School of Missions and Christian Service, and the Wesleyan Service Guild Week End of Study.

The traditional group singing on the in front of the chapel each evening immediately following the dinner hour and led by Mrs. P. F. Newton, of Burlington, was enhanced this year by the presence of a number of supply pastors who were also in session at Duke.

On Tuesday evening following the Leadership Training program, members of Durham's Trinity Methodist Church's Woman's Society were hostesses to the school's faculty and students at a party in the ballroom of Union Building.

The Methodist Retirement Home on Erwin Road was the scene of a tea on Wednesday afternoon, honoring the women attending the school.

Also, on Wednesday, immediately prior to the evening session, the school's faculty and students were guests of Miss Elender G. Dennis at an organ recital in the University's Chapel. Significantly, Miss Dennis, a Durham native, member of the Asbury Methodist Church, and a rising senior at Duke, is one of a very few people who have been granted the privilege of playing the chapel's organ. Miss Dennis was first given this privilege during her freshman year at Duke.

The 1962 School of Missions

The 1962 Conference School of Missions and Christian Service will again be headed by Mrs. Harold Braswell. Other members of the school's staff will include Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern, dean; Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh, business manager; Mrs. Shelton Boyd, Mount Olive, registrar.

Educational Seminars Scheduled

The schedules for the Annual Educational Seminars sponsored by the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been announced by Mrs. Harold Braswell, conference secretary of missionary education and service.

The dates and places of meeting are: Burlington District, Sept. 12, Goldston Methodist Church; Durham District, Sept. 20, University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill; Elizabeth City District, August 24, Hertford Methodist Church, Sept. 14, Wanchese Methodist Church; Fayetteville District, Sept. 12, Rockingham Methodist Church, Sept. 14, Raeford Methodist Church; Goldsboro District, Sept. 14, Centenary Methodist Church; Smithfield, Sept. 24, Mount Olive Methodist Church. Also, New Bern District, Sept. 19, Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern; Raleigh District, Sept. 12, Wendell Methodist Church, Sept. 14, Horne Memorial Methodist Church, Clayton; Rocky Mount District, to be announced; Wilmington District, Sept. 14, place to be announced.

SEJ Council Meets Sept. 7-8 at Birmingham

Nashville, Tenn.—The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church will have its annual meeting September 7-8 at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The 83-member council places its emphasis on helping the Methodist general boards and agencies to strengthen the work of the more than 12,000 churches in the denomination's nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction. Its headquarters is in Atlanta.

In connection with the council meeting, a "Methodist Rally" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7, at First Methodist Church.

Principle speaker for the rally will be the Rev. Dr. Carl J. Sanders, secretary of the council and pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.

The bishops of the jurisdiction will be presented at the rally.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., is president of the council and will preside at its meetings.

The council will give consideration to the progress being made in the One Percent Plan for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Fund for Ministerial Education and Training. The plan calls for each church in the jurisdiction to contribute to the fund an annual amount equal to one percent of its operational budget.

Bishop James W. Henley, Jacksonville, Fla., is expected to report on the Cuban situation, with respect to Methodists in Cuba and those who are now refugees in Florida.

A plan for "A Larger Ministry to the People of the Appalachian Region" will be considered in a joint report from three of the council's committees, and several other reports will be made.

The two executive secretaries of the Jurisdictional Council are the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, both of Atlanta. They will give progress reports.

Bishop John Owen Smith, Atlanta, a vice-president of the council, will give the closing message of the two-day meeting.

Among other leaders of the council are Howard Berg, Melbourne, Fla., a council vice-president and president of the Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church; and the chairmen of the council's six committees: Education, Dr. L. Stacey Weaver, Fayetteville, N. C.; Missions, Dr. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky.; Evangelism, Dr. J. Willard Leggett, Jackson, Miss.; Christian Social Concerns, Robert T. Mann, Seffner, Fla.; Town and Country, Dr. Sanders, council secretary; and Lay Activities, Roy H. Black, Nettleton, Miss.

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"Our faith can be held with intellectual respectability and with a vitality that will help us to meet human needs."

DR. RICHARD H. BAUER

Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations.

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The bottom dollar may be the one that some people spend the most wisely, as it may show them how near broke they are.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Red Skirt

By GLADYS GLYN WARD

Martha and Ann were very good friends. Today Ann was wearing a red skirt that had one belonged to Martha. It was too short for Martha, so she was happy when Mother suggested giving it to Ann.

But this morning Martha was cross, and Ann's cheerful chatter irritated her.

"That's my skirt," she said to Ann. "I wish you would take it off."

"No," replied Ann, "you gave it to me, and now it's mine."

"It's mine," said Martha in a louder voice. "My uncle gave it to me for my birthday. If you don't take it off I'll never play with you again. Give me my skirt," and she grabbed at Ann as they both went out in the yard.

Martha's mother heard the noise. She had noticed how cross she was at breakfast. She went to the door and called, "Martha!"

Martha heard her all right, but pretended that she did not. All at once she was angry with Mother, too, it was hers! She ran past the corner of the house and into the pasture. There she hid behind a big rock. She hoped her mother and Ann both wanted her badly and couldn't find her.

The sun was warm and golden. It shone on Martha and made her drowsy. She leaned her head against the big rock and closed her eyes.

The flowers were beautiful. Martha had never seen them so bright and happy as they danced in the wind. "Why are you so happy?" she asked them.

"Because the good Lord is so good to us," they said. "He gives us fresh rain to drink, and then he sends the warm sunshine to make us grow. That's why we are happy."

Just then a big white, woolly sheep came walking by. He was eating the daisies and making a soft crunching sound. His fleece was whiter than the clouds, and he was so big!

"Oh, please don't eat the flowers!" cried Martha. He raised his head and looked at her with his big brown eyes. When he had finished chewing the daisies in his mouth, he answered her. "Yes," he said, "the good Lord made the flowers for me to eat so I can grow nice wool on my back to make your wool skirts. When the wool is cut off

my back it is sent to the factory and made into skirts."

"Well, how nice," said Martha. "First it was sunshine and rain, then it was flowers, then it was your wool, then cloth, then my skirt—and now it's Ann's skirt." I hadn't thought of all this.

"Yes," said the big sheep, "that's the way the good Lord wants it to be," and he walked along, all the while eating the big mouthfuls of daisies.

"Well," said Martha to herself, "guess I just had the skirt borrowed for a while. It really didn't belong to me, and it's still the good Lord's." The daisies nodded and seemed like they were smiling.

Just then Martha rubbed her eyes and got up. "My, how long have I been asleep?" she wondered. She hurried to Ann's back door and called, "Ann, Ann, come on out and play. It's all right about the skirt. It really doesn't belong to me, not really. First it was the sheep's, and then it was the store's, and—and now I don't mind if you have it."

Ann had no idea what Martha was talking about, but she was so glad that Martha wasn't mad any more. That was the thing that really mattered.

Coming to the door, Mother said, "Martha, where have you been?"

"Oh, just down in the meadow," she replied. Noticing the happy expression on her face, her mother knew that wherever she had been, she had been helped back to her cheerful, friendly self again.

WHAT DID I SAY?

As I was walking down the hall
I saw a man both thin and tall;
I asked him which way was Room Two;
He said, "Right down that hall and through."

And after he had gone away
I asked myself, What did I say?
Did I say words loving and kind,
Or did I leave these all behind?

God surely must have seen me there,
Watching me with loving care,
—MARGIE BUFFKIN—Age 10

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

A college professor tells the story of a little boy who came to his mother one day with the age-old question, "Mother, what is God like?"

The mother hesitated in the presence

of so great a question, and finally said "Dear, suppose you ask your father."

So the lad went to his father with his search after God. "Daddy, what is God like?"

And he, too, could not answer.

Later on, among his childish possessions was found a slip of paper with a bit of verse written on it. It went something like this:

"I asked my mother what God was like,
And she didn't know.
I asked my teacher what God was like,
And she didn't know.
Then I asked my father, who knows more
Than anyone else in the whole world,
What God was like,
And he didn't know.
I think if I had lived as long as
My mother, or my father,
Or my teacher,
I would know something about God."

Have You Heard?

About the little shoe who left home because his father was a loafer and his mother was a sneaker?

Chuckles

A young couple decided to make a small garden behind their house. After breakfast the following Saturday morning the husband was sitting on the porch when his wife came around with a shovel, and said, "Here, you know what to do with this."

Later, she went out to see how he was getting along with the garden, and found the shovel stuck in the ground with this note attached to the handle: "Found some worms. Have gone fishing."

A little tot, in church for the first time, watched the ushers pass the collection plates. When they neared his pew, he piped up so everyone could hear, "You don't have to pay for me Daddy; I'm under five."

Bible Quiz

(By rearranging the letters you will discover their occupation.)

1. Adam was a RENGEARD
2. Abel was a PRESEHDH
3. Andrew was a HIRMANESF
4. Luke was a TROOCD
5. Matthew was a CILPBUAN

Answer to Last Week's Quiz

1. Jesus—Luke 5:31
2. Pilate—Matthew 27:24
3. King Agrippa—Acts 26:28
4. Judas Iscariot—Matthew 26:48
5. Samuel—I Samuel 3:6.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 10

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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AQUILA AND PRISCILLA: RISKING ALL FOR CHRIST

Scripture Lesson: Acts 18:1-3, 18-21,
24-28; Romans 16:3-5.

In this lesson we meet two more of Paul's fellow-workers, Aquila and Priscilla. This was a husband and wife team about which we know all too little. We know that they were of Jewish background, that they were residents of Rome, and later of Corinth and Ephesus, finally moving back to Rome a few years before the death of Paul. We know their occupation was tent-making, or sail-making; perhaps weavers of goat's hair cloth that was used in these products.

The facts listed above are, however, not the most important ones about these people. It was their efforts in behalf of the new Christian movement that made them immortal and caused them to be numbered "among the saints in the household of faith." We do not know whether Paul first stayed with these friends because they followed the same trade as his, or whether he made contact with them because they were already Christians. The fact that they had been forced to leave Rome because they were Jews does not necessarily mean that they had not been members of the church there. The Romans were not able, in the early days of the Christian movement, to distinguish between the Jews and the Christians. But knowing that Paul never lost an opportunity to make his witness to the faith, he would not have been with Aquila and Priscilla very long until he had shared with them his gospel which was the grand obsession of his life.

In any case, we know these two became Christians, and competent ones at that. One of the most telling illustrations of their effectiveness is shown in the way they enlisted Apollos, a brilliant orator from Alexandria. From the record it appears that this man had originally been a member of the cult of John the Baptist which is known to have continued for some generations after John's death. Apollos, however, was well acquainted with the story of Jesus. He may have been one of those to whom Luke refers in the first verse of his gospel who had "undertaken to compile a narrative" of the life and work of Jesus. But the account says he "knew only the baptism of John." Now when this gifted speaker, Apol-

los, began to preach in the synagogue where our faithful friends, Aquila and Priscilla, were in attendance they immediately realized that he had not gone "all the way" in his Christian discipleship. Accordingly they "expounded the way of God more accurately to him."

It must have taken some courage for these two people to presume to correct one who had made something of a reputation as a speaker and thinker. But here is just the point that laymen need to remember. The clergy have no "copyright" on the Gospel. Furthermore, the glib tongue is no sure sign of real Christian experience. At any rate, the "corrective" work of Aquila and Priscilla seems to have been fruitful, for Apollos became an effective missionary (see verse 27). There is many a case on record of a loyal and devoted group of good laymen making a preacher out of a man! And there is still room in the church for those who will "speak the truth in love" to their leader.

If we date the letter to the Romans at about 57 A.D. it would mean that some eight years had past since Aquila and Priscilla had left Rome under the expulsion order of Emperor Claudius in 49 A.D. The greeting addressed to them in Romans 16:3-5 has been most intimately translated by Phillips as follows: "Sake hands for me with Priscilla and Aquila. They have not only worked with me for Christ, but they have faced death for my sake. Not only I, but the Gentile churches owe them a great debt. Give my love to the little church that meets in their house."

From this note of greeting several things worth noting appear. For one thing, these friends had actually endangered their own lives for Paul and the sacred cause he represented. No higher citation could be given unless it were martyrdom itself. Notice, too, that greetings are sent to "the church that meets in their house." It is not until near the end of the second century that mention is made of church buildings. Up to this time churches had only the homes of members in which to meet; usually the home of the one who had the most room in his house. However, no religion is dependent upon a special kind of building. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church."

Caravaners to Meet At Louisburg

The Fellowship of International Caravaners of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church will convene September 3-4 at Louisburg College for its annual reunion and retreat.

Caravaners will arrive Sunday afternoon, September 3. The 1961 Caravan group, composed of Joanne Hayes, Miriam House, Becky Johnson, Jackie Ward, Allen Fisher, John Dorsey, and J. W. Page, Jr., with Rev. and Mrs. Page as counselors, will make a report on their summer's work at the evening session to begin at 7:00 o'clock.

A business session will be held on Monday and the group will disband after lunch.

Rev. Clyde Boggs of Wilmington, chairman, will be in charge of the event.

Sponsored by the Conference Board of Missions and the Board of Education, caravan groups composed of Methodist young people have gone to Europe each summer since 1951. Caravaners participate in work projects and worship services in local churches. Special work projects have included churches in Berlin, Germany, and Linz, Austria, and many other places.

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High-pressured evil, like a storm, will show a lot of damage later on.

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comments from lots of people, but it will keep you out of heaven.

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Some people with plenty of money live in poverty, as they just hoard it away and won't use it, waiting for "the rainy day."

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One may accumulate a great deal of knowledge, but if he just stores it away, and puts it to little or no use, it is worth little to himself and others.

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Youth Activities Week In Kernersville

Senior youth from five charges have been meeting this week (August 20 to 25) at the Main Street Church in Kernersville. They met in the new Educational building which was completed in the early summer. The following churches participated: Cherry Street-Pine Grove, Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge, Sedge Garden, Pisgah, and Main Street.

Four study courses were offered for the seniors: "Youth Friendships," taught by Rev. Herbert Zerof, staff member of the Pastoral Care School, Baptist Hospital; "Choose Life," taught by Mrs. Peggy Morris Cox, school teacher; "Christianity and Other Religions," taught by Rev. Bill V. Hunter, pastor of Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge; and "Methodist Profile," taught by Rev. H. Claude Young, Jr., pastor of Sedge Garden. A course was offered to workers with youth, and taught by Rev. George Thompson, pastor of Morris Chapel, and District Youth Director. Miss Martha Turnipseed, Director of Christian Education at Burkhead, assisted Mr. Thompson in this course.

Mrs. J. R. Blackwell, Jr. was in charge of the music for the week, and Mrs. Rex Snider was director of recreation. Mrs. Snider directed the group in folk games, group mixers, and other good games. Rev. C. Jock Caudill was coordinator.

The respective church groups were in charge of worship each evening, as were the W.S.C.S. groups in charge of the snack suppers. A film, "One Love, Conflicting Faiths," replaced recreation Friday night, and was followed by a dedication service and Holy Communion.

Homecoming at Bethesda Is September 10

Bethesda Methodist Church, Gastonia, will observe Homecoming Sunday on Sept. 10. The Rev. John C. Kendrick, pastor of the Stoneville Methodist Church, will return to his home church to preach for the morning worship service at 11:00 o'clock. Plans for the day also include church school at 9:45 a.m., "Dinner-on-the-grounds" at 12:30 p.m., and the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone, especially to former pastors and members.

This year Bethesda Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The historic church dates back to August 22, 1811, when property was first purchased for what was to be known for years as Titman's Chapel. The ensuing years brought a new name and new buildings. The present structure was built in 1913. The sesquicentennial will be marked by the construction of the first unit of a completely new church building,

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(This information was furnished by the Fund.)

President Patton of High Point Speaks at DePauw

High Point, N. C.—Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of High Point College, will present the keynote address Sunday, Aug. 27, at the seventh Management Training Seminar of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., will be the site of the seminar Aug. 27-31. More than 300 undergraduates and 50 alumni members, representing the fraternity's 151 chapters in 44 states and four Canadian provinces, are expected to attend the five-day leadership conference.



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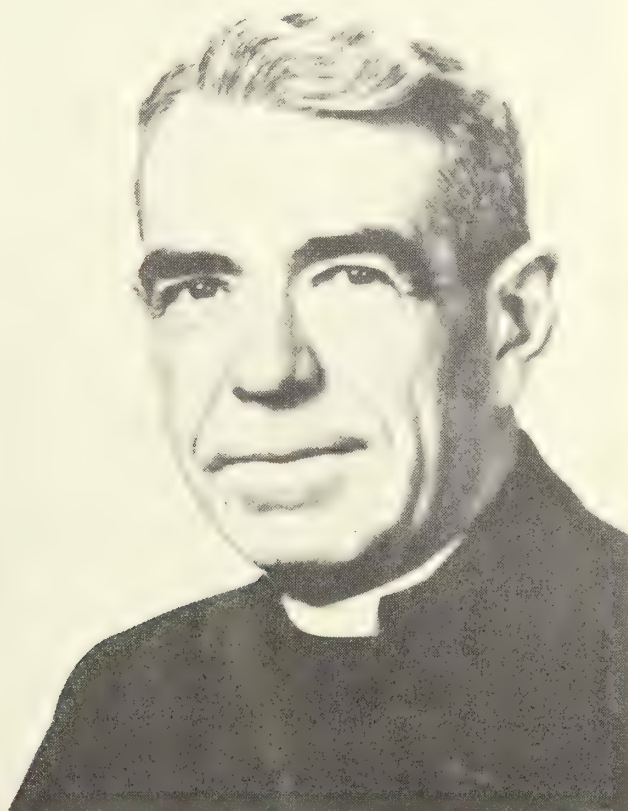
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★ CAROLINA BRIEFS ★

¶ REV. AND MRS. ODELL WALKER, Hope Mills-Cotton Charge, Hope Mills, N. C., announce the birth of a boy on August 18, 1961.

¶ REV. E. J. MARTIN occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist Church, Rockingham, on Sunday evening, September 3. College students were special guests in the service.

¶ REV. J. C. HARMON, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, who has been residing at 712 Hinsdale St., Raleigh, is now living in the Methodist Retirement home at Durham.

¶ HOMECOMING will be observed at the Cole Memorial Church, Charlotte, Sunday, September 10th. Worship services will be held at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be spread at 12:30 p.m.

¶ REV. WILBUR I. JACKSON, associate pastor of Fairmont Methodist Church, Raleigh, and native of Ayden, will preach at the Ayden Methodist Church Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 a.m.

¶ HOMECOMING SERVICES will be held at Clinchfield Methodist Church, Marion, N. C., Sunday, September 10, 1961. All former members and pastors are invited to attend. Rev. B. S. Lyndon is pastor.

¶ MRS. SUE BREWER VANDOEEREN assumed her duties as Director of Christian Education at Cole Memorial Church September 1st. Mrs. VanDoeren graduated from Greensboro College during the summer term.

¶ THE SENIOR METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of the Salem Church, near Albemarle, and their councilors and several visitors spent a recent weekend at Garden City Beach, S. C.

¶ REV. GILBERT R. COMBS, retired, of Walkertown, delivered the morning sermon last Sunday at the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. F. Houck, who was on vacation.

¶ ANNUAL HOMECOMING services will be held at the Hanes Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Sunday, September 10. Members and friends are invited to spend the day and enjoy the food and fellowship. Rev. E. O. Temple is pastor.

¶ IN THE RESOLUTIONS sent in recently concerning the passing of Mr. Bainbridge Williams of Stedman, we wish to call attention to the fact that name should have been "Bainbridge" rather than "Bambridge." His death occurred on May 31, 1961.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Draper, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, September 10 at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The visiting preacher will be Rev. Silas Strader. Following the morning worship service a picnic lunch will be served and an afternoon service of singing program held. Rev. W. A. Rock is pastor.

¶ HOMECOMING at Newlyn Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, will be observed Sunday, September 10. A basket dinner will follow the morning service, and at 2 p.m. there will be a song service and a reading of the history of the church.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON preached in Ramseur, N. C., last Sunday, Sept. 3, at the 11 a.m. worship service in Jordan Memorial Methodist Church on the occasion of that congregation's 75th anniversary. The congregation also dedicated a new educational building. The Rev. Worth Sweet is pastor of the church.

¶ REV. AND MRS. GEORGE C. MCGILL and family are now in Brazil. Mr. McGill was formerly pastor of St. Luke Methodist Church, Goldsboro. They will be engaged in a year's study before taking up their work as missionaries. Their address is Caixa Postal 15, Compings, Este de San Paula, Brazil, South America.

¶ DR. WILLARD GATEWOOD, chairman of the Social Science Division at North Carolina Wesleyan College, has an article in the current issue of *The North Carolina Historical Review*. The theme and title of the article is "Eugene Clyde Brooks and Negro Education in North Carolina, 1919-1923."

¶ CREWS METHODIST CHURCH of Winston-Salem will begin revival services September 24, with Rev. Howard Allred, pastor of Maylo Methodist Church, Gastonia, as visiting preacher. Services will start each evening at 7:30, through Friday. Rev. James S. Gibbs, Jr., pastor, will direct the music.

¶ SMITH METHODIST CHURCH of Roanoke Rapids had a great revival from August 20-25, with the Rev. John Cline of Siler City as guest preacher. Under his inspired preaching, there were crowds thronging the altar each night for re-dedication and commitment to Christ. These services followed a wonderful homecoming service and dinner on grounds on August 20.

¶ THE M.Y.F. at Troutman Church was host to a community-wide youth service on August 27, when the general theme was "Back to School." The speaker was Mr. William S. Reasonover, a member of the staff at Pfeiffer College, whose topic was: "Being a Christian Student." Approximately 150 youth and adult leaders attended from five churches of the Troutman area.

¶ REV. ROBERT M. HARDEE, pastor of Oakview Methodist Church in High Point, will preach the homecoming sermon in his home church at Stem in Granville County Sunday, Sept. 10. Mrs. L. W. Hall is chairman of the program committee. Mr. Hardee is one of the two ministers who have gone out of the Stem church into the Methodist ministry. Lavmen's day will be observed in Oakview Church on this day with Mr. Coy Brown in charge of the service.

¶ SEVENTY-TWO different young people and nine adult workers have just completed Youth Activities Week at Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, N. C. Dr. Walt Hudgins, from High Point College, was the resource leader. The week concluded with Youth Sunday at the 11 o'clock service of worship August 27th. Rev. Harold Wright is the director of Senior High activities at Centenary.

¶ TROUTMAN CHURCH will observe its 102nd anniversary and annual Homecoming Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on September 24, when the speaker will be the Hon. Stanford R. Brookshire, mayor of Charlotte and former member of the Troutman Church. All former pastors, former members, and friends of the congregation are invited to share in the special service and the picnic lunch afterward. Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ MRS. FRANCES S. MCFARLAND, of Louisville, has been chosen as resident counselor for the Women's Dormitory at North Carolina Wesleyan College. Mrs. McFarland has served as house director for freshman and senior girls at Pfeiffer College for the past four years. She is a graduate of Louisville College, the widow of a Methodist minister, and the mother of three grown sons, one a Methodist minister in Western North Carolina, one a dentist in Burlington, and one a professor of history at Atlantic Christian College.

¶ ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, Jonathan Edward Temple, son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Temple, Jr., of the Hanes-Bethel charge, Winston-Salem District, was baptised in the chapel at Lake Junaluska by the Rev. Dr. E. C. Berwanger, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Temple served as Dr. Berwanger's associate for one year, and he has baptised each of the other Temple children — one daughter and two sons. Jonathan will be added to the roll of Preparatory Members of Hanes Methodist Church.

¶ MAIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH, Salisbury, will observe homecoming day on Sunday, September 10. Rev. John S. Jordan, a former pastor, who is now pastor of Haywood Street in Asheville will be the guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service. Following the service a picnic lunch will be served on the church lawn. An afternoon song service will be held at two o'clock. All former pastors and members, and friends are urged to come and join in this day of worship and fellowship. J. L. Love is pastor of Main Street Church.

¶ H. S. GARLINGTON, father of Dr. J. E. Garlington, member of the N. C. Conference and pastor at Clinton, died at an Alexandria, La., hospital last week at the age of 93. He was a farmer and cattleman and had lived in Grant Parish, La., most of his life. He was active in state and local Methodist circles and a long time member of Bentley Methodist Church. Surviving are seven sons, two daughters, one brother, thirty grandchildren, forty-eight great grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

¶ Home Coming Day will be observed at the Stony Point Methodist Church on next Sunday, September 10 at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The pastor, Rev. Kenneth A. Horn, will preach the home-coming sermon, and lunch will be served on the grounds following the service.

¶ A meeting of the Goldsboro District will be held Thursday, September 14, at 9:30 a. m., at the St. Paul Church. At this time plans will be made for the "Knock On Every Door" program which is being sponsored by the Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference.

¶ LAST SUNDAY MORNING the Alma Edgerton Class of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, awarded Mrs. Ella Hester her 28th bar for perfect attendance in her church school class. She is to be commended for the devotion and effort necessary to achieve this honor.

¶ DR. GEORGE SCHREYER, head of the division of religion and philosophy at Pfeiffer College will teach the W S C S Mission Study course for the Methodist churches of Fayetteville on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 5, 6, and 7. The classes will be held at Haymount Church. This study is under joint supervision of all Methodist churches of Fayetteville, and all women are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

¶ THE APPOINTMENT OF Mrs. John R. Gore, Albemarle, as instructor in Development Reading at Pfeiffer College has been announced by Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, Pfeiffer president. She is a graduate of Albion College, has engaged in special graduate level reading studies at the University of South Carolina and at Winthrop College. She is a candidate for a master's degree from the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Gore, since 1957, has conducted 21 Developmental or remedial reading workshops throughout North and South Carolina for secondary high school teachers. In the summer of 1959, she was assistant to Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, Director of Reading Services for the Illinois Institute of Technology, where she led reading workshops attended by teachers from 16 states.

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Bishop Fred Pierce Corson Elected President Methodist World Council

Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. has been elected president of the World Methodist Council.

He will succeed the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts of Richmond, Surrey, England, Friday noon, August 25, when he is installed by past president Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis.

Bishop Corson was named president-designate by the executive committee of the Council in July 1960. He administers 1,135 churches of the Philadelphia Area with a combined membership of 333,000. He came to the episcopacy in 1944 from the presidency of Dickinson College.

Dr. Roberts, who is president of Richmond Theological College, affiliated with London University, and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, retired, were confirmed to the status of past presidents.

Dr. Lee Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, U.S.A., was elected to succeed Dr. Elmer T. Clark as general secretary for the Americas and the Rev. Max W.

Woodward, minister of Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London, to succeed Dr. E. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, England, as general secretary for the eastern hemisphere. Dr. Perkins and Dr. Clark were made associate secretaries for consultative purposes.

The treasurers, Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., and Leslie A. Ellwood, London, England, were re-elected.

Following are the vice-presidents, who, with the other officers, will serve terms of five years: Dr. Eric W. Baker, London, England; Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, Argentina; Rev. B. M. Crystall, New Zealand; Bishop Odd Hagen, Stockholm, Sweden; the Rev. W. Frank Hambly, North Adelaide, South Australia; Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Cleveland, Ohio; Charles C. Parlin, New York; Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw (A.M.E. Zion), Wilmington, North Carolina; Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. B. Webb, Johannesburg, South Africa.

WNC Conference Holds Charlotte Cabinet Meeting

Six vacant Western North Carolina Methodist Conference pulpits have been filled by appointment of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and his cabinet.

The 13 district superintendents who compose the cabinet, meeting in Charlotte in an all day session with the bishop in First Methodist Church Friday, September 1, made these appointments.

Albemarle District

New Hope Methodist Church, the Rev. W. R. Jenkins, retired supply, Charlotte, to become pastor. No minister was assigned here during annual conference.

Wade Methodist Church in Wadesboro, the Rev. Bobby Eugene Green, a local preacher, to become pastor. No minister had been assigned here during annual conference. Mr. Green is from Locust.

Camp Sutton Methodist Church in Monroe, the Rev. Leon Atkinson, local preacher of Charlotte, to become pastor of this new congregation.

Marion District

East Marion Methodist Church, the Rev. M. G. Erwin, retired supply, Ellenboro, to replace the Rev. Joe Wakefield. The Rev. Mr. Wakefield is taking a leave of absence from the pulpit because of ill health.

North Wilkesboro District

Creston-Green Valley, the Rev. Paul Davenport, local preacher of Newland, to be associate pastor. This position was left vacant during annual conference appointments.

Winston-Salem District

Marvin Methodist Church, the Rev. Phillip H. Gibbs, former associate minister from Dilworth Methodist Church in Charlotte, to become the new pastor. The Rev. H. A. Pruyn, who had been reappointed to Marvin, died during the summer.

Reports from the district superintend-

ents showed that financial askings across the conference are being accepted 100 per cent by the churches, the bishop said. "A fine spirit prevails in the conference in everyway." Total askings are \$770,420.

The bishop said the conference continues to experience a "considerable amount of church building, as well as the paying off of the debts on present buildings."

Four men appeared before the cabineau with reports.

Robert Smith of Mount Airey, conference lay leader, reported on the program of leadership schools, during which the value of stewardship in local churches will be emphasized.

The Rev. Garland R. Stafford of Statesville, director of Town and Country Work in the conference, revealed plans of his office to offer special counseling and visitation aid to rural pastors.

The Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District, spoke on evangelism and told his colleagues the conference is well underway in its plans to emphasize evangelism during 1961-1962. He said churches are being urged to organize evangelistic groups called "The Twelve" for fellowship and witnessing.

The Rev. E. H. Nease, pastor of Big Spring Methodist Church in Charlotte, spoke on the Golden Cross plan which offers hospitalization for Methodist needy. He said persons throughout the conference will benefit from the plan. He also reported on conference hospitals and homes.

Bishop Harmon announced he will hold his Bishop's Planning Conference for officers of the conference and heads of important committees October 26 and 27 at First Methodist Church in Charlotte. About 100 persons are expected to attend and hear about the church's total program.

The bishop and his cabinet will next meet Tuesday, December 19, at First Methodist Church in Charlotte.

EDITORIALS

World Methodist Conference Was Splendid Success

With the close of the World Methodist Conference at Oslo, Norway, it was our feeling, and we believe it is widely shared by others, that it was a very worthwhile gathering. Attended by delegates from around the world, yet there was unity of spirit and purpose. It was easy to see that "the Methodists are one people."

The Conference was not a legislative body, but no doubt its influence will be far reaching. Its theme was "New Life in the Spirit." The various speakers and the group meetings gave emphasis to this theme. We were especially happy to hear the high spiritual note sounded all the way through. We are giving in this issue, the "Message to all Methodist Churches," which was adopted by the Conference. Also we are printing the closing address by Bishop Fred P. Corson, of Philadelphia, the new president of the World Council. We respectfully suggest a careful reading of these messages.

It would be impossible to give all the highlights of the conference in this brief statement. Many of the addresses were superb. The music, furnished by a mixed choir of Norwegian singers and the Mount Union College Choir of Ohio was an inspiration to hear. The conference reviewed the past, evaluated the present, and looked to and planned for the future. It was concerned about, and gave emphasis to the whole program of the church, dealing with evangelism, missions, education, and the rest. It seems to us that everyone attending should appreciate more fully the privilege of being a member of a great world church such as Methodism, with its roots reaching deeply into the religious life and culture of so many countries. It was a joy to be there.

And now, just exactly one month from the day we left New York, we find ourselves again flying back home on this tremendous BOAC jet airliner at 600 miles per hour, at an altitude of 39,000 feet. Seated directly across the aisle from us as we write is Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of Des Moines, Iowa. The plane will carry around 200 persons. The sky above is blue and clear, while the clouds below are interspersed with blue and white, much of it resembling the earth when it is covered with snow. While we cannot see the Atlantic be-

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Little Rock, Ark.

cause we are above the clouds, we know it is down there.

Our travel has been most pleasant with a fine group of people. We have flown throughout the trip as we have visited nine different countries on the twelve long flights, ranging from 250 miles to 3,500 in distance. At Oslo we came in contact with some of the leaders in world Methodism from the various countries. We want to record here again our gratitude to all who had any part in making this experience possible. The Methodist Board of Publication, under which we work, has been most gracious. To the entire personnel who are employed by the board in producing the **North Carolina Christian Advocate** and operating the Piedmont Press, we are grateful. Some of them accepted added responsibilities. To those who furnished guest editorials or contributed otherwise we express thanks for a job well done. Last but not least we are grateful to Bishop Paul N. Garber for appointing us as an official delegate to this great World Conference. It is our hope and prayer that far-reaching results and lasting good will come from this gathering.

Methodism Revealed as Great World Church at Oslo Meeting

The one thing that impressed most delegates attending the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, as we were able to interpret it, was the spirit of one-ness, or unity, which prevailed. Delegates were present from all over the world, representing different nationalities, different cultures, different races, and yet there was not heard a dissenting voice from the main Methodist witness. This does not mean there were no differences of opinion on the matter of approach to certain problems; but, by and large, there was unity of spirit and purpose. Everyone seemed to think along the same line. Some of the outstanding leaders from all around the world delivered addresses or were on the program in one way or another. Sir Hugh Foot, currently a member of the British delegation to the United Nations, expressed what was perhaps the opinion of all the delegates when he said: "The

forces of reconciliation that bring the world together today are stronger than the forces that divide. We must continue to believe in liberty; we must fight tyranny." Dr. Archibald Carey, Jr., of Chicago, an outstanding Methodist, who served as chairman of President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Employment Policy, in addressing a study group, referred to Victor Hugo's statement: "There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come." He went on to say, "The idea whose time has come now is the idea that every man, everywhere, ought to be free, and this is an echo of the Great Emancipator who opened the Book on the Sabbath Day and read, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . . He hath anointed me . . . to preach deliverance to the captives . . . and to set at liberty them that are bruised.'"

The trip to Oslo took us briefly through England, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, and back to America. Thus, we were in contact with ten different countries, all of which were represented, along with many others throughout the world, at Oslo. Here we could appreciate more fully the idea of Christian brotherhood as we saw it in action, and heard it expressed by people of various cultures and differing tongues.

There is a tendency to regard the church as a kind of an ecclesiastical organization, under the direction of a sort of hierarchy far removed from the common people. However, attendance at these great world conferences gives one a different insight. Here we see the common ground on which all tread, and come to understand better the common cause to which all are committed. A serious reflection will show the Christian church of this generation is active in establishing and stabilizing the Christian faith and practice all around the world. Succeeding generations may be able to look back upon the twentieth century and give thanks to God for what is now being accomplished.

Americans Play Prominent Part in World Conference

In the meeting and program of the World Council of Methodism in Oslo, Norway, it was interesting to note the place and prominence of American churchmen. We would not attempt to single out individuals, but suffice it to say that many of the addresses were delivered by prominent Americans, and much of the over-all program rested upon the shoulders of the American Methodists. Which leads us to the comment that the Methodist Church is perhaps stronger in the United States than

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Editor:

When I was preaching in Cuba in 1957 at Formento, my interpreter Manuel Salabarría made the decision to enter the ministry. He was serving a pastorate in Los Villas province when the Castro government's actions caused him to give up his pastorate. Friends over the State of North Carolina have helped me furnish the money for his escape from Cuba. He and wife and baby, also his mother and preacher father, reached Miami on July 29th. His testimony from Cuba is a fresh and interesting one. When you have space kindly publish this letter and his letter.

Hoping all is well with you.

Faternally,

J. FURMAN HERBERT

Route 2, Chapel Hill.

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Miami, Fla.

August 14, 1961

Dear Brother Herbert:

Thanks so much for your kind letter of August 9. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity to us. We now feel more confident after being here for a while. It is very interesting how you start thinking and acting after a short while of living in a communist-controlled country, even when it is your own.

We were used to living in such a familiar, simple way in Cuba, sharing our sorrows and happiness with our neighbors and friends. Now we could not even share our thinking with our own family.

We had a small Methodist school in our church. Three months ago the government took over all the private schools and the church lost all the schools in Cuba. We used to have Sunday school in the school rooms; now we are facing a tremendous problem with that. They not only took over our small schools but also the youth building. Day by day they control more and more the work and activities of the church. They send militia men to watch over the services and they try to make you as nervous as possible. They even break up the meetings.

The food is a tremendous problem here. The milk, even for the children, is hard to find; meat, rice and beans are also scarce. I could write you a book with stories about what they are doing there and it would not be enough.

The government has these children and youth meetings at the same time the church has its services and they make them go even if they don't want it. They force the students and teachers to go to these meetings. They fire the teachers if they don't go, and as the government controls all the agencies of work and economic resources of the country, they are left without work. The students face the problem that if they do not act as the government dictates (the Communist Party), they don't receive their credits.

The people that owned houses are no longer the owners; the government has taken over all the houses and properties. We had our own home completely furnished and we could not store or sell anything. We lost everything. Nobody can give away their things, nobody can move from one place to another without a special permission from the government, and this permission is almost impossible to get.

Now the last law is that nobody can have more than 200 pesos. They check and open all the mail. They have trained 10,000 militia men to do this. For these reasons and many others, I feel sorry for my country, and talk and pray every time I have the opportunity so that the tragedy of Cuba will not be repeated in any other country in Latin America. Some of these countries are ready for a revolution and the communists are purposed to do the

same thing they did in Cuba. We have to get rid of Fidel Castro and his regime as soon as possible before the infection can spread to other countries in this hemisphere. The American Protestant church has an important place in the role of opening the eyes of the dangers of this regime not only to Latin America but to U.S.A. The danger is just 90 miles from you.

I hope you will understand what is more or less the situation there. Later by conversation or letters I will tell you more.

Thank you for the money. We appreciate your help, more than you think.

Love from Israel, Nancy, and my mother and father.

With our love and gratitude.

(Signed): MANUEL

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A MESSAGE TO MY BRETHREN THE RETIRED PREACHERS

Dear Brother Starnes:

I want to get a message over to my brethren in the retired preachers column.

I have a wonderful Bible class that I think God has given me, it came in this way: A good Baptist woman on our street had an only child, a daughter, fifteen years old. She came and asked me if I would teach that girl Bible? I told her I would be glad to do it and it would not cost her anything.

We had lessons and after thinking a little, I decided I could teach twenty-five or thirty as easily as one; so I put a little notice in the paper and they came. We have enrolled about eighty. We had fifty at one meeting and forty at some, thirty and forty at most meetings, and it will be six years, November 11, since we started.

We have gone through the Bible and for several months we have studied the Bible topically. Our class is composed of all ages, whole families come, and we have made great progress. The children seem to be as much interested as the adults.

I would like if space allowed, to speak of features of special interest.

This has given me a great deal of pleasure, we meet in my house each Friday evening.

So, I can stay in my den and still do an important work at ninety-five years of age.

I recommend this to my retired brethren.

Also, I have a class in the Sunday School in the First Methodist Church here; the older ladies class that I have had about twenty-two years.

But the work that takes most of my time is my tract work: I have written more than two hundred tracts, sermons, and booklets that have been printed and more than three hundred thousand have been printed and gone out free. I have not sold a tract or asked for a penny: My Dear Lord has sent in the money; not a bill for printing has had to wait a day.

One man up North has had me ship him thirteen thousand of one of my tracts; one man down South had me ship him about twenty thousand tracts; they have gone over most of the U.S., and some to Canada, and a few to mission fields.

So I am staying busy in my den. I cannot get out much but am happy to be busy in important work.

May our Lord bless all of our retired brethren, and use them for His glory. There is so much to be done, we should all be busy.

Yours in Him,
EBENEZER MYERS

anywhere else in the world. This is a fact that many of our people may not know. It is also one that should inspire within us, not a spirit of pride, but of gratitude and humility. It places upon us a great responsibility to be loyal to the initial spirit of Methodism. It is this spirit of loyalty that has made the church in America what it is and enabled it to achieve such marvelous success.

And while we have referred to the prominent place of American churchmen on the program, it is also interesting to note the place occupied by North Carolina church leaders in this conference. There were some 40 or 50 North Carolinians attending the conference, including a large number of youth delegates. Playing important roles were both of our episcopal leaders, Bishop Paul N. Garber and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. Also Dr. Elmer T. Clark, who is one of the secretaries of the World Council, and Dr. Lee Tuttle, who succeeds Dr. Clark at the close of this conference. Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska was one of the communion celebrants at the early morning service. Mr. Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, treasurer of the world council, also conducted the devotions at the opening service on Thursday evening, August 17. Mr. J. W. Fowler III, president of the student body at Duke University spoke for American youth at the youth rally on Monday evening, August 21, along with other youth representing Great Britain and Norway.

This is no attempt to compare the prominence and influence of delegates from various sections of the world, but to call attention to the fact that American Methodists are giving a good account of themselves. Everyone taking part in this great conference seemed to be dedicated to a holy task. We repeat what we said earlier in another article, there was unity of spirit and purpose in this conference. As the delegates return to their homes all over the world, there should be a new appreciation of what it means to be a part of this great church, and it should serve to challenge us to a more consecrated service in the name of our Lord.

Officials of Methodist Related Universities Meet in Boston

President S. Walter Martin and Vice President Judson Ward, Jr. of Emory University attended a meeting of officials of Methodist-related universities at Boston University Sept. 3 through Sept. 5.

The major Methodist-related universities throughout the nation were represented at the annual meeting. These include Boston, Emory, Syracuse, the University of Denver, Southern Methodist, American University and Duke. While there Dr. Martin spoke to a meeting of Emory alumni in the New England area.

A Message to the Methodist Churches Of the World From Oslo Conference

THEME: "New Life in the Spirit"

We believe it was in God's providence that the chosen theme of the conference was "New Life in the Spirit." To focus the attention and study of an entire conference of a world-wide church on the work of the Holy Spirit is as significant as it is unique. We are encouraged to invite our fellow Methodists in every land to devote themselves to the same prayerful study in the coming months. Methodist participation in ecumenical discussion in recent years has made us increasingly aware of the heritage which is ours in the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, especially as it relates to the distinctive doctrines of Assurance and Scriptural Holiness. Our experience in the conference has taught us that the Bible has insights to offer us on the work of the Holy Spirit in the church, in the life of society, and in our personal lives which we have by no means fully appreciated. In days when men's hearts are failing them for fear, we take courage in the certainty that the Spirit still bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

The Fellowship of the New Life

Our comradeship at Oslo has itself borne witness to the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Men and women of many colours, coming from over fifty nations, with our homes on both sides of the Iron Curtain, we have nonetheless lived and worked together as Christian brethren. With some members coming from situations as explosive and diverse as those of Berlin, South Africa and the Congo, we have shared a fully integrated fellowship and have shown in worship, meals and conversations the unity which is the Spirit's gift. This has not happened easily. It has grown out of pain and prayer as we have been led by the Spirit of Christ. The unity we have found here is a challenge to the disunity of which we are still so conscious in our churches and communities at home. As we have discovered the Holy Spirit to be the unifying vitality of our fellowship at Oslo and of our close comradeship within the Methodist churches of the world, we believe the same Holy Spirit to be our hope and unifying vitality across the barriers set up in the life of mankind by human sin.

Our Fellowship Across Political Barriers

We have rejoiced particularly in the presence within this conference of representatives from East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. We have been moved to hear from them how the Gospel is joyfully and freely proclaimed by them in circumstances of special difficulty. Our thoughts have turned often to our fellow Methodists and to other Christians in China, Eastern Europe, and other isolated areas of the world. We believe they are being guided and refreshed by the Spirit of the Living God, and we affirm our continuing unity with them in the faith of Christ. We are holding them in our prayers. The tragic circumstances in

which so many millions of our fellowmen live as refugees rebukes the assumptions on which modern society is based, and stirs us to persistent prayer and action on their behalf.

We rejoice that in our time so many new nations are coming to independence and self-government. True freedom for every child of God is a consequence of the Christian understanding of man. As the church insists on freedom for all, so the church must insist that all free men and nations come under the judgment of God in the use of that freedom. The maturity of any nation must be judged by the safeguards and respect which it gives to its minorities.

The menace of war remains a threat to humanity's future, as it did when we met at Lake Junaluska five years ago. We remain convinced that "the fruit of the Spirit is peace" and we believe that God's blessing rests on the makers of peace and not on the makers of war. We remind our members of the constructive declarations of the Methodist Conferences on the subject of War and Peace, and commend these declarations to their study. We would dedicate ourselves to heed the word God has already spoken to us, and then to practice the way of the peacemaker intelligently and obediently.

Our Fellowship Across Racial Barriers

Our world, torn by so many of the conflicts of sin, is in the arena of racial strife and suspicion. The dark power that animates our racial tensions is the power of fear. It can be removed only by the power of reconciling love. The "communion of the Holy Spirit" must mean for all men what it has meant for us here at Oslo—a fellowship in Christ that breaks down the dividing barriers of race. In the Methodist Church we seek to show to the world patterns of human relationships which are based on love and transcend all the divisions of colour, age and social cases.

The Methodist Conferences of the world stand for the elimination of discrimination and segregation. The proposition that every human being is entitled to his full place in society is based on the assurance that Christ died for him. This should carry with it a recognition of our responsibilities as Christian members of the community.

We assure all of our fellowship who are making a witness of reconciliation, in the face of dangerous tensions and threats to their security, of our joy in their faithfulness and a brotherly concern for them. We express our thankfulness that the Church has had its part in the advances in understanding and comradeship which have been made since this Council last met at Lake Junaluska in 1956.

Our Fellowship Within the Social Order

We shall seek in vain the invigorating power of the Holy Spirit if we are not prepared to be used by Him as the agents of God's redemptive will. We confess that the Church has too often made the life

we offer in the name of Christ to appear dull and unexciting. Especially has this seemed so to young people. We confront a world of confused moral standards. We do right to condemn the exploitation of sex and violence, for this exploitation brings misery and suffering to our fellows, and denies the image of God in man. We must, however, understand with compassionate sympathy the emptiness and boredom of those who try to live without the Spirit's guiding power. In love we must strive to bring to them the joy of life in the Spirit. The need for wise and faithful training in the Christian attitude to Sex and Marriage was stressed vigorously by our discussion groups.

We call our people to foster understanding and sympathy between nations and to strengthen the sense of a common purpose between the social classes within each nation. In fulfillment of our stewardship we must support to the point of sacrifice plans to raise the living standards of the poorer nations, not as a calculated move in a political power struggle, but as a Christian obligation within the family of God. We noted that in many lands the gulf is wide between rich and poor, the "haves" and the "have-nots." Movements of deep social concern quite outside the organized Church challenge our discipleship. Our studies and discussions have recalled us to the place of obedience in the daily life of the Christian; to the realization that the liberty and security and grace of the spirit-filled life come to those who hear the Word of God and do it. They have recalled us also to the place of the worshipping and caring Church in the economy of God. We have sensed again the importance of the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as the environment in which individual man is enabled best to grow.

We refuse to identify Christianity with any economic system, but insist that every economic order is under the judgment of God and must be tested by the commands of the Christian gospel.

Our Fellowship Within the Church

Humanly speaking, the Church's main strength in the world lies in millions of dedicated laymen and women. We must ensure that Methodist lay members throughout the world have a faith they can express in word and in the conditions of everyday life. This calls for a new willingness to embark on training, by and for both ministers and lay leaders, recalling the promise that the Spirit will lead us into all the truth. As our Methodist fathers learned, we must ourselves learn the relevance to our daily life of the Bible and of prayer; and must then take the insight and integrity of Christians to the place of decision and action—in factory and school, in home and Council chamber.

The needs and claims of youth have been steadily in our thinking, not least by reason of the admirable contributions of the youth delegations in this Conference. We believe that in many lands Methodist care for young people inside and outside its churches is faithful and attractive. Nonetheless it is clear that much still remains to be done. Many of the children who are baptized in our churches and who begin in our schools drift from us; and many adult members of our congregations fail to rec-

ognize their opportunity and responsibility for the training and winning of the new generation. We would encourage an intensification of the efforts already made to share experience and resources among the Methodist Youth Departments of the world; and would set the service of youth as one of the highest priorities in the work of Methodism in every land.

From its earliest days Methodism has been committed to the cause of education. Progress in the development of national systems of education the world over has changed but not diminished our responsibility in this field. In some countries a rapidly developing pattern of higher education is laying additional tasks upon us. The Conference still sees the cause of education as a prime concern of the Church, and the provision of Christian teachers as one of its principal contributions to a nation's life.

Repeatedly we have been made aware that the Holy Spirit is pressing us towards closer relations with our fellow Christians. Although schemes of union have not been discussed by the Council, we affirm a deepening consciousness that Methodism is not an end in itself. In these very days, in which we have discovered again the wealth of our own theological inheritance, we have simultaneously been aware that the Holy Spirit knows no frontiers, and is the heart both of our own comradeship within the Methodist Churches of the world and of the closer comradeship with the churches represented in the World Council of Churches.

The Immediate Mission of the Church

The obligation to evangelize has been in our minds constantly. The first result of Pentecost was a loving concern for those outside the fellowship. At every level, and by every means, we regard the communication of the gospel as the Methodist Church's most fundamental task.

The mission of the church is to proclaim the gospel and to cross the boundary belief and unbelief in the name of Jesus Christ.

In many places the environment is becoming hostile, and obstacles to evangelism increase. Non-Christians tend to suspect Western missionaries of bringing with them the elements of colonialism or dollar imperialism.

We must make prompt and bold appraisal of our missionary efforts. We rejoice in the developing partnership by which the younger churches are themselves contributing personnel to the cause, and believe this also should be accelerated. The surrender to newer churches of authority and responsibility for evangelization of their peoples must be accelerated. More and more, the older churches, particularly those of Great Britain and the United States, should channel their work and aid through partnerships in ecumenical bodies.

Remembering the past and appraising the present, we look to the future. In spite of the difficulties which confront the church in this decisive hour and the spiritual problems which resist solution, this is a day of opportunity. Let us in humble penitence and with immovable faith live the gospel we proclaim. The word for the Church is "forward." May it be sounded everywhere!

Durham Subdistrict MYF Planning Retreat



When the largest subdistrict Methodist Youth Fellowship in the North Carolina Conference, the Durham Subdistrict, with 32 churches on roll, has a planning retreat, it is a big event and draws a large number of youths. Shown in the above photo are the 32 youths and resource leaders who were on hand for this year's session, August 26, at Camp Chestnut Ridge. They are, left to right, front row: George Roycroft, president; Gayle Murdock, vice-president; Randy Marshall, vice-president; Myra Morris, secretary; Glenda Newton, treasurer; Charles Massey, publicity chairman; Anna Pope, Witness; and Betty Jean O'Neal, Faith; and second row: Dennis Brandon, Citizenship; Bill Phillips, Outreach; Judy Seigfried, Fellowship; Pat Sutherlin, immediate past president; Marian Ashe, resource leader; Alex Watson, resource leader; John Rudin and Becky Nash; and third row: Margaret Weatherly, Sue Gill, Billy Massey, Patsy Terrell, Judy Hayes, Judy Browning, and Phillip Poe; and fourth row: Ann Sanford, Joyce Bristow, Jeanette Massey, Gayle Bowling, Charnell Rich, Beth Ingram, Steve Nichols, Horace Mansfield (subdistrict counselor); and Ferrand Fowler.

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The Evangelistic Genius of Methodism is Cited

Excerpts from an Address Prepared for Delivery at
the Tenth World Methodist Conference, Oslo

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John Wesley preached in the fields, at mine shafts, in prisons, and on the streets, in camp meetings, revivals, as well as in chapels and churches.

The magnitude and diversity of his social concerns were prophetic of ever enlarging witness of Methodism in many lands.

The Wesleys were blessed to have rugged, zealous leaders who shared their toil, privations, and enthusiasm. The genius of evangelism motivated John Wesley on repeated missionary ventures to Ireland, Scotland, and Holland. He sent a missionary to Africa. He came to America with a high sense of redemptive mission and later sent preachers.

People of African descent were attracted to and became ardent and enthusiastic Methodists. "Black Harry" was one of the early popular and sensational preachers. He accompanied and preached with Bishop Asbury on numerous itinerant missions.

In 1787 the Rev. Richard Allen and his followers withdrew from St. George's Church in Philadelphia and organized the

African Methodist Episcopal Church which is now the largest of the Negro Methodist denominations. He became its first bishop. The Rev. James Varick and a group withdrew from John Street Church in New York in 1796 and organized the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, second largest Negro group. Later, what is now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1870.

These three denominations with consecrated indigenous leadership have an aggregate membership of nearly three million. In the meantime approximately 400,000 persons of African descent are members of The Methodist Church (in America). The vitality of the evangelistic fervor and zeal according to knowledge have validated the guidance of the Holy Spirit in organization, outreach and fellowship.

The present age demands a courageous Christian statesmanlike reconciliation and warranty of human dignity and freedom to meet the demands of the winds of change. Providence speaks to Methodists that they go forward to the fruition of our hopes and dreams.

Cooperation in Missionary Witness"

(Excerpts from an address delivered at The World Methodist Conference, Oslo, Norway, August 23, 1961. By Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith, General Secretary, Division of World Missions, Board of Missions, The Methodist Church, New York, U.S.A.)

The first fact basic to effective contemporary missionary cooperation is the distinction between inter-church aid and missions.

Christian churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America are increasingly tempted defensively to turn in upon themselves. The environment of many is more and more hostile. Obstacles to evangelism increase. The population explosion vastly outdistances the growth rate of the Christian minority.

Evidences of a minority mind in some Christian groups are discernible. Countries where the Christian mission has encountered distinctive difficulties in the years since this Council last met have the revealing geographical distribution of Korea, Indonesia, Burma, the United Arab Republic, the Sudan, North Africa, Ghana and Cuba. In a few spots the question "How is the world to be evangelized?" is being replaced as a dominant concern with the inquiry, "How does the Church survive?"

This tendency to supplant institutional interests for evangelistic passion is not new. It is not limited to any group of churches. In the missionary movement it has added impetus because of the very effectiveness of that movement in years past. With creative, sacrificial skill great institutions have been developed by the Christian mission. They have made the church the most productive schoolmaster of Africa, of Asia, of Latin America—as it has been of North America and Europe.

They have made the church a healing angel; a dynamic for good in agriculture, in urban services, in literature, and in many other fields. Because of their very vitality, institutions serving such needs continue to grow and insatiably demand more and more personnel and funds.

More and more of the church's trained leadership—national and missionary—becomes institutional centered. Here is a primary problem in missionary morale. Evangelists are made executives; teachers become school administrators, preachers spend energies on committees rather than on congregations. Personal contacts are displaced by institutional burdens. Walter Freytag described this problem as "a loss of directness." The loss of direct, personal witnessing contact with people is the heavy sacrifice some missionaries have to make. The Reverend Mr. Kenneth Choto of Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, said with great earnestness, "Our greatest need is more heart-to-heart talk." How many seriously overworked missionaries, whose institutional responsibilities remorselessly dominate their working hours, would heartily agree.

The first imperative in missionary cooperation is to remember the difference between inter-church aid and mission; to serve the valid interests of both needs; and to recover the rightful New Testament pri-

ority upon the evangelical mission to those who know not Jesus Christ.

Because of the missionary vigor of our forefathers, the church for recent centuries has occupied a strategic place on the bridge between East and West. The most important resource for occupying that bridge and directing a significant share of its traffic is already in the church's hands. It results from a lay awakening. That awakening is the single most hopeful element in today's religious horizon. One symptom is the fact, repeated I am sure in each church here, that our Board of Missions receives each year from 50 to 100 applications from laymen established in business, successful in teaching or highly trained in science, eager to enter the service of the church. A few we can use. Most we cannot in our present patterns of missionary administration. Yet many of them possess the skills for which new nations clamor. Here God confronts us with a vast new opportunity. He makes available resources to seize it. We have not yet developed means to act. Herein is perhaps the greatest demand for new missionary patterns.

The twentieth century has already greatly surpassed any of its predecessors in upheaval and bloodshed. Yet even in this turbulent century, it seems very likely that the periods of maximum trouble are yet to come. One concomitant of this turbulence promises to be an environment increasingly hostile to the Christian mission. The possibilities of Indian developments after Nehru is gone are sobering. In the very recent years it has become almost impossible to get visas for missionaries to enter Burma or the Sudan. Large sections of the Congo are still evacuated of missionaries. Mozambique sees increasing Roman persecution of Protestants. Revolution in Angola produces systematic attempts to exterminate Protestant leadership. The prevailing question in Latin America is no longer when Cuba will be freed of Castro but when other Castros will appear elsewhere. All the farm land of Peru is owned by forty families; in Ecuador by twelve.

How does the Christian mission effectively witness amid such turbulence? If visas for missionaries are not available, can we not find committed business men, government servants, scientists who could enter in secular capacities; give them thorough missionary training, and through such a lay apostolate seek to provide a continuing personal service to the church?

Protestant churches in 1960 were sending 42,250 missionaries to foreign countries. There were 27,219 from the United States and Canada, nearly all the rest from northern Europe. At least 41,000 were Caucasians. The decades between 1960 and 2000 are hardly an appropriate time for Protestantism to continue this complexion in its missionary force. The development of an adequately international and interracial

missionary force is one of the imperatives confronting us.

The third fact basic to effective missionary cooperation is the essential nature of the need for local initiative in missionary outreach.

A primary spiritual need of a church is for a sense of direct participation in missionary outreach. When the Methodist Church in India decided to send a missionary couple to Sarawak, its Board of Missions decided to accept no help outside in that project, that their own people might have that exciting sense of personal participation in sending their missionary to another country.

When the Methodist Church in the Philippines sent Miss Flomena Natividad to serve in Okinawa there was a wonderful release of enthusiasm among the congregations contributing to her support. This essential feeling of personal participation in the Christian mission is the reason for the effectiveness of the program of Advance Special giving in our own Board. This is a pattern whereby a congregation can designate missionary gifts after meeting its basic benevolence quota. Such gifts have increased from \$850,000 in 1949 to \$6,500,000 in 1961—12 years.

The idea of a world board of missions to take over the missionary work of the churches here assembled, thus to streamline and economize through coordinating operations and unifying administration has been proposed:

Admittedly there is urgent need for consultation. It is being partially met, but more is needed. However, the development of a world-wide unified missionary administration would be a deadly threat to a younger church's struggle to develop its own, spiritually necessary missionary passion. A vivid sense of missionary participation does not come from having one or two representatives meet occasionally with an international agency administering funds largely donated from other countries. That vital sense of personal participation can come only as a church itself takes initiative in its own missionary outreach. The idea of a world mission board administering the missionary outreach of each of the churches here represented may appeal to the efficiency-minded Westerner. We Westerners would be assured places of power in such a board. We would have nothing to lose. However, the loss in a sense of personal responsibility for specific projects under their own administration could effectively paralyze missionary outreach in some younger churches. Whatever developing patterns of consultation there are in missionary cooperation, they must never be allowed to inhibit in any way the free initiative of any church in our fellowship to find its own means of missionary witness, in the way most productive for its own situation.

Global missionary cooperation cannot effectively enrich the Christian mission unless it protects carefully the right of every church to its own missionary initiative, expressed within the context of the regional evangelistic challenge.

Within Methodism cooperation in missionary activity multiplied. The Methodist Missionary Society in London places 13 missionaries under the administration of

Bishop Amstutz in a sister Methodist church of Southeast Asia. That Society gives administrative and pastoral supervision to Crusade Scholars of the New York Board while studying in the British Isles. American Methodism contributes to a dormitory for missionaries at Selly Oaks College, Birmingham. Australian Methodism sends a missionary nurse to a hospital of the American Methodists in Borneo. So cooperation in missionary witness grows, modifies and expands, without adding organizational overhead or administrative costs.

Our first obligation in missionary cooperation is to recover the New Testament priority upon the preaching of the Gospel to those who know not the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every development in our patterns of cooperation must always be subject to the searching question, to what degree will this aid in bringing light to those who sit in darkness?

New Hope, Elizabeth City District To Observe Homecoming

Homecoming in the New Hope Methodist Church September 10. This church is one of the oldest churches in the Elizabeth City District. It has many historical land markers still on the church grove which covers seven acres of land in the center of the community.

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Worship service at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. Thomas Butt the guest speaker. Old fashioned dinner will be served on the grounds after the morning worship.

After the dinner fellowship there will be a song service at 2:00 p.m. by the different choirs from other Methodist churches in the community. The members of the New Hope Methodist, extend a cordial welcome to one and all. Rev. Dan Meadows is pastor.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of those who believe not." —II COR. 4:4

The god of this world is the devil and his blinds are the shades with which he governs our point of view.

One set of blinds lets us see only what is high. If a preacher wears them he sees only the high steeples and the high-standing people.

Mr. Whipporwill had some blinds that made little things look big. At every official meeting he made a speech about women wearing bobbed hair.

Mrs. Wineglass had blinds that magnified the card table and minimized the mourners bench. She moved her membership to Dives Memorial where they taught that all people are the children of God—some more than others.

Mr. I. C. Black had a set of tinted blinds that made the morning light look like the end of day.

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One reason why some people don't talk much about their religion is they don't have much to talk to talk about.



Participating in the National Youth School of Moral Concerns were, left to right, Myra Ray Armstrong of Asheville, Western North Carolina Conference MYF citizenship chairman; Bruce Anne Parcell of Statesville, Western North Carolina Conference MYF Citizenship chairman; and the Rev. Frank Wier of Nashville, Tenn., Youth Department, Editorial Division, General Board of Education. The National Youth School, conducted August 21-27 at National College in Kansas City, Mo., was sponsored by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, General Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Youth Department, Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education.

Today's Special Call for One's Church Paper

The day has never been during my 90 years in the flesh that men and women did not need to have a paper coming to them regularly at least once a week which would give them a clear and honest statement of God's will and purpose for them and for the current life about them. But in my opinion this need is especially strong, urgently demanding, and imperatively essential for all homes that aspire to mould those within its circle in ideals and plans for worthy living in such a world as this.

If one would ask me to specify some of these calls and demands, my task in responding to such a request is an easy one. For example: (1) The secularistic atmosphere at every nook and corner of today's life; (2) The jazz that meets one's ears at every turn of the road along life's highway and on all the byways of life, too; (3) It is jazz for breakfast, jazz for lunch, jazz for supper, jazz until bedtime, and all the way between times. (4) The profanity, the gambling, the drunkenness, the immorality and all the rest. I insist that our day presents many and pressing demands for some paper to come into our homes that will constantly and persistently cry aloud for clean ideals, for righteousness in living, and for wholesome pastimes of all sorts, and for clean examples in living.

I say that our day calls loudly and strongly for a revival of the fear of God on all sides and for a paper that will stand for and advocate these principles with courage, with boldness, and with unfailing persistence.

W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

In Churches Of The Durham Area

Glendale Heights Church To Get First Use

Glendale Heights Methodists will move into the first unit of their new church Sunday, Sept. 17, two years after the church was organized on Sept. 13, 1959.

The new church has been erected at a cost of \$60,000. It is of concrete block construction faced with white stone. It is a two-story building with ground level entrances on both floors. The building will have a temporary sanctuary with a seating capacity of 200.

The second unit to be built will be the permanent sanctuary with a fellowship hall on the basement level.

On Sept. 17, the church will celebrate the occasion with a Homecoming service followed by dinner on the grounds. Infant baptism, reception of new members and a brief quarterly conference will highlight activities at the morning service.

Rev. Alison Simonton, pastor, was appointed to the Glendale Heights neighborhood at the time of the June, 1959, meeting of the North Carolina annual conference. He moved to Durham on July 2. The first service of the new congregation was held in the Barfield Community Center in Northgate Park on July 17. At that time 35 persons were present for the 11 a.m. service with 15 indicating a desire to unite with the church.

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If your courtship is based on good looks more than true love, your marriage may go on the rocks when the good looks give out, or even before.

New President Speaks On "Greater Achievement Through The Spirit"

By FRED PIERCE CORSON

Many significant actions have been taken by this Tenth World Methodist Conference. Their intention has been to strengthen and expand the Methodist witness and the activities through which it is expressed. By these actions a door of opportunity has been opened for World Methodism and more effective ways of accomplishing our corporate objectives have been provided.

We know with greater certainty what we ought to do and how we should proceed to accomplish our work.

I am encouraged to undertake this assignment by the thought of our oneness and its expression through our fellowship and cooperation.

Methodists are practical people. This characteristic is a most valuable bequest from John Wesley. It is responsible for Methodism's continued existence as a church and for its strength as a current religious force.

Both faith and work, principle and application, theory and practice, the ideal and the real, have had consideration in the deliberations of this Assembly.

Christianity must come to grips with the stark reality of the situation which confronts us. . . . The impression that we are fighting yesterday's battles . . . has encouraged a disregard and an indifference in the contemporary attitude which are proving very costly to the Christian quality of life and to the Kingdom of God on earth.

Protestantism appears to be the victim of the paradoxical situation of increasing in favor while diminishing in influence. . . . The attack on the validity of the Christian morality and ethic is world-wide. Sensual immorality and perversion are increasing. Marriages of passion and convenience increase the divorce rate. While Biblical scholarship intensifies its work and Bible sales soar, and provisions for religious education multiply, religious ignorance spreads until now in America it has become a popular source of humor.

While Protestantism has been depending on the attractiveness of a studied amiability, rival faiths have aggressively entered the field and made notable successes, not only in securing adherents, but . . . in making it difficult for Christianity to do its work. This is apparent not only in the non-Christian countries and those areas controlled by atheistic communism, but it is especially true of the so-called Christian countries which are enslaved by the secularistic patterns of life.

A neo-Pelagianism has appeared in the form of a new psychology which holds sin to be a psychopathic fixation and man's redemption to be a matter of mental attitudes, uninhibited impulses and self-indulging habits of life.

People who appear hostile or indifferent to the Christian appeal for the most part

react as they do because they simply do not know what they are talking about. If this be a true picture of contemporary American religious life, let us determine to make it only a temporary condition.

The age calls for a shift in Protestant tactics. We must move from a negative to a positive approach. . . . Methodism must recover its voice with the realization that it has something distinctive to say and that it is under obligation to say it.

Methodism must also recover its enthusiasm, which in its individual and corporate expression carries a conviction founded on principle. The attempt of the church to quench enthusiasm in the expression of religious experience is as unnatural as the requirement to sit in silence when the home team makes a goal. . . . To be sure, Methodists at times have been guilty of emotional excesses and both individual and mass enthusiasm require disciplined guidance. However, too often, we have found ourselves in the position where there has been no flow of enthusiasm to guide.

An effective strategy for Methodist activity calls for the selection of some important objectives which commend themselves to the entire Methodist family and enlist their cooperation and support.

I would like to mention six areas which, in my judgment, should be made a matter of Methodist attention and action.

1. A more convincing theological impact which will interpret the distinctive Methodist theological position to the present age by an approach which . . . relates it to the needs of our day.

2. Revive the moral and ethical impact which was associated with Methodism in the periods of her greatest hours.

3. Because knowledge is a prerequisite for effective and intelligent action the *educational impact* of Methodism needs attention. With all of our educational efforts the extent of religious ignorance is appalling and is a roadblock to effective Christian action. . . .

4. A re-examination of our preparation for church membership and the methods now used in instructing the candidates will show similar deficiencies. The Christian life cannot be built on the foundation of a superficial and casual intellectual and spiritual preparation.

5. Methodists need no urging to increase their interests in social concerns. They do, however, need encouragement to apply their social principles on local levels. . . . The position world Methodism has already taken make the continuance of our social impact imperative, especially at the point of injecting a Christian motivation into social action. A good neighbor policy offering as its chief attraction mutual material benefits has not and cannot produce the neighborliness of a genuine brotherhood. The church alone can put a Christian heart into social activities, clothe them with moral

significance and motivate them with a spiritual propulsion.

6. The ecumenical movement within Protestantism which will command increasing attention in the years ahead will have Methodist participation and must feel the distinctive Methodist impact, not only on the level of participation and promotion, but particularly on the level of policy and decision. Methodism is fundamentally an ecumenical movement. Its circle of inclusion for the Christian fellowship is wide.

Let our world Methodism increase its felt presence as a positive force in the ecumenical movement, recognizing what we have to bring, what we cannot give up, and what we have to receive.

Methodism has also an ecumenical problem of its own within its world family, coming now into clearer focus through the maturing independence of the younger churches and by the barriers to our worldwide work which organizational technicalities within the parent bodies create. Why, for instance, should American Methodism require a minister belonging to another Methodist body to withdraw from that body before he can be accepted for membership in one of its conferences?

How shall we get from where we are to where we want to be? The answer has been unfolding in these deliberations. It is inherent in the theme of this conference, "New life in the Spirit." Greater achievement will come only through and by the spirit working in us.

Let us move forward in a new consciousness of the nature of our strength. Strong in the things to work with, let us not overlook the power of the Spirit which brings success to our work.

Louisburg College Set For New Academic Year

The 1961-62 academic year at Louisburg College will get under way September 10 when upward of 340 freshmen and transfer students will arrive. Around 190 upperclassmen are expected September 12 to swell the enrollment this year well over 500.

The faculty workshop-retreat will be held September 8-9, with Dean John B. York in charge. Following the theme, "Concepts of the Junior College," speakers include W. D. Payne, superintendent of the Henderson City Schools; Dr. Harold Hutson, president of Greensboro College; Dr. Kenneth D. Raab, director of admissions and registration at North Carolina State College; Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan College; Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh; and Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, pastor of Louisburg Methodist Church. Panel discussions and a planning session will round out the event.

The workshop for student leaders is set for September 9.

The freshman orientation program will get underway September 10 with a vesper service. President Cecil W. Robbins will address the group September 11 and the orientation program will continue through September 13. Upperclassmen register September 12 in the afternoon and freshmen register September 13. Classes begin September 14.

Evangelism in Western North Carolina Conference

THE TWELVE — What It Is

By G. ERNEST THOMAS

*Director, Department of Spiritual Life
General Board of Evangelism*

Every church in Methodism needs at least one group of THE TWELVE. Most churches will have two, four, or ten groups. Why? Because THE TWELVE is a movement which prepares and sends out dynamic witnesses for Christ and the Church. It is a fellowship of witnesses of what Christ is doing for them through regular sharing and prayer.

Why are thousands of these groups named THE TWELVE? The reason should be clear. The term is not only Biblical, but it goes to the heart of New Testament Christianity. The Church has always recognized that the Christian faith is an invitation to discipleship. And what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? Primarily, two things. First, to be with Jesus—to learn about God, about the meaning of life, about prayer, and, second, to go out as witnesses for Him. The Gospels make it clear that Jesus chose disciples "to send them forth."

This is an era when small groups have been organized in churches of all denominations. They have many names. Sometimes they are called Prayer Groups, Research Groups, Fellowship Groups, or Study Groups. Each type of group has a contribution to make to the life of the Church. THE TWELVE is different from every other group in that each member is committed to one period of evangelistic visitation every month. The other weekly meetings of the group are devoted to fellowship, study, prayer, and sharing, but one meeting every month is devoted to house-to-house visitation to win men and women to Jesus Christ.

The complaint has frequently been made that visitation evangelism doesn't go deep enough, that visitors go out to invite individuals and families to join the church without talking about Christ and the need for commitment of life to him. Anyone who has worked with or visited with laymen knows the criticism is often justified.

Think what it would mean to a church to have groups of men, women, couples, or youth who share a vital experience of the presence of Jesus Christ through prayer, study, and fellowship, and who then go out to tell others what Jesus means to them. That is what THE TWELVE accomplishes. It makes for dynamic discipleship. Those who share the fellowship want to work, to live, and to witness for Christ.

As THE TWELVE grows in Methodism, groups have been established in almost every Annual Conference. Hundreds of pastors and chairmen of Membership and Evangelism Commissions recognize the wisdom of establishing at least four groups in their church. The periods of visitation are arranged so at least one group visits every week in the year. That means that prospects can be followed up every week. New people who attend a church service, new persons who enroll in the church school, new residents in the community served by the church, can be visited the week that their name is secured. Wise planning for

evangelistic outreach will encourage leadership in every local church to plan for four groups of THE TWELVE. One may be made up of men, a second made up of women, a third of couples, and a fourth of youth.

A group of THE TWELVE may want to learn some of the newer techniques of visitation, but techniques are less important than in a visitation evangelism campaign. Members of THE TWELVE go out to share an experience of Christ which is vital and real. Their weekly meetings devoted to study, prayer, and fellowship have made Christ real. They may invite people to identify themselves with the Church, but their first concern is that people may know, accept, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

One of the goals of the General Board of Evangelism is that every church in Methodism will have at least one group of THE TWELVE by the end of the 1961-1962 conference year. The Southeastern Jurisdiction has accepted the challenge. It is the privilege of every church to share this adventure which will be marked by a group of Christians who meet every week—in the early morning, at noon, or in the evening—for study, prayer, and spiritual growth, and who will go out and tell others what Christ has done and can do for all who will accept, love and follow Him.

Northwood Home-Coming

The seventh annual Homecoming service at Northwood Methodist church (formerly Wesley Chapel) in the High Point District, will take place this Sunday September 10th. Church school will begin at 9:45 and the worship service at 11 a.m.

Rev. Lewis Vuncannon, pastor of the Edneyville charge of the Western North Carolina Conference will preach the Homecoming sermon. Rev. Mr. Vuncannon was licensed to preach from the Northwood Quarterly Conference.

Following the worship service, a dinner will be served in the annex. Church members will bring a picnic basket of food to be served at the dinner.

For the evening service at 7:30 a film strip, "Redeeming The Time" will be shown. The subject of the film is the teaching of girls and boys and adults in the church school.

Located on Highway 68 in the Northeastern section of High Point, Northwood Methodist church now numbers 147 members. In the seven years of its existence the church has sent five members into the missionary fields and five members into the ministry. The church building, the annex and the parsonage are all free of debt.

Former pastors of the church are: Rev. J. W. Groce, Rev. Joe Petree and Rev. David W. Charlton, Jr. The present pastor is Rev. Herbert M. Jamieson. All members and former members and pastors are invited to be present.

Cabinet Meetings Held By N. C. Episcopal Leaders

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Area each held a cabinet meeting of their respective areas last Friday, September 1. Bishop Harmon and his cabinet met at First Church, Charlotte. Bishop Garber and his district superintendents met at the Methodist Retirement Home at Durham. Each of the groups were studying the progress of the church program of their episcopal area for the first quarter of the new conference year. North Carolina Methodists may well pride themselves in the fine episcopal leadership of these two Bishops under whose very able supervision the work and program of the Methodist Church in this state is administered. Both Bishop Garber and Bishop Harmon have just returned from the World Methodist Conference at Oslo, Norway, where they were two of the twenty Methodist Bishops officially representing American Methodism.

The Cabinet of the Western North Carolina Conference is composed of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Albemarle; Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville; Dr. E. H. Blackard, Charlotte; Dr. Eugene C. Few, Gastonia; Dr. J. Clay Madison, Greensboro; Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, High Point; Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Marion; Rev. Herman F. Duncan, North Wilkesboro; Dr. J. C. Stokes, Salisbury; Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville; Rev. John H. Carper, Thomasville; Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle, Waynesville; and Dr. Frank Jordan, Winston-Salem.

North Carolina Conference Cabinet is composed of Bishop Paul N. Garber, Dr. W. L. Clegg, Burlington; Dr. C. D. Barclift, Durham; Rev. R. L. Jerome, Elizabeth City; Rev. M. C. Dunn, Fayetteville; Rev. M. W. Lawrence, Goldsboro; Dr. A. J. Hobbs, New Bern; Rev. Graham S. Eubank, Raleigh; Dr. W. C. Ball, Rocky Mount; and Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, Wilmington.

Worthville Woman Goes To Egypt As Teacher

Miss Elizabeth Byrd, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Byrd of Route 2, Randleman, sailed on August 9th aboard the *Exeter* from the New York harbor. Her destination is Cairo, Egypt, where she will be teaching for the next three years in the American College for Girls which is under the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Board of Missions. Her teaching will be in the field of proper food preparation and clothing. Her summer months will be spent in kindergarten and hospital work.

Miss Byrd, a graduate of Randleman high, received her bachelor's degree in home economics at Woman's College, a master's degree in nutrition at the University of Tennessee, and did graduate work at Duke in dietetics.

Further training and preparation was done as an employee in dietetics at Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, and for several weeks this summer she trained at the Ecumenical Center in Stoney Point, N. Y.

Miss Byrd and her parents are members of the Worthville Methodist Church near Randleman.



Woman's Activities



Fall Is Mission Study Time

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Two hundred forty-three Methodist women attended the School of Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference held at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer August 14-18.

One hundred forty-three attended the classes for visitors conducted by Conference officers and 76 were present for the spiritual life retreat.

Now these women are as busy as can be planning seminars in their home districts and study classes in their home societies.

Mrs. Max Tucker of Greensboro, dean of the school, announced that the total attendance for all phases of the school and retreat was 330.

The four studies offered were those recommended by the Woman's Division. The Bible study course, "The Meaning of Suffering," was in two sections, with Dr. George Schreyer and Miss Mary Floyd as teachers. 86 credits were issued in this study.

The foreign study, "The Christian Mission in Latin America," was also in two sections, with Mrs. J. W. Payne and Miss Mary Bethea as teachers. They awarded 49 credits.

The home study, "Churches for New Times," was taught by Miss Jane Stentz of the Woman's Division. She gave 48 credits.

The Christian Social Relations study, "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," was presented by Mrs. Robert Wilcox of the Southeastern Jurisdiction. She had 40 accredited students.

Clinics for Officers

A popular feature of the school was the clinics conducted by the Conference officers. Here the "how to" was presented.

These were in two-hour sessions. On Tuesday the district officers received their instruction. On Wednesday and Thursday the local officers had their clinics.

Many reported that this was one of the most helpful parts of the school. For here the women from the local societies get to know the conference officer as a person and as a teacher.

The fellowship was especially fine this year—many favorable comments were made about the close relationships between the three groups—local, district and conference.

The fellowship included other things—sings after supper, dormitory sessions, long walks, devotional meetings. All who have attended a School of Missions understand the meaning of this closeness—and those who have never been have yet to experience its depth and meaning.

The Bible Hour

Dr. Robert T. Osborn of Duke University conducted the Bible Hour each evening in the chapel at Pfeiffer. So many wonderful reports came out of this class—making one know that Bible study is the most important part of any school.

Leadership Education

The Leadership Education program was so well presented by Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte and Mrs. Robert Wilcox of Maryville, Tenn., two jurisdiction officers, that the news of events was carried over Associated Press to all parts of the state.

"The school is emphasizing leadership training," said the AP story, "based on methods used by outstanding business organizations of the nation."

It added, "The women are examining such areas as the philosophy of leadership, the psychology of leadership, and the learning experience. Mrs. Carl King challenged the women to return to their districts and local churches to lead a church-wide emphasis designed to offer church programs geared to the changing role of women in society."

In a talk, Mrs. King stated, "Many of our church programs are fifty years behind the times. The new programs of leadership stressing team approach, understanding the wholeness of the total program of Methodist women and the desirability of making changes in the church's programs as the role of women changes is vital if the Methodist church is to reach the individuals it should."

Spiritual Life Retreat

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz of Concord, former conference officer, conducted the spiritual life retreat, which began on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 2:30 p.m. and concluded on Sunday evening with the Holy Communion in Pfeiffer's chapel.

Mrs. Stentz chose as her theme, "The patterns of meditation and prayer." Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, conference secretary of spiritual life, was in charge of arrangements.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Third Annual WSG Weekend Of Study Held

The program for the third annual N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend of Study, held at Duke University August 12-13, was highlighted by classes on the four current study courses, leadership training, and clinics for officers' train-

ing. Under the theme "In Thee Our Life Is One," the entire program was under the direction of Miss Juanita Stott, conference secretary of WSG and immediate conference chairman of missionary education and service, and Mrs. W. C. Gardner, newly elected conference chairman of this line of work.

The 86 Guilders registered from the nine districts included Burlington, 16; Elizabeth City, 3; Fayetteville, 6; Goldsboro, 5; New Bern, 3; Raleigh, 27; Rocky Mount, 8; Wilmington, 2.

The four missions study courses and their instructors were "The Meaning of Suffering," Dr. George M. Schreyer, Department of Religion, Pfeiffer College; "Churches for New Times," Dr. W. A. Kale, Professor Christian Education, Duke University; "The Christian Mission in Latin America," Dr. Leslie Sayer, New York City, Secretary Promotion of World Literacy and Christian Literature, National Council of Churches, and "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," Mrs. William C. Smith, Portsmouth, Va., Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Virginia Conference WSCS.

The seven clinics for officers' training and their leaders were: presidents and secretaries of promotion, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern; vice-presidents and chairmen of literature and publications, Mrs. Frank Houser, Pittsboro; treasurers, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Raleigh. Also, spiritual life, Miss Lillie Smith, Burlington; Christian social relations, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Farmville; missionary education and service, Miss Louise Clements, Fayetteville, and district WSG secretaries, Miss Juanita Stott, Raleigh.

Leadership Training

The general session on Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening featured programs of Leadership Training. Designed to portray the role of woman in the church, and the responsibility of each woman in the local Woman's Society and Guild, the role playing and discussions were stimulating. They gave emphasis to the more important aspects of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild's program, such as securing and training leaders, pointing out that any person can be a leader. Mrs. W. C. Smith cited as among the factors that are affecting the role of women today revolutions, automation, the two income family.

The various groups of women in the church and ways in which the Wesleyan Service Guild members can help them were discussed. Participating in the Leadership Training at the two general sessions were Miss Juanita Stott, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. Harold Braswell, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, and Mrs. H. C. Turkington.

Meditation and Bible Study

The spiritual phase of the two-day sessions was emphasized in the Depth Bible Study by Mrs. W. C. Smith, the meditation by Miss Elizabeth Young, of Smithfield, and the mimeographed prayers prepared and distributed by Miss Lillie Smith at each meal.

The Guilders attended the eleven o'clock Sunday worship service at the Duke Chapel,

with Dr. John Carlton, of the Duke Divinity School faculty, as the preacher.

Following the evening session on Saturday, members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, were hostesses at a party honoring the Guilders attending the Weekend of Study.

Instructors Evaluate School

Evaluating the recent N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service 1961 School of Missions and Christian Service in session at Duke University, the seven instructors were gracious in their commendations and praise. Among their statements were:

"Wonderful school, spirit lovely, appreciation beautiful and enthusiasm unbounded. I cannot think of any way to improve the work of the pupils as they were a dedicated group." "Class accepted responsibility voluntarily. School beautifully organized and well planned." "Class above the average. I predict many jurisdiction credit classes will result." "Work done by the group of exceptionally high grade. Increased interest in mission revealed." "Class participation was excellent and unusually creative." "The work done by the women was excellent. Evidence of spiritual growth by members of the class during the week." "Participation by the students was a great contribution to the class."

Plans are already in progress for the 1962 School of Missions and Christian Service.

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From the Chaplain's Desk

—Methodist Home, Charlotte

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular series of reports from your chaplain. Since being appointed to this ministry at annual conference there has been a continuous flow of interesting conversations and events to keep the time flying and the mind stretching. Association with the staff and members of the Home make this an interesting and exciting work.

I must confess that before I made a point of really knowing the Home I was reluctant to even visit here. In my childhood my grandmother worked as a matron in the county "poor farm," and I guess there were subconscious memories of this "farm" tangled up in my ideas of the Methodist Home. The distressing thing about this is that there are other ministers in the conference who don't know any more about our Home than I did. One good visit here would help them to understand why I say it keeps me on the go just to keep up with these grand people. There is not a day that passes but that some member adds to my appreciation of the Home and its expression of the love of God. We are told in John 10:10 that Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," this is what I have found at the Home, people who are living life as Christ meant for it to be lived.

It is a great privilege to have the opportunity to be a part of this expression of Christianity and to share in the joy (and sorrow) of the people who are the members of your Methodist Home.

Morris Chapel Methodist Men Charter Bus To Junaluska



Morris Chapel Church, Walkertown, has the distinction of having the largest number of men from any one church in the WNC Conference in attendance at the Laymen's Advance Conference at Lake Junaluska recently. Twenty-eight members of the Methodist Men's Club made the trip. This club is a comparatively new club, but is one of the most active clubs in the conference.

The group left on the morning of August 18 by chartered bus. They met at the church at 4:30 a.m., and had breakfast in Hickory at 6:15 a.m. They arrived at Lake Junaluska at 10:20 a.m., and attended the first service of the conference at 11:00 o'clock. The workshops met again at 2:00 p.m. There were 47 men in attendance from the Winston-Salem District.

Those making the trip from Morris Chapel were Burton Pierce, Wade Linville, Jack Gourley, Carl Dean, Ervin Whicker, Paul

Laremore, Claddie Joyce, Robert White, Ben Joyce, Wilburn Barrow, Tucker Westmoreland, J. F. Dillon, Cecil Stewart, Orville E. Dillon.

R. F. Morris, Sr., Raymond Beeson, Bill Stafford, Rex Joyce, Gene Ashburn, Henry Bennett, Rev. George Thompson, C. D. McGee, John Ray Redmon, Paul Johnson, Elmer Peacock, Buddy Linville, Lawrence Swain and Don Whitaker.

The program was an active one. In the two days the 4th annual Laymen's Advance Conference of Western North Carolina had a schedule that consisted of four inspirational messages, three workshop sessions, six other meetings and all in two days. Despite the activities time was found for recreation and fellowship.

Morris Chapel also had three attend the 3rd National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University. They were Ray Swain, Raymond Barrow, and O. E. Dillon.

Grace Church, Asheboro In Special September Program

Christian Social Concerns Month will be observed at Grace Methodist Church in Asheboro during September. The aim of the emphasis is to guide the membership into a deeper understanding of the work of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns. Copies of the Social Creed of the Methodist Church will be mailed to all member families and the Commission filmstrips "The Cut of Truth" will be shown to various church groups. During the month the minister, Rev. Garland S. Gammon, will deliver a sermon on "The Christian's Social Concern" and on September 17, Judge D. Leon Moore of Reidsville will fill the pulpit. The month's activities will be concluded with the adult members answering a questionnaire containing such topics as labor relations, race relations and other questions related to the social concern of the Methodist Church. It is hoped this will give the Commission on Christian Social Concerns some indication of the congregation's feelings in this area of church life.

NOTICE TO W.N.C. MINISTERS

Hospital Care Assn., Inc., P. O. Box 2291, Durham, N. C., announces a new Blue Cross Student certificate for children of members of Group No. 398/05 who are enrolled in college, university, business school or industrial education centers, who are between the ages of 19 and 24. Under this plan, the student is covered year round, both on and off the campus. Both single and married students may enroll. Maternity benefits are included on the family contract. Students may retain the special certificate until they become 24 years of age or terminate their student status, whichever comes first. A regular Blue Cross policy will then be issued with full credit given for previous student membership.

The new plan was developed by Hospital Care in response to many requests from subscribers for a low-cost contract to cover sons and daughters still in school who are past the present age limit of the 19th birthday on the regular Blue Cross family policy. For further information write to the Hospital Care address given above.

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Don't Send your children to our Sunday School; Bring Them.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



THE HAPPY FAMILY

By MRS. GUY L. PITT
Enfield, N. C.

The sunshine came into the room, Timmy opened his eyes. He heard a bird singing, whistling his merry tunes. The sound came from the yard through his window. Timmy didn't lose any time crawling out of bed quietly to the window. There in the white dogwood tree was a beautiful red cardinal. The bird feeder was near by, but all the crumbs and sunflower seeds that he and his mother had put there were gone.

Jean was still asleep. Timmy ran into the kitchen to share his joy with mother and daddy. They both tiptoed with him to the window to see this lovely nature picture. Then it was time for breakfast. Mother asked Timmy to say the blessing, and loud and sweet came these words:

"Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything."

After breakfast daddy went to work. Mother told Timmy the red cardinal and the dogwood were the North Carolina state bird and flower.

Timmy's little playmate, Rod, had gone on his vacation. He thought this was going to be a long day with no one to play with, but as he walked into the yard he saw his friend the squirrel scamper away with a nut to a nearby tree. He watched him eat the nut with his sharp little teeth. Then he saw a large grasshopper with his pretty spots and colors. He put the grasshopper in a box, and then took the lid off, letting him jump away, saying, "There goes my real live jack-in-the-box."

Timmy kept exploring, and this time he saw a caterpillar. He played like he was at the fair, placing tiny pieces of paper on the caterpillar's back, taking his friends to ride. Just then a whirring sound caught his attention. "Oh, there goes my Humming Bird Helicopter," said Timmy. It was being loaded with little tiny insects from the flower centers.

It began raining, and Timmy ran into the house just as Jean was waking from her after-dinner nap. The sun was shining again in a few minutes, and the little raindrops clinging to the shrubs, flowers, etc., looked like diamonds

sparkling in the sunshine. When daddy drove home from work there was the little happy family to greet him.

After supper mother suggested instead of having the story hour, for a change, they each tell what happened during the day. Mother told about a shut-in she had visited, and how the sunshine of her smile had doubly paid her for the food, fruit and flowers she had carried to her. Daddy had had a hard day at the office, but it took that kind of a day to make him appreciate the good days, and he didn't let it worry him. Then came Timmy's turn to talk. He told how their back yard had almost turned into a fairyland, except that his pets the squirrel, grasshopper, butterflies, birds, etc. were real and not just make-believe. Jean was too small to tell what happened to her during the day, but the expression on her face showed it had been a happy one, as she held onto Snooks (the cat).

When daddy opened the Bible to the 19th Psalm and told the chapter he was going to read, Timmy said, "I know that first verse," and began repeating, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handy-work." When he finished reading the chapter and they had prayed the Lord's Prayer together, the four of them saw out of the window the moon and the stars. Another wonderful nature picture showing God's power at the close of day.

THE RIGHTEOUS MAN

God is a very righteous Man
Who lives in the most beautiful land.
He is the leader of all nations,
And at the head of all creations.
His praises are ever increasing,
And His food for spiritual feasting.
His Book contains many a book,
And was written from many a different look.
He gave His Son to save us from sin,
That we might have life beyond end;
That we might rejoice in the Holy Land
That He promised to many a long-ago man.

—By JIMMY COSTON, Age 14
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"VISITORS RESTING"

At a small lumber mill a sign was lettered with red crayon on a strip of cardboard. It said simply, "Don't Disturb—Visitors Resting."

Perhaps my curiosity was over-evident, for such a sign seemed out of place

amid the noise of saws and the thud of heavy boards. The tall, broad-shouldered man who had been feeding lumber into the planing machine walked over to where I was standing.

He smiled as he said, "That's for our pets. We had them here last year, and now they're back again."

I nodded, still looking at the sign, and he went on: "They're robins. They have a nest up there back of that piece of lumber. It's safe, comfortable place."

"It's a fine thought," I said, "looking after them this way."

The man was thoughtful for a moment, kicking slowly at a small pile of sawdust. Then he replied, "we sorta owe it to them, you see. Last year, before we knew they were up there, we had an accident. One of the men scared them unknowingly, and in the excitement a couple eggs were broken. Then he put up the sign. He was very sorry for the trouble he had caused the robins."

Only a strip of cardboard, crudely lettered, and tacked up under a robin's nest. But the thought of it, and of the hard-working men who respected it, gave my heart a real lift.

—Our Dumb Animals

SCHOOL DAYS

As we go merrily back to school, let's all join hands and sing this old-fashioned song that our mothers and fathers sang when they were kids:

School days, school days,
Dear old golden-rule days;
Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic,
Taught to the tune of a hickory stick.
You were my queen in calico,
And I was your bashful barefoot beau.
You wrote on my slate, "I love you, Joe"
When we were a couple of kids.

Bible Quiz

1. In what country did Job live?
2. In what land did Cain dwell?
3. Where was John when he wrote the Book of the Revelation?
4. In what city were Paul and Silas when they sang and prayed at midnight in a prison cell?
5. To what city was Saul traveling the day he was converted?

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. A GARDNER—Genesis 2:8, 15
2. A SHEPHERD—Genesis 4:2
3. A FISHERMAN—Matthew 4:18
4. A DOCTOR—Collosians 4:14
5. A PUBLICAN—Matthew 10:3

Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 17

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

TITUS: SERVING IN HARD PLACES

Background Scripture: II Corinthians 2:12-13; 7:6, 13, 14; 8:6, 16, 23; 12:18; Galatians 2:13; II Timothy 2:10; Titus.

Lesson Scripture: II Corinthians 8:6, 23a; Titus 1:1a, 4-11; 2:7-8.

In this lesson we present another of Paul's trusted lieutenants, Titus. This man does not appear to have had quite the intimate relationship with Paul that is inferred from what we know of the apostle's relationship with Timothy. Nevertheless, we are led to believe that he was one to whom important missions were entrusted, and who measured up to them in an admirable way. In II Corinthians he is described by Paul as "my partner and fellow-worker in your service," and in Titus 1:4 as "my true child in a common faith." Some scholars think that Titus was a brother of Luke.

As Blackwood reminds us in the International Lesson Annual, most of our lessons in this series have dealt with the *personalities* of various New Testament characters, while this one deals primarily with the *principles of work in the church*, especially as regards the duties of officers. The name given to I and II Timothy and Titus is "The Pastoral Epistles" because the material in these writings is predominantly concerned with the life and work of the church. Before we leave the consideration of these pastoral epistles it may be well to note some of the values of this literature as set forth in the Abingdon Commentary. There is a great emphasis on discipline, and on teaching as the best method of transmitting the power of the Spirit. There is strong emphasis on character as the prime requirement of the Christian teacher. There are to be found reminders that pagans and outsiders will never respect a faith with lower standards than their own. These writings stress not only proper organization, but the fact that the church is to be seen as a school of character, and that *living* is the final test of all religion.

Comepare the above remarks with a comment made by James D. Murch in a recent issue of the *Christian Herald Teacher*. Says he, "Many thoughtful followers of Christ are beginning to believe that the solution to Protestantism's predicament lies in local churches' and local leaderships' earnestly and intelligently recapturing the evangelistic and educational techniques of the apostolic church." Murch concludes that "Protestantism's imperative in this crucial situation is to *teach or perish*."

Among the assignments given Titus was the difficult one of raising the money for the relief of the church at Jerusalem, a cause that was very near to the heart of Paul. Another special work evidently was a mission to the island of Crete, a place whose reputation for morals left much to be desired. It was a compliment that Titus was chosen for this difficult field. The great requirement for this locality was a

man who would "hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and to confute those who contradict it." Here is a qualification that is as meaningful today as it was when given nearly two thousand years ago. Everyone who presumes to teach the Christian faith needs to take this to heart. "To confute those who contradict" the faith it is necessary to know something of the point of view of those who thus contradict it.

In a recent issue of the *Christian Herald Teacher* there was an account given of an interview with a teen-ager who had come to dislike her church school experience. Among her comments were some that every church school teacher should read. Said she: "Some teachers refused to have a question period—I guess they were afraid they might get in over their heads. They just taught the lesson and there it was—accept it. Their own religious training has big holes in it. No wonder they try to stick to the lesson text. They haven't figured out the real answers for themselves. . . . Now that I'm away from home and in college I'm meeting all kinds of people. One of the boys I like is an avowed atheist and his favorite subject is religion. I'm ashamed I can't answer his cynicism and his questions. I just wish Sunday school had given me a little more help." Now whatever one may think of this young person's remarks, they ought to be taken seriously. For the church school to have leaders who can deal successfully with these problems it needs to have them study, and study, and study some more! We all need to "study to show ourselves

approved unto God, workmen who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This can't be done by giving a few minutes to the lesson late Saturday night or early Sunday morning!

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CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the following changes and appointments in the Raleigh District, effective September 1, 1961:

(1) J. C. Andrews from the Jerusalem-Zion Charge to student at Duke University Divinity School in Durham, N. C.

(2) Reverend D. F. Funderburke from the Gillburg Charge to the Jerusalem-Zion Charge.

(3) Reverend K. L. Braswell from the Verona Charge in the Wilmington District to the Gillburg Charge.

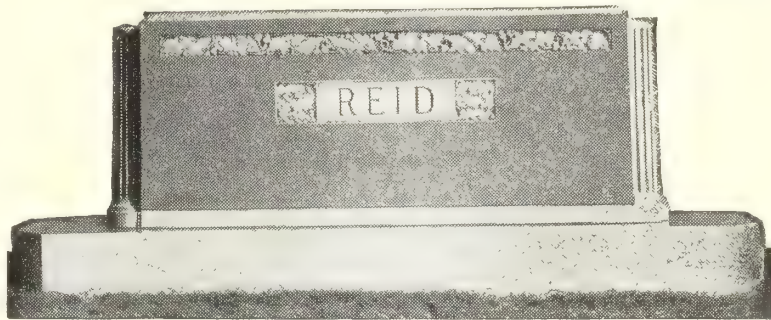
(4) David Kirk from associate at Hayes Barton to Dean of Men, Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va.

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Dr. Johannaber Speaks To College Faculty-Students

President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr., opened the Brevard College faculty-student work conference with an address at a dinner meeting on Wednesday evening September 6th, in the Campus Center building.

For the three-day conference, President McLarty announced that the principal speaker will be Dr. John W. Johannaber, dean of Searritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

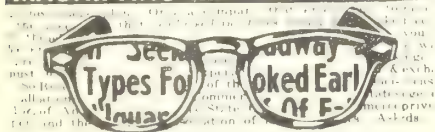
The theme of the conference will be "The Role of Christian College in Higher Education" on which Dr. Johannaber will make four addresses: "The Role of the College in Higher Education," "The Purpose of the Christian College," "The Faculty as Key to Achieving Purpose," and "The Student in the Christian College." During the three-day session, faculty, student and administration committees will meet to discuss the academic and social programs for the fall semester which begins with classes on September 14th.

Meeting together on the last day of the conference, student leaders of campus organizations and faculty advisers will discuss "Objectives and Plans of Student Groups."

On the following day, Sunday, September 10th, incoming freshmen will arrive to begin a three-day period of orientation.

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Cabinet of N. C. Conference Met In Durham Sept. 1st

At the meeting of the cabinet of the North Carolina Conference, called by Bishop Paul N. Garber and held at the Methodist Retirement Home at Durham September 1, a number of important items were discussed in connection with the overall program of the conference. District superintendents indicated that a fine response has been made to the benevolent causes and the general spirit of the church is good.

Several individuals appeared before the cabinet in the interest of specific causes. Rev. W. C. Wilson, secretary of the conference was present to clear up several items with reference to the journal proceedings. Rev. Barney Davidson, pastor at Morhead City, presented a suggested plan for the construction of a conference-wide Methodist center at Atlantic Beach, which could be used throughout the year for special meetings, and could, if desired, be the meeting place for the annual conference sessions. It would also be used for the new church school and church which has been launched at the beach.

The Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, spoke of the church extension program of the conference, and proposed an increase in the number of members of the Ten Dollar Club. This will be given further emphasis in the district lay rallies to be held later.

Mr. Marvin Cowell, conference treasurer, was present to clear any questions in connection with the financial program. He gave encouraging information as to the percentage of the benevolences collected, and discussed certain matters pertaining to the insurance program.

The cabinet voted unanimously to accept the proposal of the editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate that a minimum of six new subscriptions be secured from each pastoral charge between now and the last of October. District superintendents will work with their pastors in this matter.

Bishop Garber also asked for full cooperation in the matter of the World-Wide Communion offering, calling attention to the various causes it supports and the great need for it. November 12 was designated as College Sunday, when the matter of Christian education will be stressed, and a special effort made to catch up on all pledges to this cause.

A number of changes in appointments were made, a list of which is given here:

Durham District

Student, University of Chicago, W. A. Becker, Ellis Chapel QC
Ellis Chapel, Carl E. Settle.
Staff, Division of Publications, General Board of Education, Harold D. Minor.

Goldsboro District

Pikeville, W. Glenn Harris.
Professor, Porter Military Academy, Murrell K. Glover.

Raleigh District

Student, Duke University Divinity School, J. C. Andrews, Hayes Barton QC
Jerusalem-Zion, D. F. Funderburk.
Gillburg, K. L. Braswell.
Dean of Men, Marshall University, David

Four-Phased Program Suggested By Laymen

Oslo, Norway—A four-phased program for consideration by the Committee on Lay Activities of the World Methodist Council has been unanimously recommended by representative laymen attending the Tenth World Methodist Conference here Aug. 17-25.

Meeting Wednesday afternoon (Aug. 23) the laymen:

1. Requested a periodic exchange of information and program information in lay fields through a news letter to be issued quarterly;
2. Commended the further use of prayer in sessions of the World Methodist Conference;
3. Asked development of a statement as to the place of church laity in business and industrial life; and
4. Expressed the need of a "clear statement" as to the role of the laity in the life of the church.

The laymen's meeting also unanimously endorsed the enlargement of the Committee on Lay Activities from three to ten persons.

The recommendation for the enlarged committee was presented to the new Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council at their meeting Friday, Aug. 25.

Kirk.

Associate, Hayes Barton, Raleigh, J. L. Hobbs.

Wilmington District

Council, J. Clyde Dunn.

Verona, Charles Carpenter.

Associate, Grace, Wilmington, Thomas O. Fulcher.

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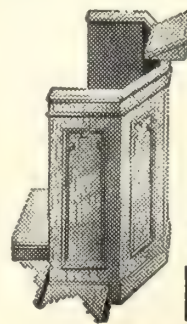
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North Carolina Layman Honored At Oslo



Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C. is shown as he received a citation at a closing service of the World Methodist Conference held in Oslo, Norway, August 17-25.

Mrs. Ernst Scholz of Berlin-Licherfelde, Germany, retiring president of World Federation of Methodist Women, read the words of praise for Mr. Jones' service as treasurer of the World Methodist Council. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of St Louis, past president of the Council, conducted the ritual by which Mr. Jones and the other new officers were inducted into office. The Charlotte businessman has accepted the treasurership for another five-year term.

The citation read: The World Methodist Council and Conference present to Mr. Edwin L. Jones this citation in recognition of his faithful service. He is one of the world's great industrialists. Mr. Jones has long been an outstanding leader in American Methodism; serving as a member of the Council on World Service and Finance, as president of the Board of Trustees of Lake Junaluska Assembly and as a member of many important boards and commissions. He will be remembered by Methodists of the World for his great service.

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL BRIEFING CONFERENCE on Social Concerns was held at Lake Junaluska on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week.

¶ DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, Professor of Religion of North Carolina Wesleyan College, preached at First Unitarian Church, Rocky Mount, on September 3, 1961.

¶ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of Wilmington held a seminar on Christian Education at the Trinity Church, Wilmington, Thursday, Sept. 14.

¶ THE ANNUAL Gastonia District Laymen's Rally will be held September 14 at Brckett's Cedar Park beginning at 5:30. Dr. Roy Basler, of the Library of Congress, will be the speaker.

¶ THE REV. DAVID COWART, pastor of the Bethany Methodist Church, Albemarle district, assisted the Reverend Mr. Bowman in revival services at the Locust Methodist Church last week.

¶ DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, Professor of Religion and Director of Student Life of North Carolina Wesleyan College, appeared recently with W. E. Debnam on WNCT-TV on the program "Carolina Today."

¶ The Editor of the Advocate preached in home coming services at McMannens church, Durham, last Sunday. Rev. D. E. Earnhardt is pastor. A good congregation was present, and a delicious picnic luncheon was served by the ladies following the worship service.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will begin at the Pisgah Methodist Church, Lincolnton, Route 4, on Sunday, September 17, according to Rev. Wade R. Bustle, pastor. The visiting minister will be Rev. Floyd Bottoms, pastor of Rhyne Heights Methodist Church, Lincolnton.

¶ CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH parsonage in Asheville has undergone extensive improvement including re-decorating and re-furnishing. Additional work, including landscaping, will be completed in the fall. The W. J. Millers are now in the newly-decorated home.

¶ ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, Burlington, will observe its anniversary and Homecoming next Sunday, Sept. 17 at 11:00 a.m. Following worship services dinner will be served on the grounds. All members and friends are invited. Rev. Rufus Stark is pastor.

¶ HOMECOMING at Branson Methodist Church, Durham, will be observed on Sunday, September 24. Rev. E. C. Crawford, a former pastor, will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock. Dinner will be served, picnic style, in the fellowship hall. The pastor, O. V. Elkins, joins with his members in extending a cordial invitation to former members, pastors, and friends of the church and community to attend.

¶ JONESBORO HEIGHTS Methodist Church of Sanford will hold revival services the week of October 8-12. Rev. Vernon C. Tyson is pastor.

¶ REV. W. L. CLEGG, district superintendent of the Burlington district, and his preachers held a planning session last Monday, Sept. 11, at the Front Street Church in Burlington.

¶ RALEIGH DISTRICT held an all-day district set-up meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Highland Church, Raleigh. The ladies of the church served a luncheon. In the evening at 7:30 there was held a Junior High Workshop, directed by Rev. Conrad Glass, conference director of youth work.

¶ MRS. J. T. FISHER, who has been a medical patient at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N. C., for the past two weeks, is now at home in Bellarthur, N. C., wishes to express her appreciation to the many friends for their cards and letters during her stay at Duke Hospital.

¶ OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, the oldest Methodist church in Transylvania County, observed its 114th anniversary on Sunday, September 10. Rev. Wade Bustle, a former pastor, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service and dinner was served on the grounds. Rev. Royce E. Smith is the present pastor.

¶ REV. PAUL E. MOSS, JR., pastor of the Harris Chapel church, Dabney, near Henderson, preached last week in revival services at the City Road Church, Henderson, assisting Rev. E. M. Rhiner, pastor. On Sunday, September 10, following the close of the revival, homecoming services were held at City Road.

¶ REV. EARL H. BRENDALL, pastor of First Church, Morganton, and Mrs. Brendall are spending some time touring many interesting places in Europe, following the Oslo conference, which they attended. They have visited Copenhagen, Denmark; Frankfurt and Cologne, Germany; Lucerne and Interlaken, Switzerland, and Venice.

¶ THE REV. THOMAS OTIS FULCHER was recently appointed associate minister of Grace Church, Wilmington. He comes from Hinton, West Virginia, where he was pastor of Bellepoint charge, and was a member of the West Virginia Conference. He was graduated with the B.D. degree at Duke Divinity School during the present year.

¶ COMPLETION of the organization of the new Bethesda Methodist Church, Albemarle, was directed last Sunday by Dr. W. Jackson Hunevutt, district superintendent of the Albemarle district. Dr. Hunevutt preached at the 11:00 o'clock service. The church is located on the Aquadale Road a short distance south of the Albemarle by-pass. Dr. Bernard C. Russell is serving as pastor of the church under appointment of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon.

¶ THE THOMASVILLE AREA TRAINING SCHOOL will be held at Memorial Church, Thomasville, September 17-21. It will be a laboratory type school and because of the limited space in the three laboratory classes, registration will be closed on September 10. Registration is open to those who commit themselves to attend all five evenings.

¶ The many friends of Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, wife of Rev. B. B. Slaughter, retired, of the North Carolina Conference, will regret to learn that she recently fell at her home in Durham and suffered a broken hip. She is at present in Watts Hospital, and is getting along as well as could be expected, according to information that we have received.

¶ ANDREWS CHAPEL, of the Durham District, observed Homecoming Day last Sunday, September 10. The program included morning worship, followed by a picnic dinner and a fellowship hour. At the 8:00 p.m. service the revival meeting began with the Rev. Steve Kimbrough of Hillsboro, assisting the pastor, Rev. Paul C. Gentry.

¶ THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL for Asheville Area will be held in the Central Church, Asheville, September 24-28. Nine courses will be offered including three in the field of children's work, three for youth and their adult leaders, one in the use of the Bible with adults, one on the meaning of Methodism, and one on prayer.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, will be guest preacher at St. Paul Methodist Church, Burlington, on the occasion of their sixth anniversary. Rev. Mr. Collins assisted in the establishment of St. Paul Methodist while Executive Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions.

¶ ANNUAL HOMECOMING DAY will be held at Trinity Church, Charlotte, on Sunday, Sept. 17, with Parks Todd, Divinity student at Duke, preaching the sermon. Parks is one of Trinity's fine young men, and he has worked at Wesley Memorial, High Point, this summer on the Duke Foundation. All former pastors and friends are invited. Picnic lunch will be served. Byron Nifong is the pastor.

¶ HOMECOMING services were held last Sunday at the Bethesda Methodist Church in the Gastonia district. The Rev. John G. Kendrick, who grew up in the Bethesda Church, and who is now pastor of the Stoneville Methodist Church, preached the sermon at 11:00 o'clock and a picnic lunch followed at 12:30. This marked the 150th anniversary of the church. The Rev. Harry G. Long, Jr. is pastor.

¶ THE ANNUAL Cumberland Christian Workers School will be held at Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville, October 23-27. Six courses will be offered. "The Meaning of Methodism" by Dr. M. S. Richey; "The Acts of the Apostles" by Dr. S. J. Womack, Jr.; "Music in the Small Church" by Prof. L. Skinner; "Working With Kindergarten Children" by Mrs. J. A. Auman; "Guiding Youth" by Mrs. H. R. Odum; and "Your Home Can Be Christian" by Mrs. R. L. Jerome.

¶ Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, has endowed a \$2,000 scholarship at High Point College, to be used by young people in furthering their education.

¶ Annual Home Coming services will be held at the Fellowship church, Hamlet, on September 24. A fellowship luncheon will be held following the morning service. Rev. J. P. Pegg is pastor.

¶ The Men's Bible class of Memorial Church, Thomasville, held a banquet Monday evening, September 11, in the Fellowship Hall, honoring Mr. R. L. Pope, who has been teacher of the class for fifty years.

¶ The WSCS of the Central Church, Shelby, through its president, Mrs. Jack Palmer, will direct "Open House" at the new parsonage on September 22 from 7:00 till 10:00 o'clock.

¶ Rev. C. B. Newton, retired, preached at the evening service of worship at the Central Terrace Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, last Sunday. Mr. Newton is a former pastor of the church.

¶ "Open House" will be held at the new parsonage of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Charlotte, on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. Rev. H. R. Jordan is pastor of the Pleasant Grove church.

¶ The Rev. Horwood P. Myers, pastor of Leaksville Methodist Church, preached in revival services at the Meadow View Methodist church during the present week. Rev. Raymond Endicott is pastor at Meadow View.

¶ Fayetteville district will hold a planning session for the United Witness Mission at Haymount Church on September 21. Members of the Commissions on Evangelism, Education, and Missions are urged to attend. On October 22 a "Knock On Every Door" program will be conducted.

¶ Dr. J. Clay Madison, District Superintendent, held a Workshop on Stewardship for the Greensboro District Tuesday evening, September 12. The meeting was held at Centenary church on Friendly Road at 7:30 p. m. The district program was outlined and materials presented to augment the stewardship program in the district.

¶ North Carolinians will be glad to learn that the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council meeting will be held in Greensboro on September 20-21, 1962. The Council, which embraces 9 states and 16 annual conferences, has just concluded its 1961 meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, a member of the Council, invited the group to meet in West Market Street Church, Greensboro, next year, and the invitation was accepted.

¶ Hickory Grove Church, near Pelham, will observe Home Coming Day at the morning worship service on Sunday, September 24. Rev. Roy L. Grant, a former pastor, and presently pastor of the Trinity Methodist church in Lexington, will preach the home coming sermon. At 7:30 the same day revival services will begin with the Rev. Fletcher Hardy, pastor of the Stokeland Methodist church, Danville, assisting the pastor, Rev. Lawrence E. Barden.

¶ THE STATESVILLE DISTRICT WORKSHOP will be held at First Church, Hickory, September 17, beginning at 2:30 p.m. All chairmen and members of commissions and official boards within the district are expected attend.

¶ Home Coming services were held at the Vickery Church, High Point District, last Sunday. Rev. John A. Lowder, pastor of Central Avenue, Charlotte, and a former pastor of Vickery preached at 11 o'clock and lunch was served following the service. The Rev. Wade Rogers is the pastor.

¶ A Bible Study course, "The Meaning of Suffering" will be held at the West Market Street church, Greensboro, for the entire district on September 18, 19, 20, and 21, from 10:30 a. m. till 12:00 noon. This is sponsored by the WSCS, and the text used is by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. Dr. C. C. Herbert, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, will conduct the course.

¶ First Methodist Church, Hamlet, Rev. J. D. A. Autry, pastor, held ground-breaking ceremonies for a new education building at the close of the morning worship service last Sunday. Rev. M. C. Dunn, District Superintendent, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service and conducted the ground-breaking ceremonies. The low bid for the building was \$101,085.00, and was awarded the Snead-Hatcher Construction Company of Rockingham. Work is to begin immediately.

¶ SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th, was Homecoming Sunday at Fulton Methodist Church on the Elbaton Charge in Davie County. It was also Dedication Sunday for the Education Building. Dr. John H. Carper, the District Superintendent of the Thomasville District, dedicated the Education Building and delivered the morning message. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Michael Alvin Latham, a High Point College student, is pastor of the Elbaton Charge.

¶ CARL HELWIG has been appointed Instructor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College. After retiring as a major in the U. S. Army, he earned his A.B. and M.A. at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Mrs. Helwig was Mary Thomas Carswell, daughter of a North Carolina Presbyterian minister. She is also a high school biology teacher. The Helwigs are active in the Presbyterian Church. He is the seventh faculty addition at Wesleyan for the "Sophomore" year of the new college.

¶ There will be a homecoming of the Warrenton charge at the Warrenton Methodist church on Sunday, September 24, at 11:15 a. m. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. J. S. Hiatt, a former pastor, former district superintendent, and presently chaplain of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin. Dr. Hiatt is well known and greatly loved in this area by both church members and others alike. Members, former members, and all acquaintances and friends of Dr. Hiatt, together with former pastors, are invited to be present for this event. There will be dinner on the grounds following the service, according to Rev. C. C. Bell, pastor.

¶ Wedgerton Methodist Church will observe Home Coming on Sunday, September 17, beginning at the eleven o'clock worship hour. The schedule includes the Home Coming sermon, dinner on the grounds, group and congregational singing in the afternoon. All former pastors and members and friends are invited. Rev. Benny T. Myers is pastor.

¶ The 21st Annual Home-Coming Day services for the Hanes-Bethel charge were held at the Hanes church in Winston-Salem last Sunday, Sept. 10. The Rev. Edward O. Temple, pastor, brought the message at the 11:00 o'clock service, entitled "The Kingdom of God." The junior and adult choirs joined in providing music for the occasion. Following the service of worship lunch was served on the grounds.

¶ THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY-HOMECOMING service to be observed in 39 years, will be held at the Bethlehem Methodist Church on the Drexel Charge on Sunday, October 1, 1961. The guest preacher for the occasion will be a former pastor of the charge, the Rev. H. M. Wellman, now retired and living in Statesville, North Carolina. All former pastors and members, and all friends of the church are invited to share in the day's festivities.

¶ HOMECOMING will be observed at Shiloh Methodist Church near Catawba on Sunday, September 17th, and Rev. H. G. Allen will deliver the morning message. Dr. Allen is president of the Western North Carolina Brotherhood, and a native of Catawba County. Picnic dinner will be served on the church lawn following the morning worship. Following the dinner hour fellowship singing will be in order. Former pastors and friends are invited. Rev. P. L. Smith is pastor of the church.

¶ DR. ERNEST THOMAS, Director of the Spiritual Life Movement of the Methodist Church, will hold revival services at the First Methodist Church, Asheboro, Sept. 17-22. Dr. Thomas will speak to the High Point District ministers on Sept. 19, 12:30 in the First Methodist Church. If there are other ministers in the area who would like to hear Dr. Thomas they are cordially invited to be the guests of First Church. They are asked to please notify Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor, if they can attend. In preparation for the revival a 24-hour prayer vigil will be held.

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EDITORIALS

World-Wide Tension Can Be Overcome

While the present threat of another devastating war in the offing, the result of the world-wide tension caused by overly ambitious nations and individuals, the American public can more fully appreciate the declaration of a group of psychologists meeting in New York recently when they labeled an H-bomb war as "collective insanity." Surely no individual who thinks straight, and applies reason to his musings, would contend that anything constructive or desirable could come from war. It is foolhardy in the first place, and no one gains, but everybody loses. By no stretch of the imagination can it be justified. It shows the tremendous danger involved by allowing irresponsible men to come to power in national affairs. World War No. 1 should have convinced any doubting Thomas of the futility of undertaking to settle differences of opinion by such means. We recently sat in the very room in Versailles, France, where President Woodrow Wilson, Prime Minister David Lloyd George, Premier Georges Clemenceau of France, Monsieur Orlando, and Monsieur Hymens drew up and signed the Versailles Peace Treaty at the close of that conflict. However, in a brief few years we were engaged in World War No. 2. Following that came the Korean incident, and now, notwithstanding the signatories to the United Nations organization, men like Nikita Khrushchev, who professes to want peace, keeps ever before the peoples of world the ugly threat of war.

It is a well known fact that during World War II Russia would probably have been reduced to shambles by the German army had not the allied forces rushed in men and materials to turn the tide. Even little Finland had the Russians stymied for a time back in 1939 and 1940. But Russia, having been aided by the allied forces, turned to bite the hand that helped her. It seems to be a case of having gained a little recognition, not being able to prove worthy of it.

These are times when men need a refresher course in the matter of cultivating faith in the power of God. Even America, our native land, could make the mistake of trusting too much in its military might and the genius of its leaders. If the statement is true "they that take the sword shall perish with

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"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13

the sword" (and we believe it is) then it is high time that we realized our help is in the Lord. Our national leaders should seek divine guidance for these troublous times, and our citizenship should live soberly and act intelligently. So far as we are aware there is no record of where God ever forsook a people that put their complete trust in him. But it must be complete!

Young People Who Are Representative of the Best

The times in which we are living offer an unusual opportunity to young people of high school and college age to prove their worth by developing high ideals and moral character. There are so many temptations, so many young people are gullible enough to be sucked in by mass action.

It is deplorable to read of the drunken riots engaged in by a number of young people over the Labor Day week-end. In such places as New York's Harlem, Ocean City, Md., Lake George, N. Y., Clermont, Ind., Hampton Beach, N. H., Wildwood, N. J., Russell's Point, Ohio, and Falmouth and Hyannis, Mass., according to the daily press police were compelled to use water hose and other methods to quell the youthful disturbances of holiday revelers. In some places hundreds were arrested for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In one place, at least, it seems to have been planned. Youngsters placed stickers on their cars reading "Fill your flask and come to the second annual Ocean City riot, Sept. 1-3 at 9th St." Several people, including a number of policemen, were injured in some of the frays.

Even in one of the cities of this fair state of North Carolina, according to reports, parents and children had the riot act read to them at the trial of several youngsters who had gone on a wild drinking spree at a dance. And the tragedy of it is that when the judge told the group he was amazed that the party was not chaperoned, there was much chuckling and some subdued laughter. That is hardly the attitude for parents to take who are concerned about their children. We should remember that there is still need for the right kind of parental authority. Young peo-

ple need to be guided, and sometimes they may need to be disciplined. We are reminded of what the late Dr. Joe M. Rowland said in speaking to an annual conference session. He referred to the new idea in the educational training of the young. Said he, "They tell me times have changed and you must not spank your children any more; if you do you paralyze their initiative. Well, I still remember how my father used to paralyze my initiative when I did wrong." A minister in preaching once said, "My father always gave his children a pat on the back for what they did, and sometimes it was low enough and hard enough to make a lasting impression." Do not misunderstand us, we are not here pleading for corporal punishment; we are only saying parents have not been relieved of their responsibility in the training of the children.

However, the thing that encourages us in these matters is the fact these young people so involved do not represent the youth of today; they only represent the rough element, some of whom we have always had with us. There is nothing smart in their conduct—they only display their ignorance and stupidity. Perhaps they should be pitied rather than censured. It may be their training and environment has not been wholesome. And that poses a problem for the home and the church and the school. We cannot escape the firm conviction that there are some as fine young people today as ever lived. They have character and ideals and a purpose, and are preparing themselves for life's responsibilities and opportunities. They are the pride of today and the hope of tomorrow. May their influence be far-reaching in molding the character and determining the destiny of their companions.

"I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." —ISAIAH 13:12.

Remember, Church School Rally Day September 17

Church School Rally Day will again be observed September 17. This is a time when church schools endeavor to rally their forces, which may have been somewhat depleted during the summer months. Sunday school classes, young people's organizations, as well as regular worship services should make a special effort to have full attendance on that day, which inaugurate the full schedule of the fall program. Conference boards of education give special emphasis to this day, and send out literature informing the people of its significance. As a rule a special offering is taken and sent to the conference board of education to be used in pro-

moting the program of education throughout the conference. It is a good time for every church and church school to respond to such an opportunity, with the full assurance that the funds are used to advance the kingdom. With our national economy soaring as it is, it would appear that the special offering this year might be far above that of other years. Let us hope so.

Cale K. Burgess

In the passing of Mr. Cale K. Burgess, of Raleigh, last Monday, the North Carolina conference lost a fine churchman, and the forces of temperance lost one of its most enthusiastic and effective workers. Mr. Burgess was an attorney, and he brought his legal knowledge to bear upon the promotion of the temperance cause. He gave liberally of his time and talent to this cause. He was a regular attendant upon the sessions of the annual conference, and served as chairman of its committee on temperance for many years. In 1933 he was state-wide manager of the dry forces in which this state registered a large majority against the repeal of the 18th Amendment, while many other states were falling to the wet forces. When he believed in a cause he believed in it with all his soul. The forces of temperance will miss his dynamic leadership.

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'Student Supply Wins Many For Christ and the Church'

Joseph Crowell McMurry had a lucrative job in Charlotte, N. C., but he also had in his heart an unrelenting call to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

He yielded to that urge to preach, and by permission of the resident bishop I appointed him as student supply pastor to our new church at Deerfield, in order that he might serve them and at the same time take academic preparation at A.S.T. College at Boone.

With his wife and baby daughter he moved into the rented parsonage and went to work in earnest.

On Sunday night, August 27, the incompleated sanctuary was filled with native residents and visitors to celebrate spiritual victory, because Joe McMurry had twenty-five persons ready for church membership, the majority coming by profession of faith.

It was my privilege to baptize fourteen of these persons and to administer the vows of membership to all coming by profession of faith into the fellowship. (As a matter of fact those coming by transfer and the entire congregation renewed the solemn vows of membership).

May God continue His grace upon this fine parsonage couple and the lovely Christians that make up his parish.

HERMAN F. DUNCAN
District Superintendent

LETTERS

JOURNALISM

Mr. Editor:

Allow me space in your columns to comment on the privileges of Journalism. What medium of communication can compare with the newspaper in contacting the people. We hear much about the freedom of the press but its marvelous privileges are little recognized. What an opportunity therefore is presented in Journalism to direct the minds of its people to a high plane. We read in the inspired record, "Words Fitly Spoken How Good They Are." Let the daily papers present the news and furnish advertisements of the necessities of life and comment on the issues of the day but that the press may assist the church in the building of spiritual life and the making of a better world. We propose that the daily paper head its editorial column with a different chapter of the Bible every day and thereby greatly deepen its moral tone and greatly augment the work of the church in spreading scriptural holiness over the land.

Let the banner of the cross be unfurled
ROWLAND COVINGTON
Raeford, N. C.

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Newspapers report everywhere a growing clamor for construction of civilian fallout shelters. Such efforts seem sensible, but in fact they are most dangerous.

The situation is a confusing one. There is, I agree, a growing threat of eventual war. In case of war, one would like to save lives, including his own and his family's. And fallout shelters would save some. But the matter is not that simple, for these reasons:

Preparation for war increases the likelihood of war. It implies a growing belief, by leaders and people, that war is probable. The building of shelters reveals (and spreads) a mood of resignation, acceptance, and fatalism—which tends to bring on the very thing feared. The citizen who has built and stocked his little shelter tends to develop a false sense of security, so that he is less likely to resist vigorously the drift toward war. And a citizenry underground increases the temptation of military leaders to risk or launch a war—which, ironically, makes the other side more likely to strike. As someone has said: "When all the shelters have been built—on that day the bomb will fall." And on that day, if it comes, millions will die, regardless of shelters.

The Civil Defense program is full of the most dangerous illusions. Suppose your city suffered a direct hit by an H-bomb, would you survive? Hardly. Or, if you were on the edge of things, what would you face? Panic, polluted water, loss of electric power, loss of fuel supplies, sanitation, garbage disposal, milk delivery, vital food stores, and, in all probability, loss of communications, police protection, hospitals, and all the other near-necessities of civilized life. If you happened to survive, you would eventually emerge into a blighted world of demonic destruction, disease, and disaster—of sores and stench and shocking

savagery—which would make you beg for death.

We cannot survive (in a world worth living in) by striving to save our own skins. Only by working to free all men from the scourge of war can we live.

How much money does a fallout shelter cost? What if you and I—and thousands or millions of others—contributed that amount, not to getting ready for war, but to removing the causes of war: ignorance, suspicion, greed, and armed nations in a lawless world? How much effort is needed to build a shelter? What if you expended the same energy in a continuing effort to be a well-informed and vigorous advocate of a just and realistic peace?

This is a time when we shall all fulfill, in the most literal and personal terms, the hard warning of Jesus that "He who would (fearfully) save his life shall lose it, but he who would (creatively) give his life shall save it."

Do not waste precious time and money in animal efforts to hide in the earth. Instead, give your energies to the cause of universal disarmament under the protection of world law, that mankind may be saved for new life and adventure on this small planet of God's creation.

DAVID ANDREWS, Director
Methodist Student Center, Appalachian
State Teachers College,
Boone, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. Starnes:

The best reporting I've been able to get on the Oslo Conference has been in your *ADVOCATE*. I especially appreciate the personal color you brought in your report.

I'm glad to hear that your fine paper is increasing subscriptions regularly.

Sincerely,
A. PURNELL BAILEY

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Dear Brother Starnes:

I have just finished reading this week's *ADVOCATE*. It is very evident to me that there is a new vitality and readability in the *ADVOCATE* which is very attractive and refreshing. Please accept my word of commendation.

Cordially,
EMMETT McLARTY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Of course the Editor is most grateful to these brethren for their unsolicited words of appreciation. They humble us and challenge us.)

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HEARING A YOUNG MAN PREACH

I heard a young man preach today;
He had the best of things to say
In such a thought-provoking way,

That I have this conviction:
In future years the world will know
This man the folks are praising so;
To highest stature he will grow—

At least, that's my prediction.

I wish that I were young as he,
And still could hear God calling me;
I'd try most earnestly to be

A more effective preacher;
For as the years are rolling by,
I hear more clearly from on High:
"Preach to my people ere they die—
Go, preach to every creature."

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Western North Carolina Methodists Launch 4-Year Building Program

Western North Carolina Methodists Sept. 17 launched a four-year program to secure \$750,000 for the building of 56 churches for new congregations and purchasing of many more.

Sunday, Sept. 17, is called Methodist Builders Enrollment Sunday at which time the conference will seek to enroll at least 10,000 members in the new conference-wide Builders Club.

Conference officials hope to gain \$180,000 more each year in this manner for the starting of new congregations.

The conference-wide organization replaces the district builders clubs which together raised only about \$30,000 a year.

The plan calls for individuals to enroll as members who will contribute \$5 or more when called upon to build new Methodist churches. A limit of three calls will be made each year.

Each call for funds from the builders club members will be to build three or more churches.

Half of the money sent to Western North Carolina Methodist Conference headquarters in Statesville, N. C., on each call will be kept by the conference to use for crash projects of church building or site buying where the need is most urgent.

The other half of the money will be returned to the 12 districts participating in the plan for church additions, remodeling, building or site buying.

Ten congregations are now worshipping throughout the conference in temporary facilities, according to the Rev. A. Glenn

Lackey of Statesville, director of church extension for the conference.

He said two new congregations are ready to be started. These are Camp Sutton Methodists in Monroe, who will meet in the old Red Cross building; and the Chase High School Community Methodists in Rutherford County who will worship in the high school building.

The Camp Sutton congregation was started Sunday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Services will then move to the morning on Sunday, Sept. 17, with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

The Chase congregation will be started Sunday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Both congregations will be served temporarily by the Rev. Mr. Lackey.

Mr. Lackey said the Camp Sutton church will represent the first effort "in a generation" of Methodists to organize in the Union County area. He pointed out there are "a hundred places" in western North Carolina where the Methodist Church ought to be operating.

"The Methodist Church has always been an evangelistic church with a concern for the unchurched," the Rev. Mr. Lackey said. "Every major denomination in the U.S. has copied the methods the Methodist Church first promoted."

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Methodist Area, said, "We cannot wait any longer in doing our duty here. We must push ahead, and I am calling upon every Methodist in the conference to give as much as possible to this great work, as

the opportunity is put to us by our Conference Board of Missions."

Robert M. Smith, Sr., of Mount Airy, N. C., conference lay leader, said, "We are a connexional church. I feel that we will all want to feel a part of each new church, and we can do this through our new plan of church extension—the Methodist Builders Club."

Gordon L. Wilson of Statesville will serve as conference treasurer for the Methodist Builders Club.

Faculty and Staff Changes At Louisburg College

New faculty and staff and changes in assignments for the new academic year at Louisburg College have been announced by President Cecil W. Robbins.

William F. Wagner, Jr. of Richmond, Va., will teach Spanish. Mr. Wagner received his A.B. and M.A. degrees from Mexico City College where he majored in Spanish.

Robert Well of Louisburg will be part-time instructor in mathematics. An alumnus of Louisburg College, he received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina and is currently working on an M.A. degree at that institution.

All fulltime members of the 1960-61 faculty are returning for the new year beginning September 10.

New house counselors for women include Mrs. Nora Ellis Toler of Goldsboro, Mrs. Adeline Land of Morehead City and Mrs. Aileen Hunt of Henderson, R.F.D. Mrs. Maycle Carroll Mason of Louisburg will serve as secretary for administrative offices.

Administrative changes have been announced as follows: Miss Rachael Modlin, who has been assistant registrar, will become registrar; Roland Horne, who has served as assistant to the president, will be director of admissions; Meade Nehrig, who has been assistant dean of men, will be dean of men; W. N. McDonald is director of student affairs; and Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Jr., pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, will serve as college chaplain.

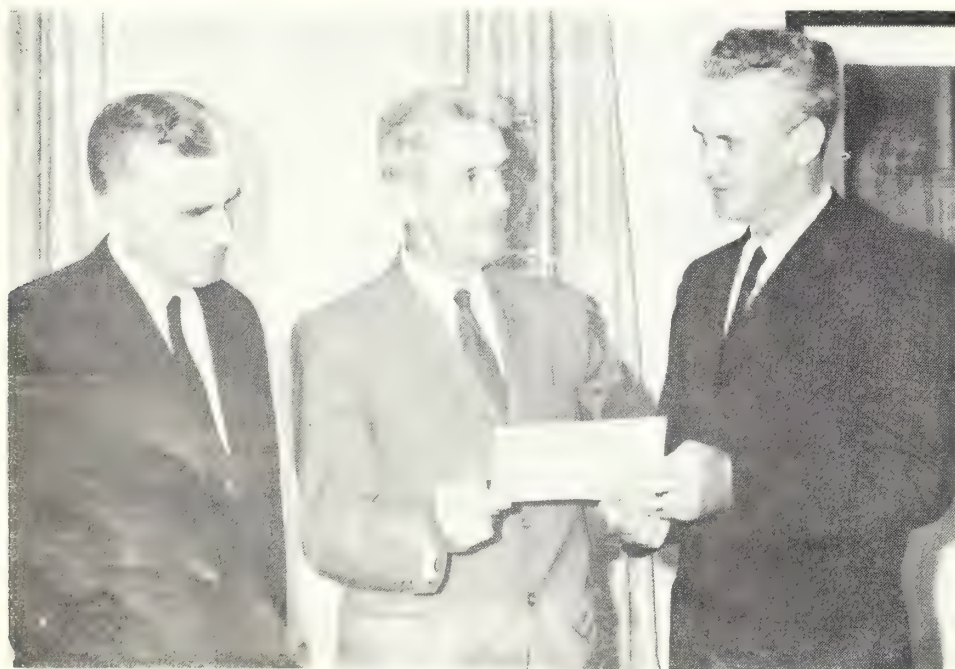
Mills River Homecoming

The Mills River Methodist Church in the Asheville District, will observe Homecoming Day, September 17. A special feature of the Homecoming Day activities, in addition to the welcoming of former ministers, friends, members and guests, will be the Annual Roll Call of Church Members. During the morning worship hour the minister, Rev. Jack Kayler, will read the membership roll, and it is anticipated that many will be present to answer upon hearing his name called. The Homecoming Day will be preceded by a week of Visitation, Sept. 4-8; and Revival Services, Sept. 10-15, with the Rev. R. L. Wilkinson of Taylorsville as guest minister.

A truly heart-felt invitation is hereby extended to all who can and will to share in these activities.

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The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.



Dr. Nolan B. Harmon (center), presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, hands his Methodist Builders Club membership application to the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey (right) of Statesville, director of church extension in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Looking on is Robert M. Smith, Sr., of Mount Airy, conference lay leader.

John Wesley's Word To College Students

(John Wesley was himself twice a graduate of Oxford University, in the 1720s. Later, he was Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, for several years, prior to missionary days in Georgia and subsequent itinerant travels throughout the British Isles for several decades. On Wesley as Christian Educator, we have from the late Dr. Umphrey Lee in *The World's Horseman* (p. 120) this comment: "No one can estimate the educational value to England of one Oxford don traveling constantly for half a century and always a welcome guest in thousands of homes." Were Wesley to appear on a present-day North Carolina university or college campus, or elsewhere, at the onset of the academic year, to deliver a chapel talk to faculty and students, the following imaginary discourse, in rather abbreviated form, might be heard from the speaker's platform—reflecting something of the Wesleyan spirit of learning.)

I bring each of you warm greetings, my fellow students. To those of your serious purpose and endeavor, I gladly address myself these brief moments, bringing thoughts from my heart. By my presence in your midst, I indicate my deep concern for your total education—its purposes, quality and continuation. Four points I would leave with you, trusting the immediate and long-range relevance of them to your young and unfolding lives.

Develop a wide range of intellectual interests in college. You will, of course, further discover and sharpen your intellectual powers in these halls, for that has been your purpose in coming. Today's horizons will be very close to you tomorrow; ever explore, develop and push ahead. Though you will come to concentrate your endeavors in one, or possibly two fields, seek to acquire that truly liberal education, as your time permits and inclinations lead. In future years you will have yet other opportunities to promote these new areas of interest and inquiry. Each of you will come to play many parts in the days ahead.

Acquire an avid reading habit. Let this become an obsession with you, especially in your leisure hours. I have constantly admonished those of earlier years to do this, especially the faithful preachers who had not the grand educational opportunities that are yours. Keep the company of good, stimulating books. As never before, the parochial viewpoint must give way to the national viewpoint, and to the international, still. Reading will greatly enhance your growth. The perilous times demand more knowledge, and good will, for the elimination of fears, suspicions and prejudices, for the facing of these days. One of your own scholars, the late Dr. Umphrey Lee, in *The Lord's Horseman*, has termed the mind of one John Wesley as "An Itinerant Mind!" If it is that, I owe much to the reading I have sought to do, in the midst of many duties.

Prepare yourself for the adventurous life. For we are uncertain as to all the future holds for us, or even a good part of it. Be not afraid to cast your bread upon the waters. To one of my early American preachers nearly two centuries ago, I wrote: "I let you loose, George, on that great continent of America. Publish your message in the open face of the sun, and do all the good you can." To you I say the same, only you and your service will not be bound to America alone. You will in large numbers, personally or through your influence, go beyond its boundaries for your adventures.

Robert Haire in recent years has given

to readers a short survey of my visits to and work in Ireland (*Wesley's One and Twenty Visits to Ireland*). This study reveals that the Great God permitted me and my horse to visit some 270 places in that part of the British Isles alone, in earlier years. Shall anyone merely visit in this human voyage that number of cities, towns and villages and their peoples, God's servants and potential servants, and not find his life filled with adventures—some tragic, some pathetic and some humorous and grandly and deeply heart-warming?

Cultivate regularly your devotional life. The inner life, from which your strength will flow, in college days and afterwards, dear friends, must be nourished, if you are to attain the maximum growth intended by our Creator. The truly educated mind, the truly educated spirit will come to place this high in its system of values. Nurture the spiritual life—not haphazardly, but to the point of high priority. Your studies will consume quickly your waking hours, and many of the sleeping ones also—yet, the leisure moments may be admirably redeemed. To you I recommend *The Christian's Pattern*, *The Upper Room*, Dr. E. Stanley Jones' *Abundant Living*, *Growing Spiritually* and *Christian Maturity* and Dr. John Baillie's *A Diary of Private Prayer*. And there are others for the soul that would grow.

May I admonish you, in the words of the writer of Proverbs, to "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"—and of death, as one of our professors has appended.

Thank you for your kind and courteous attention. May I fervently bid you—each of you—Godspeed in all good learning in this noble voyage, that you may succeed eminently in your endeavors, that your alma mater may be proud of your future achievements, and our God may rejoice in your great spiritual growth and life. Adieu, brethren.

GRADY L. CARROLL

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Raleigh, North Carolina

Central Church, Albemarle Installs New Pipe Organ

Installation of the new three manual Shantz pipe organ in the Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, has been completed, and it was used for the first time at the morning service last Sunday. The organ was designed by Alfred Lunsford, who played for the workshop service Sunday. Mr. Lunsford, a representative of the Shantz Organ Company, serves as organist of the Grace Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Dr. Richard Peek, organist and choir master at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, presented an organ recital at the 8:00 p.m. service. A reception was held in the Fellowship Hall following the evening service in which the Trinity class was host to the church. Those attending were given an opportunity to meet Mr. Lunsford and Dr. and Mrs. Peek, and to make inquiries concerning the organ. Rev. Cecil L. Heckard is pastor of Central Church. He preached at the morning service on "Praising God With Instruments," based on the 150th Psalm.

High Point College Faculty Attend Laboratory-Seminar

Members of the High Point College faculty returned to the classrooms last week—as students rather than as teachers.

The faculty members attended a leadership laboratory and seminar prior to the beginning of the fall semester Sept. 15.

The two-day leadership laboratory was to familiarize new faculty members with the program and goals of High Point College.

The seminar Friday and Saturday, September 8-9, was for all members of the faculty. At the opening session Friday at 8:00 a. m. the devotions were given by Dr. Ralph Taylor of High Point, superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church.

Greetings and welcome were offered by Holt McPherson of High Point, chairman of the board of trustees, and Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of the Methodist liberal arts school.

At 6:00 p. m. Friday, the faculty, staff members and immediate families were guests of the college for dinner in Harrison Dining Hall.

On Saturday, project group meetings and discussions of relationships with students, grades and teacher responsibilities were reviewed. The seminar adjourned at 12:15 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 9.

High Point College begins its fall semester September 15. Freshmen are to arrive on campus Sept. 10 for a week's orientation and registration for classes.

Albemarle District Holds Convocation On Evangelism

About 400 ministers and laymen from Methodist churches in the Albemarle District attended a convocation on evangelism at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro Thursday, Sept. 7, at 7:00 p.m.

This launched the 1961-62 program on evangelism in the Albemarle District, which will later feature a district-wide religious survey and a district-wide week of visitation evangelism.

The district's program of evangelism is a part of and will be conducted simultaneously with the program of evangelism for the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

The Thursday program included worship and inquiry groups. Dr. W. J. Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District, led the worship. Inquiry group resource leaders included:

The Rev. J. R. Hamilton of Calvary Methodist Church, Charlotte; the Rev. E. H. Neese, Jr., of First Methodist Church, Rutherfordton; the Rev. Richard Crowder of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Charlotte; and the Rev. Carlton Alspaugh of Grace Methodist Church, Charlotte.

Each local church in the Albemarle District was entitled to seven lay workers in evangelism and the pastor attending the meeting.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton is chairman of the conference Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. Cecil L. Heckard, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Albemarle, is conference secretary of evangelism.

The Church and Racial Tension in Monroe

BY HARLEY WILLIAMS

Pastor Central Methodist Church

Dear Mr. Starnes:

So much has come out of the local racial clash that has misrepresented the actual situation here in Monroe. I have written the enclosed article in the hopes that a clearer picture of the position of the church may be seen. This may give some a little better understanding as to the attitude and spirit of the local people. We are not all rioters and neither have we been silent in the face of our Christian responsibilities to meet the spiritual needs of our people in a period of strife.

Sincerely yours,
Harley Williams

Two minority groups clashed violently in this small Union County town on the Sabbath Day, August 27, at 5:00 p. m. and an eruption of deep-seated prejudice and emotion left the Christians of both races and the majority of peace loving citizens baffled as to what steps to take to preserve lines of communication with the remnants of a misled group of God's people.

For almost a decade a Negro integrationist leader Robert Williams, whose theme was one of violence and threat, has developed an almost impenetrable barrier between the whites and a segment of the Negro race. Since the arrival of Williams good race relations have existed only on the surface. Efforts on the part of the churches to open lines of communication with people of the Negro race have been thwarted repeatedly because of the lack of real and earnest leadership in both races in this area of Christian witnessing. The person of Williams, self-styled spokesman for his race, made contacts impossible even though Christian people of his own race did not follow him. His presence created fear of any move toward negotiation. The integrationist leader, the same Robert Williams, has now left his small group of followers without the inspiration of his leadership and has fled the area to escape a kidnapping charge resulting from a desperate attempt to free the so-called "non-violent committee," the members of which had been arrested for carrying weapons to the courthouse square.

Let it be said, however, that it is the feeling of most of the people that a good spirit has existed generally between the races here and that this outburst was a direct result of the infiltration of some seventy so-called "freedom-riders" who, claiming to be non-violent, joined forces with Williams and even participated in the demonstration on Sunday. These persons, though they did not claim to be "agitators," proved to be so by their avowed intentions to enforce the violent measures preached by their leader in whose home they stayed. It was here and in a rented house next door called "Freedom House" that rifles, dynamite, and other weapons were being collected. His confession was that he was building up the necessary weapons to fight for freedom. The "freedom riders," advised not to demonstrate here by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which Martin Luther King is the head, added fuel to the fire by encouraging the Williams' disciples of violence, many of whom now have confessed their error.

The church was not at all silent in the

series of events leading up to this Sunday and during the days following. The Central Methodist Church many months ago, anticipating the "kneel-in" approach, studied the reaction of the church and decided in the interest of Christian witnessing, that any racial group approaching the church for demonstration purposes or otherwise would be seated along with others and treated as any other worshippers, only with more courtesy since seats were to be reserved for them. Although, I must say, in all fairness, some of our Methodists would have preferred that such a courtesy not be extended to the Williams' followers inasmuch as their attitude and spirit were contrary to the purpose for which we assemble to worship.

To the everlasting credit of a Christian people, in an outraged society, stirred by agitators, our congregation on Sunday morning of the publicized event were given an opportunity to test their devotion to Christ when the "freedom riders," white and colored, appeared at the church door. Since the sanctuary was filled to its capacity and the annex was opened, coupled with the fact that they came late, they were seated in the annex and welcomed as others. One of the visitors, Constance Lever of Durham, England, a white girl assisting the freedom riders, was complimentary of the service and the treatment she had received. At 5:00 o'clock she was jailed with about 40 others with charges of inciting a riot, shooting an officer, and general misconduct.

The movement on the part of the Negro and white "freedom riders" was obviously poorly planned, giving evidence to their lack of leadership. Most of the riders were students from New York, New Jersey, and other northern states. One was a student at Yale Divinity School, another a son of a Lutheran minister in New Jersey. These two young men, I understand, went home before the Sunday incident. Another student, John Lowrey, of New York City, was jailed Sunday afternoon for participating in the events leading up to the seizure and kidnapping of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stegall of Marshville. Upon being asked why a clean, good looking boy like him could get mixed up in this, he replied, "I've sure learned a lesson."

For the most part the demonstrators were unkempt and indicated no signs of deep moral or personal religious convictions. Their theme was "freedom" and apparently this freedom was to come as an aftermath of violence and rioting. Truly the tragedy lies in the fact that with so great a motive and purpose as brotherhood such poor judgment and methods were used.

The Methodist Church, in an effort to lend guidance and to witness to Christian principles, called a Day of Prayer for Peace and a special service was held in the sanctuary of the church which is located only one block from the scene of the Sunday incident. Between 75 and 100 persons of all denominations made their way earnestly to the Methodist Church, knelt at the altar to ask God's guidance in this time of strife. To my knowledge this was the only service held during the week by any of the churches, white or colored. Although a Negro representative met with me immediately

before the service there were no "riders" present. Tension was high and it was the feeling of many that any such meeting, Christian or otherwise, would only flare and give the demonstrators more opportunity to create confusion. It was felt, however, that even at this expense the church must witness for Christian brotherhood and a more reasonable approach to better race relations.

As the Charlotte Observer quoted me, a "cooling off" period will be necessary before any negotiations will be effective. Even then it will be necessary for the Negro population to develop new leadership to take a more definite stand on non-violent measures. The Negro Christians are ashamed of the situation, too. As organizations they had no part in the demonstration and, I am told, even forbade the participants the use of their churches for meetings, a fact not revealed in the newspaper stories. The local Negro demonstrators were not church people.

Monroe is faced with an extremely difficult task. Even though the court has settled outwardly the demonstrations the freedom movement is not dead. Even at this writing more than 200 are reportedly meeting at the Freedom House to lay plans for future action. Although the freedom representatives from out of state have been refused meeting places in churches, they are still holding on to the hope that their march for freedom can be renewed. Until this group leaves us and all indications of threat removed we will find it exceedingly difficult to move either white or colored to any community effort toward better relations. At present the good is being accomplished through the exchange of ideas among those of us who have established friendships among members of the other race. From this we hope that when the time arrives we will be able to offer some solution.

(Note: Since the writing of the above paragraph trials have been held for the demonstrators. A representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Wyatt Tee Walker, Negro, has recommended that the riders return home and has reprimanded the local Negroes for their use of violent measures in their bid for freedom.)

It is well known that the Monroe incident is being broadcast throughout the world as a propaganda measure to boost the Communist position in the world. Likewise we are aware that Monroe is looked upon as a community of low morals and of deep racial prejudice, unlike any in the south. Pictures were taken of self-invited "segregationists" from other states and communities and are being used to represent our city. For the record let me assure the reader that this is not a true picture. This clash, as I have indicated, has been brought about by two extreme minority groups—the "integrationists," including followers of Robert Williams and the "freedom riders," and a band of "segregationists," who appeared on the scene on Saturday afternoon and returned on Sunday. Many of the older residents confessed that they had never seen these people before and haven't seen them since.

The week-end publicity attracted many ardent segregationists in a radius of fifty

miles, which includes two fairly large cities in upper South Carolina. Monroe's population of 11,000 by and large want peaceful relations; however, there are those here, we must admit, who are always looking for a fight. Christianity shines through in such experiences and the depth of Christian faith is evident, thus clearly revealing the fact that while we have a wonderful display of patience and understanding on the majority of our people we also need to strengthen our program of Christian education in the field of human relations.

In my defense of the people of Monroe I must hasten to add that we, as other communities, need to make positive and constructive steps in the direction of developing means of communication and providing for our Negro friends those facilities for work, education, worship, and recreation which will be a credit to a Christian community. The churches seem to be the most effective means now available for this communication to develop and our prayers are that our people will accent this responsibility and face the issue with patience and understanding.

This morning in my study I had a conference with a Negro pastor in our city and together we discussed the matter of leadership for his race and ways to open doors of opportunity for better relations. To me he said, "The colored church people were not a part of this disturbance. We sanctioned the 'freedom riders' in no way and persistently kept them from meeting in our churches. They did not ask us what we wanted, rather they told us what they were going to do. Our people were fearful of them and regret that we have received such widespread publicity which does not reflect the good relations between white and colored in Monroe. We do want all the freedom we can get, but we want nothing which we cannot enjoy and rejoice in with all our hearts."

Through the spirit of my brother of the colored race and the desire of people to seek Christian methods of communication we in Monroe with God's help will strive for that freedom that comes only by being firmly bound and forever free in Christ.

We ask for prayers for the church people of both races in our city, and especially for the Negro Christians who themselves were caught in an unfortunate dilemma and who without some spokesman cannot yet proclaim to the world their true loyalty to God and their sincerity of purpose in wanting freedom through Christian measures. We pledge our help to them and urge their prayers for us as together we seek a happy solution to a most regrettable episode in the life of a great community.

THE BREATH OF GOD

By GAIL BRADSHAW

*A soft breeze blows—Is God sighing?
Does He see one of His children crying?*

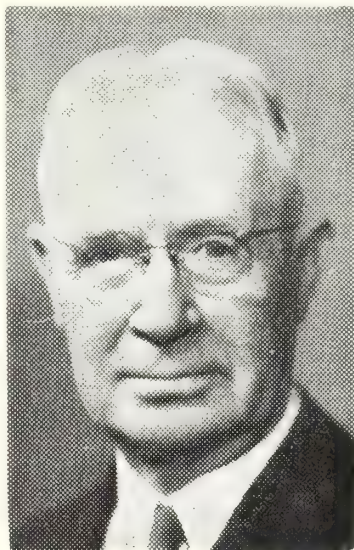
*The wind blows harder—Is God ashamed
Of His child on whom wrong has been
blamed?*

*A storm arises—lightning whirls;
God shows His anger for a sinful world.*

*Then all is peaceful—God is pleased;
A child is praying, on his knees.*

Dr. Richard L. Ownbey Died In Charlotte Sept. 1

Dr. Richard Lorenzo Ownbey, 88, a Methodist minister for 52 years, and retired member of the Western North Carolina annual conference, died in a Charlotte hospital Friday afternoon, September 1. Dr. Ownbey first joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1893, after attending Weaverville College. He served the Shelby Circuit, Mountain Island, Murphy, Wilkesboro, and Randolph circuits. In



1908 he was transferred to the Oklahoma Conference, where he served churches in Oklahoma City, Stillwater, and Norman. He served as presiding elder of the Chickasha and Mangum districts in the Oklahoma conference. In 1922 he was moved to the Tennessee conference and served as pastor of First Church in Columbia, Tenn., and Belmont Church in Nashville, now one of the largest Methodist churches in the state. He next was transferred to the Memphis conference and served Trinity Church, Memphis. In 1933 Dr. Ownbey transferred back to the Western North Carolina Conference and served for eight years as pastor of the Myers Park Church, Charlotte, and as pastor of the Main Street Church, Reidsville. He retired in 1945 and was named minister emeritus of the Myers Park Church. For some years he had lived in the Methodist Retirement Home at Charlotte. He wrote three books which have been widely used in Methodist training schools and schools of other denominations.

Dr. Ownbey was married in 1905 to Pauline Egbert, of Richmond, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, one son, Egbert Sydnor Ownbey, of Birmingham, Alabama, and a daughter, Mrs. Mabel Winn Ownbey Chappel, of Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. Ownbey served as president of the Association of Social Concerns of Charlotte, and in 1937 headed the Community Chest campaign. He was active in the Rotary clubs of Charlotte and Reidsville while serving as a pastor in those cities. A church school class and a hall in the Myers Park Church are named for him, and his portrait hangs in the church library.

Funeral services were conducted in the Myers Park Church Sunday afternoon, September 3, by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor.

Thomasville District Begins Group Ministry in Denton Area

Thomasville District Methodists this month will bring to their rural churches more ministerial attention.

This will be done through a plan known as the Denton Area Group Ministry Program, in which five college ministerial students will supplement the work of five clergymen who serve 24 rural Methodist congregations in the Denton Subdistrict.

The students, sophomores and juniors, are from Pfeiffer College. Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, president of the college, named these five students as recipients of work scholarships being underwritten by interested laymen of the district:

Jabus Braxton, Jr. of Canton, N. C.; Bill Bumgarner of Kannapolis, N. C.; Bill Osborne of Asheboro, N. C.; Fred Armstrong of Charlotte, N. C.; and Ray Taylor of Ellenboro, N. C.

The scholarships, for \$500 each, will enable the students to work as assistant pastors in the five rural charges which encompass 24 of the 29 congregations in the Denton Area. The students will begin their work Sept. 17.

The students will bring to the congregations youth programs, training schools, mission schools and evangelism. They will assist in funerals, weddings and baptisms and will do some preaching.

"The Group Ministry Program will work to the advantage of both students and churches," the Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District, said. "The students will receive valuable experience and training in the pastoral ministry without having to assume the full responsibilities of the pastorate. And they will have the counsel of both the pastors under whom they serve and the officials of Pfeiffer College."

The Rev. Fred R. Barber, pastor of Central Methodist Church in Denton, has been appointed supervisor of the Denton Area Group Ministry Program by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, of which the Thomasville District is a part.

The five charges, and their congregations, which will receive the assistance of the student ministers are:

Denton—Canaan, First, Siloam and Clear Springs. The Rev. G. A. Hovis, pastor.

Eldorado — Lane's Chapel, Chandler Grove, Center, Eleazer, Liberty and Macedonia. Jesse C. Scott is lay pastor in charge.

Farmer — Farmer, New Hope, Oak Grove, Salem and Mount Tabor. The Rev. William Henry Dingus, pastor.

South Davidson—Alleghany, Chapel Hill, Lineberry, Pine Hill and Pleasant Grove. The Rev. William R. Frost, pastor.

Tabernacle, Pleasant Grove, Piney Grove and Mount Zion. The Rev. Archie L. Dishner, pastor.

In addition to these student assistants, the Woman's Society of Christian Service has appointed Miss Carolyn Thorne, a deaconess, as rural worker for the Denton Area Group Ministry Program.

Miss Thorne, who began her work Sept. 1, is a "resource person" to assist wherever there is need to strengthen the religious life of the community.

Oak Grove, Thomasville District Building New Parsonage

Sunday afternoon August 20, the members of the Oak Grove Church of the Thomasville District witnessed the fulfillment of a goal that was set several months ago. The new Oak Grove Parsonage was dedicated by the Rev. John H. Carper, District Superintendent of the Thomasville District.

In May of 1960 the congregation decided to build a parsonage looking forward to the day the church would become a station. At that time Oak Grove was a part of the Davie Circuit which consisted of four other churches. The congregation elected Roy Williams, Vernon Whitaker, Fred Wall, Willis Whitaker, R. L. Whitaker, Jr., Charlie Potts, and Forrest Whitaker to serve on the building committee.

Things drifted along for the next few months. Then in November it became apparent that the church might become a station in 1961. The Official Board met and decided that it was time to begin work. Things really began to happen. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Whitaker donated a lot which joins the church property. Families in the community began to donate timber. Early in December the men started cutting logs and hauling them to Buck Whitaker's saw mill. They sawed the lumber and hauled it to a local lumber yard and dressed it at night.

As soon as the weather permitted Lester Bowles, a member of the congregation, dug the basement and construction began on Saturday, April 1. On that day dozens of men assembled and by the end of the day the building was up to the sub-floor. From then until the middle of June there was someone working on the parsonage every week day night, every Saturday, and every holiday. Several men spent part of their vacation working and a few took a day off from their regular work to help lay the brick. Thousands of dollars of donated labor and materials went into the building and it became an impossible task to keep records of the number of donated hours.

The women also contributed their share of gifts and labor. They provided refreshments and meals for the men as they worked. The Woman's Society of Christian Service raised money and bought the drapes. And the lonely nights they spent at home while their husbands worked is no small contribution.

The Parsonage Committee was responsible for furnishing the parsonage and the following women served on this committee: Mrs. Ernie Foster, Mrs. Roy Williams, Mrs. Lester McColloh, and Mrs. Willis Whitaker. Just like the men, the women pitched in to help where they were needed. They washed windows, cleaned floors and helped get the parsonage ready for the pastor and his family.

In addition to all of the donated labor and materials the members of the church raised \$7,206.16. When this was added to the equity received from Oak Grove's share in the Davie Circuit parsonage, they had raised \$13,821.16.

In fifteen months the 266 members of Oak Grove, (thirty-four joined the church

last year) have seen their dream come true. They have built and paid for a lovely brick veneer home for their pastor. It has a kitchen-den combination with fir paneling, a dining room-living room combination, three bedrooms, two bath rooms, a full basement, a carport, and a large patio. It is furnished with all new furniture and the living room-dining room, two bedrooms and the hall have nylon carpeting. The parsonage is located beside the Oak Grove Church, two miles out of Mocksville on highway 158.

In Memoriam

The Reverend Olin Peter Ader, son of David C. and Mary Scott Ader, was born in Davidson county, N. C., on January 16, 1870, and died in a hospital in Charlotte on Thursday, August 31, 1961. He is survived by his wife, Alice Fassett Ader; four daughters, Mrs. Edith Patterson, Madison, N. J.; Mrs. Anne Cooper, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Elsie Johnson, Miami, Florida; Mrs. Mary Alice Bonkemeyer, Annandale, Va.; two sons, Dr. Olin B. Ader, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Major Paul F. Ader, England; one brother, Mr. Charles E. Ader, Winston-Salem, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Ader received the A.B. degree from Trinity College—now Duke University—in 1894, then did graduate work at Vanderbilt University, where he received the B.D. degree.

As a minister in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church for nearly fifty years, Mr. Ader served eighteen charges. His interest and activities covered the whole conference and more than once he spoke out publicly to defend the principles of the church which he served so well. Even after retirement Mr. Ader did not hesitate to express his concern through his writings. The humor that was ever present helped to get across his thoughts in both his conversation and writings. In his desire to be of service, Mr. Ader visited the sick and "shut-ins" and taught a Sunday school class for many years after retiring from the active ministry. He will long be remembered for his dedication to his Lord and the quick wit which he used so well.

We of the Methodist Home family, both staff and members, were blessed by Mr. Ader's presence with us for these three years and trust we have in some way repaid him for the many services he gave to others. To the family we extend our deepest sympathy with the knowledge that they are comforted by the love of God who has taken to Himself the soul of a devoted servant.

THE REVEREND T. S. HOFFMAN,
Chaplain

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Shallow thinking may be the easiest way through life, but it never takes one to greatness, usefulness, honor and renown.

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After looking at the earth for six days we need the Sabbath in which to look up.

N. C. Wesleyan College Ready For Second Year Operation

The faculty of North Carolina Wesleyan College returns to a full week of work in preparation for the beginning of the academic year, 1961-62.

A Faculty Retreat was held at New Topsail Beach Thursday and Friday, September 7 and 8. The theme was "North Carolina Wesleyan College—A Christian College In A Revolutionary Age."

President Thomas A. Collins moderated discussions led by Dean Jack Moore, Dr. James Hailey, Dr. Edwin Harwood, Dr. Willard Gatewood, and Dr. Arch Sharer. Text for the study was *Biblical Thought And The Secular University* by George A. Buttrick.

Work will continue at a Faculty Workshop Monday and Tuesday. These sessions will include business meetings, detailed study of curriculum, analysis of the students and guidance programs, concluding with plans for registration.

Freshmen and new students will report for orientation Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 13, 1961. Registration will be Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16.

An estimated 130 new students began arriving Tuesday afternoon as this new college began its second year. These were selected from more than 275 applicants from 15 states.

They were joined later in the week by approximately 70 returning students from the "Freshman Year."

Wednesday and Thursday are Orientation Days. The students will become acquainted with the campus including four new buildings, the Women's Dormitory, the Men's Dormitory, the Cafeteria-Student Union, and the President's Home.

Placement tests and general classification will consume one day. Introduction to the faculty, the library, and Student Government officers and program will share these hours.

Friday all freshmen will register; Saturday all sophomores, transfers, and special students will register. Classes will begin for all Monday morning, September 18.

Several events will highlight the week's activities. The S.G.A. will present a variety show Thursday called "The Jack Haar Show". The President's Reception for the students is planned for Friday evening. A Freshman Party is planned Saturday night. The Opening Worship Convocation will climax the activities of the week Sunday afternoon, September 17, 1961, at 4:00 p.m.

Chaplain's Wife Died While Visiting Germany

Mrs. John R. McLaughlin, 55, of Washington, D. C., wife of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains' general secretary died Thursday morning, September 7, at Berchtesgaden, Germany. She had been taken ill only the previous evening.

Mrs. McLaughlin was in Germany with her husband who was leading a seminar for Methodist chaplains and laymen in the armed forces. In August they had attended the World Methodist Council in Oslo, Norway, then visited in Great Britain.

Evangelism in Western North Carolina Conference

Church Schools of Evangelism Resource Leaders Prepared

The Local Church School of Evangelism is a feature of the Western North Carolina Conference Program of Evangelism this year. The Conference Board of Evangelism incorporated it in the conference program when local church and conference leaders requested that help in the areas of the motives, message and methods of evangelism be provided on the local church level. The Local Church Schools of Evangelism are intended to supplement the help received in the Christian Workers Training School in which a course on evangelism is offered and to come more closely to the local church.

Resource Leaders for the Local Church Schools of Evangelism are now available to every local church. Men to serve as Resource Leaders were selected by the District Committee on Evangelism in each district. Sixty-two men attended a Training School for Resource Leaders at Pfeiffer College, August 21-22. The Training School was directed by Horwood Myers, First Church, Leaksville, who is also responsible, with the District Secretaries of Evangelism, for scheduling the schools. The purpose of the school was to prepare these men to sit down with the lay workers in evangelism in each local church and help with the pre-determined evangelistic needs of the church. They will be prepared to discuss the motives and methods of evangelism and to suggest plans to suit the local situation.

Local Church Schools of Evangelism will be scheduled through the District Secretaries of Evangelism upon the request of the local churches. Resource Leaders will be assigned by the District Secretaries if no special requests for certain men are received. The Resource Leaders will serve any local church in any district; but in so far as possible, it is hoped the local churches will call upon those from their district. Horwood Myers should be contacted for Resource Leaders outside the district. The local churches will not be expected to provide any Resource Leader an honorarium but will pay for his travel, lodging and meals.

The Resource Leaders are listed below by districts:

Albemarle District—Harlan Creech, David Cowart, Harold Austin, Melvin McIntosh, J. R. Morris, Cecil L. Heckard.

Asheville District—Kent Outlaw, Robert M. Brittian, James B. Thomas, L. B. Laye, Bryce Parker.

Charlotte District—A. L. Maxwell, Ernest Fitzgerald, John Hamilton, Richard Crowder, C. G. Alspaugh, Kenneth Moore, William Bobbitt, *Richard Thigpen, Jr.

Gastonia District—H. D. Garmon, N. H. Pausey, John R. Sills, Roy Stephens.

Greensboro District—James Allen, Tom Summey, John Kincaid, Frank Edwards, H. P. Myers.

High Point District—L. E. Mabry, Kenneth Crouse, R. M. Hardee.

Marion District—M. T. Hipps, Paul Cassell, Earl Gibson.

Salisbury District—W. B. Royals, Earl Hansell, M. R. Howard.

Statesville District—J. A. Fitzgerald, T. C. McLean, John Miller, C. E. Bruce.

Thomasville District—Roy L. Grant, Fred Barber, Dwight Mashburn, A. R. Davis, A. T. Tuttle, H. P. Penry, Fletcher Andrews.

N. Wilkesboro District—C. A. Rhinehart, R. L. Wilkinson, J. H. Brendall, McRae Crawford, Ben T. Steele.

Waynesville District—D. P. Smotherman, J. S. Johnson, Robert Early, R. P. Bunch.

Winston-Salem District—Frank Smathers, George Thompson, C. J. Huneycutt, James Coleman, Clyde Collins.

*A layman and chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Myers Park Methodist Church.

New Parkwood Church, Durham Began Services Sept. 3

Parkwood Methodist Church, the new church for the Research Triangle, began its Sunday School Sunday, September 3, in the Lowe's Grove School auditorium at 9:45 a.m.

Services of worship will begin two weeks later, on September 17, the pastor, the Rev. William Jeffries, has announced.

Classes will be held for all ages, including a Crib Nursery for children under two years of age. Teachers will be from the local community and Trinity Methodist Church in Durham. Special equipment, including play pens, baby beds, and toys, has been donated for the nursery by members of churches in Durham. Complete church school literature is being furnished by the Methodist Publishing House in Richmond, Va.

A parsonage for the new church has been purchased in the Parkwood housing development by the Board of Missions of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Ephraim feedeth on east wind." —HOSEA 12:1

The east wind made Ephraim full but it did not make him fat, it made him tight but not tough, bloated but not solid.

Every mariner knows that there is no dependence to be placed in wind from the east. So Ephraim shifted according to the danger signals or the size of his antagonist.

Ephraim was a windy blowhard who could give loud command but could not command respect. He was puffed up with importance but did not enlarge his personality. He tore a leaf from Lucifer who presumed to rule the earth from outer space, but at the command of God he split the sky and fell like lightning.

Cheap substitutes will not work out a grandeur of destiny. Just like popcorn cannot replace crackling bread and cabbage in diet, so big talk cannot stand in good stead of simple faith and brave hearts.

Lillington Methodist Church Has Successful Youth Week

The Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship of Lillington Methodist Church has just completed a successful Christian Adventure Week on September 1st. With an attendance of about fifteen, the group studied material entitled, "Making Your Group Christian."

A highlight of the week was Tuesday night when Dr. Langston of Campbell College led the group in a Bible Study on the topic of groups in Jesus' day. Other instructors during the week were Mrs. Howard Watkins and Mrs. C. F. Grill. Fellowship singing was led by Miss Emily Kelly, and plans were made and carried out by the counselor, Mrs. Mack McDonald, and the superintendent of the Youth Division, Mrs. Melvin Shomper.

On Friday evening the week closed with a realistic communion service patterned after the actual supper Jesus had in the upper room with the disciples. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Grill, conducted the communion service.

There was a period for recreation and games each evening as well as handcrafts where each youth worked on their individual projects, and the boys remodeled a utility cabinet. Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service fed the group each evening.

Guests of the Christian Adventure week included the youth from Cool Springs Methodist Church at Marners and their counselors, who attended on Tuesday evening.

On Sunday, September 3, the group went to Kelly's Pond for a planning retreat and Galilean Service led by the pastor of the church. It was reported that this was a very inspiring and thought provoking service. This youth group has been a very active and interested group in the work of their church throughout the summer months and it was considered that Christian Adventure Week was a fitting climax before starting back to school.

Mrs. Albert Sherrill, Sr. Dies In Greensboro at Age 93

Mrs. Albert Sherrill, Sr., 93, of Greensboro, died July 31 at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

She was a native of Rowan county and had lived in Greensboro 37 years. Mrs. Sherrill was the widow of the Rev. Albert Sherrill, Sr., a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mr. Sherrill died in 1929. Mrs. Sherrill was a member of West Market Street Methodist church, the Golden Years Club of the church, and had taught Sunday school there for a number of years.

She is survived by three sons, Albert Sherrill, Jr., and Paul Sherrill, both of Greensboro, and Pogue Sherrill of Cincinnati, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Harry Whitener of Stanley, Mrs. T. E. Stough and Mrs. Rollin P. Gibbs, both of Statesville, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Thomas A. Summey of West Market Street Methodist Church, and the Reverend Roger W. Tucker, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church.



Woman's Activities



Miss Yarborough Tells of Experiences in Korea

By MARY GARDNER

"It is wonderful that the people in a church will support the work of a missionary in a country to which they have never been." These words of appreciation were voiced by Miss Majorie Yarborough in a recent illustrated talk at the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh.

A native of Lemon Springs, N. C., Miss Yarborough served for three years as a special term missionary to Korea, returning to the States in July, 1960. Since returning to this country Miss Yarborough has been engaged in post graduate studies and as a teacher in the public school in East Orange, N. J.

The young missionary's work in Korea, under the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and supported by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, was primarily as a teacher of English Conversation at the Holston Girls' School in Taejon. She also performed a number of other duties at the school and held the distinction of being the only American on the school's staff.

The 700 girls studying at Holston are in training for the Kindergarten class, Miss Yarborough said. The majority of Kindergartens in Korea are Methodist sponsored.

The slides shown by Miss Yarborough during her talk gave vivid pictures of the activities at Holston, as well as a number of other Methodist Missions projects in Korea.

Following a visit to her parents in Sanford, Miss Yarborough plans to resume her teaching career in New Jersey.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE PLANS WORK

Reporting on a clinic for District Presidents held during the recent Annual School of Missions and Christian Service at Duke University, Mrs. John Crawford cited for members of the Executive Committee of the Raleigh District Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting at Raleigh's YWCA, several emphases of the clinic's sessions. Among these were study of the entire program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service; a need for inspiration, information, and motivation for each woman's society member; a need for a real dynamic faith; a good member prays, reads, accepts responsibility, develops spiritual life, and has a Christian concept.

Fifty-nine women of the Raleigh District WSCS attended the School of Missions and Christian Service, according to Mrs. Crawford's report.

In her report the district treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Bryan, reported gifts to missions totaling \$6,905.50, for the first reporting period 1961-62, an increase of \$702.00 over the conference year 1960-61.

Plans for the annual fall Educational Seminars call for two meetings to be held September 12 at the Wendell Methodist Church, and September 14 at the Horne Memorial Methodist Church, Clayton. Presenting the current mission study courses will be Mrs. O. S. Williams, Henderson, The Meaning of Suffering; Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr., Louisburg, Churches for New Times; Mrs. H. A. Davis and Mrs. Graham Poyner, both of Raleigh, The Christian Mission in Latin American Countries; Mrs. T. R. Smith, Henderson (at Clayton), and Mrs. L. R. Harris, Macon, at Wendell), The Christian and Responsible Citizenship.

Mrs. Crawford named as several emphases for the Raleigh District during the current conference year: every member of the executive committee of the local society a subscriber to and keep on file The Methodist Woman; a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every church in the Raleigh District; and an increase in membership and giving.

Herself a new appointee as district president, Mrs. Crawford presented two other new members of the district executive committee. These were Mrs. D. K. Fry, Raleigh, vice-president, and Mrs. T. R. Smith, Henderson, recording secretary.

NEW BERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the New Bern District Woman's Society of Christian Service, in a recent meeting at the Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, engaged in an officers' training, directed by Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion. Mrs. Boyd likened the membership of the WSCS to a piece of tapestry into which the threads are interwoven.

Mrs. J. L. Overton, New Bern District subdistrict leader, led the devotional. Mrs. Albert Venters, district president, welcomed the group.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



LORENA KELLY'S BOOK PUBLISHED

Miss Lorena Kelly's first book in Otetela language has been published in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

She writes friends at home that "We are now trying to send a supply of them so that they can be used in the school this fall. We do not know whether they will get to Lodja or not; but we are going to

start them on their way. I believe that they will get there eventually."

Miss Kelly has been busy preparing a home economics textbook for the Methodist Mission School at Lodja.

She writes further, "We receive very little news from our people in the Congo. But everytime we hear, they are still carrying on the work. For this we are most grateful. One young minister and his family were able to get out in order to go to the States to study. I think they had to go to Usumbura by car, which was a trip of two or three days. He is a very fine young man, and I pray that God will greatly bless him and his family while they are in America."

About going back to her station, she writes: "We have no idea when the missionaries will be able to return. But all are busy in this area in the meantime."

To the women of the Western North Carolina Conference she says: "I send my warmest greetings to our women. Please tell them to please continue to pray for Africa."

Miss Kelly's address now is P. O. Box 1316, Kitwe, N. Rhodesia, Africa.

NEWS FROM OSLO

Cards arrived this week from the Rev. and Mrs. James Fowler, Jr. of Lake Junaluska and Mrs. C. C. Cranford who attended the World Council meeting in Oslo.

The Fowlers write: "The conference is excellent. Many speakers offering us constructive criticisms."

Mrs. Cranford writes: "This is the most wonderful experience. . . . We have seen much of the country in addition to the sessions of the Conference."

NEW OFFICERS THOMASVILLE DISTRICT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Thomasville District has six new officers for the current year.

These are Mrs. Dwight Pyatt, Thomasville, promotion; Mrs. Rudolph Hiatt, Thomasville, Children's Work; Mrs. John Bowers, Thomasville, literature and publications; Mrs. Carl Brinkley, Lexington, student work; Mrs. M. D. Cleary, Lexington, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. C. L. Kearns, Denton, committee on nominations.

Mrs. Ned Gibbs of Thomasville is district president.

GASTONIA DISTRICT HAS TWO NEW OFFICERS

The Women's Society of the Gastonia District has two new officers for the coming year. Mrs. Jack Morgan of Shelby is the vice-president and Mrs. Edwin Ford of Shelby is chairman of the committee on nominations. Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr. of Gastonia and Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton are the other members of the committee.

Mrs. B. E. Callis is district president and Mrs. Charles W. Gunter of Gastonia is secretary of promotion.

A MEMBERSHIP STUDY

The secretaries of promotion in all conferences will be busy these days, getting their reports on "The Membership Study" from each local society in the conference. These are due to be in the hands of the district secretaries by October 5th, in order

that the Conference secretary of promotion may have her complete report by Oct. 25th.

The study was authorized at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service as a means of "studying the woman constituency of the local church and community, with relation to membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. This study is to begin in September, 1961, and culminate with Epiphany, January 6, 1962."

A fine explanation of the study is given in the July-August issue of *The Methodist Woman* on page 22-23. A complete check sheet is given on page 23.

Mrs. S. Ray Lowder, conference secretary of promotion, has had mimeographed copies of the check sheets made for the district secretaries. She says: "Many local officers do not realize how important they are to the work of the Woman's Society or the Guild. They are a link in a chain reaction in the Lord's work. Through conference and district officers comes the vital news of what the Woman's Society is doing around the world. The local secretary is the transmitter of this news. So ask her to channel any and all information she receives and share with her society."

Board of Publication Met September 7th

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Publication was held in the Advocate office last Thursday, September 7. Present for the meeting were Dr. Wilson O Weldon of Charlotte, Board president; Mr. W. B. Hall of High Point, who served as secretary; Mr. N. E. Edgerton of Raleigh, vice-president; Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville, and Mr. J. N. Hackney of Wilson. Other members could not be present on account of conflicts in schedules.

The Board was well pleased with the status and operation of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and the Piedmont Press. A great deal of progress has been made and the operation is on a sound basis.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposal of the Editor asking for six new subscriptions from every pastoral charge in the two conferences between now and the last of October. This was also in keeping with the action of the Bishop and his cabinet in each of the two conferences. It was stated that the six new subscriptions could be secured from members of the official boards in many instances. This is to be in addition to securing the renewals of those who already receive the paper. It is hoped that pastors will immediately secure the minimum of six and send them to the editor as quickly as possible, in order that the people and churches may receive the benefit to be had through the columns of the church paper. The next meeting of the Board will be held November 30.

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"What if everyone expressed in his work the attitude and conduct of a Christian? What if everyone used his daily work as a means to win other people to Jesus Christ? What power of God would be released among us?"—BISHOP EVERETT W. PALMER

Rodriguez Family Living In North Carolina



The Rodriguez family—left to right: Luisa Maria, Mr. Rodriguez, Lillian, Mrs. Rodriguez, Sylvia and Elisa.

Statesville, N. C.—A Cuban Methodist preacher has found a haven here from the totalitarian oppression of the Fidel Castro regime in his native land.

Alberto Rodriguez, his wife and four children completed the final part of a tense, sometimes dangerous journey from Cuba when they arrived by plane in Charlotte, N. C. Tuesday night, Aug. 29.

They were met by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cline and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doyle of Statesville's Broad Street Methodist Church, who took them to the farm home of the Glenn Westmorelands near Statesville, where they are staying until an apartment in Statesville is ready for them.

The journey here for the Rodriguez family began in 1959 when they first met, and became friends of, several members of Broad Street Church while attending a Family Life Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

They visited with Mrs. Doyle for a short time, then returned to Cuba where Mr. Rodriguez was a secretary to the vice-president of a rayon manufacturing company, and the Spanish-English interpreter for the firm.

The Cuban also served as a local preacher for the Methodist mission church and is known as an outstanding leader in youth and evangelistic work.

He is a graduate of the University of Havana, and has taught Spanish, English and shorthand in Central Methodist School in Cuba as well as having received special training in the field of advertising.

When the Castro government took parochial schools away from the churches and began to make threatening gestures toward state control of the churches, closing Mr. Rodriguez's mission church, the safety of Mr. Rodriguez and his family became a major concern.

On July 3 of this year Mr. Rodriguez

sent his two eldest daughters out of Cuba to Virginia where they were housed with relatives. A little over a week ago Elisa, 18, and Sylvia, 13, came to Statesville to live with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson, pending the arrival of their parents and the rest of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez managed to flee Cuba the night of Friday, Aug. 25. Arriving at the airport, they learned they must leave their luggage behind in order to find space on the airliner.

For nine hours Castro police harassed them with questions. Then they were allowed to board the plane, carrying only a Bible and Mrs. Rodriguez's handbag. Lillian, the youngest child at two years, clung determinedly to a doll.

As the plane appeared over Key West, Luisa Maria, who is eight, exclaimed, "We're out!" Shortly after that the plane landed at Miami and the family was cared for by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and Church World Service.

Then Tuesday the Rodriguez family enplaned for Charlotte, landing that night to be greeted by their other two daughters and their friends from Statesville.

Clay Cline, chairman of the Commission on Missions for Broad Street Church, said the congregation has adopted this family and everything is being done as quickly as possible to see that furniture and clothing is obtained.

Mr. Rodriguez began work Friday, Sept. 1, at the Board of Missions office, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, in Statesville.

Elisa has been enrolled in Mitchell College in Statesville, Sylvia has entered D. Matt Thompson Junior High School, and Luisa Maria has entered Mulberry Street School.

The Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, a veteran of 30 years in the ministry, is the pastor of Broad Street Church.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Train That Runs to Heaven

By REV. C. L. GRANT

A little girl had been left an orphan, because of the death of her father and mother. She was cast out into the world, with no one to care for her.

Her mother had often read and talked to her about Heaven, and when both mother and father died, she thought she wanted to be where they were.

One day she went to the railway station, got on a train, and found a place in one of the big seats. Presently the train started on its journey. The conductor came through the coach, and found her without a ticket. He asked her, "Where are you going, and where is your ticket?" She replied, "I have no ticket." "But where are you going, and why have you no ticket?" he continued kindly. The little girl said, "I am going to Heaven." The puzzled conductor then asked, "Going to Heaven? Why are you going there?" "Because my mother and father are there," she replied, and then asked, "Don't your train go there?" "Yes," was his answer, "but you have no ticket." To which she replied, "I thought you could go to Heaven free."

So the conductor let her ride on without a ticket. Presently the child said to him, "Don't you have a little girl about my age?"

The conductor was reminded of his own little girl who had died. This child was so much like her that his heart was melted to tears. The train rushed rapidly on, and the conductor went on about his business, thinking of the little one. In the meantime the child fell asleep. The conductor wondered what he would tell her when he came to the end of his run, and how he would send her back to where she came from.

The child awoke and said, "Conductor, how far is it to Heaven yet?" He replied, "We are not there yet." He continued on about his business, and as he passed through the coach again the little girl said, "Are you going to Heaven to see your little girl?" He gave her no answer, for he was not a Christian. He realized he was going to have to put up some excuse to the child when his train stopped, but he did not know what to tell her.

The little girl was so much like his own that he could hardly resist her invitation to go with her to Heaven. It

would not be long now until the train would stop. He noticed her growing pale and her eyes dim, and that she was becoming weaker. As he drew near to her, she said faintly, "Can't you go with me to Heaven and see your little girl?"

And as she grew weaker, she said, "Do you love me? Do you love Jesus? Do you know that Jesus loves you?"

The conductor knelt down beside her, and gave his heart to Jesus Christ. Then he went on about his duties, but kept noticing the child. It seemed she was becoming still weaker. The train was approaching the end of the journey.

As the conductor came through the coach again, still wondering how he would send the little one back to the station from whence she came, he noticed she seemed to be lifeless. He went to her, and found she had already arrived at Heaven. He no longer needed to wonder what he would tell her.

THE CREATION

In the beginning God had a plan—
"I'll make a world," as He began;
"I'll fill my world with trees and such,
And give the flowers a perfume touch.
I'll make large bodies of land and sea,
And give each one a touch by me;
A touch that will give each land a hill,
And each sea with sorts of fish I'll fill.
I'll make a man for this world of mine,
And to each beast he must be kind.
I'll tell each man how the earth was made,
And how the cornerstone of love was laid.

The story of God to each man must be told.
And with my flesh a Son I'll mold.
A chance to be saved my Son will give,
And when man dies, a place to live.
Mankind shall call Him Lord and King,
And different gifts to Him they'll bring.
The time will come when man will roam
On the golden streets of my heavenly home;
A time when my children shall live with me—

For I planned for my children eternity."
—By LYNN WADDELL, Age 12
Charlotte, N. C.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

The summer got away awfully fast, didn't it? Wasn't near long enough.

But we had a wonderful vacation, didn't we? Trips to the country, to the mountains, to the seashore, or maybe to Grandmother's place. And some of

you rural boys and girls may have gone to Aunt Mary's in the city. Others have just had fun at home — swimming parties, picnics (with hot dogs and watermelon), visiting each other in the neighborhood, and lots of other interesting things.

And now, with all of our happy vacation memories, we don't mind a bit being back in school, do we? New teachers, new books, new things to learn, new playmates! This is really going to be the best year yet.

And you know something? It won't be but about thirty-six weeks until summer will be here again. Now isn't that so?

Chuckles

The third grade was learning the letters of the alphabet.

"What come after T?" the teacher asked. Quick as a flash Patsy replied, "V."

Nine-year-old Bobby came home proudly with a toy automobile.

"Where did you get that?" asked his mother.

"I got it from Johnny for doing him a favor," her son explained.

"What was the favor?"

"I was hitting him on the back, and he asked me to stop."

"I sent my little boy for two pounds of plums, and you have sent only a pound and a half," said Billy's mother to the groceryman.

"My scales are correct, madam," he replied. "Have you weighed your little boy?"

Bible Quiz

(Are these stories in the Old or New Testament?)

1. The Story of the gleaners _____
2. The story of the little man who climbed a tree to see Jesus _____
3. The story of the burning bush _____
4. The story of Naaman the leper. _____
5. The story of the raising of Lazarus from the grave _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Land of Uz—Job 1.1
2. The Land of Nod—Genesis 4:16
3. The Isle of Patmos
4. City of Phillippi—Acts 16:25
5. Damascus—Acts 9:1-9

Sunday School Lesson

FOR SEPTEMBER 24

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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GAIUS: COMMITMENT TO CHRIST'S WORK

Scripture Lesson: 3 John.

We come now to the end of our quarter's study of "Personalities of the New Testament." Our next quarter's lessons will be bound together by the theme: "Christian Growth." The subject of this lesson is especially fitting for the beginning of Christian Education Week, sponsored by all member denominations of the National Council of Churches.

Third John is really the only private letter in the Bible. The alert Bible student may immediately think of Philemon as another personal letter, but close examination of both the salutation and the body of the letter show that it was intended for "the church that meets in your house" (see Philemon, verse 2). The name of the elder John was one that commanded so much respect in the region of Western Asia Minor that anything he wrote (or was thought to have written) came to be greatly treasured. This probably explains why this private letter came to be a part of our New Testament.

The name Gaius is found in a number of places in the New Testament and, being a common Roman name, our problem of identification is rendered more difficult. The Gaius of 3 John may have been the Gaius Paul reports having baptized (see I Corinthians 1:4). He probably was the same man who was host to Paul while he was writing his letter to the Romans. Certainly, the reference to his hospitality fits into the picture of him that we have in our lesson material (see also Romans 16:23).

The most striking thing about this brief letter is the warm approval and praise which is heaped upon Gaius by the writer of 3 John. So confident is he of the integrity of his friend that he greets him with the words "My heartfelt prayer for you is that you may be as healthy and prosperous in every way as you are in soul" (Phillips translation). Easton has suggested another meaningful rendering if this verse: "May your physical well-being correspond to your spiritual achievements!" How many of us would be content to have our general welfare correspond exactly to the state of our souls?

Gaius is praised for his hospitality to the Christians who are traveling about the country visiting the various churches. This was a great boon to these people who otherwise might have had to patronize the inns, which were not often the sort of places that one would choose.

In spite of the fact that this letter is, in general, full of praise and good feelings, there is one note of bitterness in it. There is a man in Gaius' church who is making a lot of trouble for the elder. He is Diotrephes, a man who is charged with wanting to have everything his own way and even refusing hospitality to those whom the elder

has directed to the church. This situation, some scholars think, is an aspect of the changing pattern of church life that was going on at this time; the change from the system by which the church was ruled by a council of elders (see Acts 21:18) to the episcopal plan where a bishop ruled the local church, or a group of churches. It has been said that if Diotrephes was the first bishop he didn't give the office a very good start!

The situation that called forth the letter may, then, have been that Diotrephes, though commanding the majority of the votes in the church, was not thought by Gaius, nor by the elder as a fit person for the job. In fact, both John and Gaius might have been opposed to the episcopal system. For them, Diotrephes was a "Johnny-come-lately" who was exceeding his authority. One of the serious charges leveled against him was that he refused to welcome the visiting evangelists. Of course it might be said in behalf of Diotrephes that some of these brethren may have stayed too long and talked too much! We don't know about that; but we know a serious clash of personalities, partly due to organizational changes, existed in the church of which Gaius was a member. This evidently was the second letter that had been dispatched concerning the matter. Probably when the elder himself arrived there was a real show-down as to who was the real authority.

Unfortunately church divisions are not alone a matter of history. They are still with us today. We need desperately to be willing to forget our minor differences and commit ourselves to the great Cause which is bigger than any of us.

Dr. Harry Denman Will Speak In Thomasville District

Thomasville District Methodists will launch a four-day period of evangelistic rallies Thursday, September 14, with Dr. Harry Denman of Nashville, Tenn., as the featured speaker.

The schedule for the rallies will be:

September 14, Central Methodist Church in Denton; Sept. 15, Memorial Church in Thomasville; Sept. 16 Trinity Church in Lexington; and Sept. 17 the Davie County churches in the Center Methodist Church Arbor.

There will be a 10:30 service of consecration at the host church for clergymen, chairmen and members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, lay leaders, church school superintendents, official board chairmen, local church visitation teams and other interested laymen.

There will be evangelistic visitation of teams from 2:30-5:30 p. m. in each local community, to be followed at 6:30 p. m. by a covered dish supper for clergymen and their families.

The preaching services will begin at the host churches at 7:30 p. m.

In charge of the four rallies will be the Rev. John H. Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District; the Rev. Herbert T. Penry, Jr., district director of evangelism; and Alan (Jack) Everhart, district director of music.

Mount Holly Church Occupies New Education Building

The first unit of Mount Holly's First Methodist church's long-range building program, a \$321,000 education building, was occupied last Sunday, with Dr. Embree H. Blackard, District Superintendent, preaching the sermon.

The fellowship hall of this unit will be used for worship until the third unit, the sanctuary, is erected. It is hoped a sanctuary can be constructed in five to seven years.

The fellowship hall seats 325, and the chapel, which will be used for small services, will hold 100 people. Housed also in the building are Sunday school rooms, church parlor, pastor's study, church office, choir room, library, scout room, kitchen and serving area, janitor and storage rooms and rest rooms.

The modern education building contains adequate rooms and space to facilitate the launching of an expanded program of Christian education planned by the church school officials and the board of education, according to Rev. Aubert M. Smith, pastor.

The children's division, located apart from the adult rooms and departmentally arranged for the various age groups, consists of three nursery rooms, two kindergarten rooms, three primary rooms, three junior rooms. In the Youth Division there are two rooms for intermediates and two for seniors.

The first unit of the building program was a \$26,000 parsonage building during the pastorate of Dr. Charles D. White. Initial plans for the program were laid some years ago while the Rev. Ivon L. Roberts was pastor. Actual construction of the education building took place during the last year of the pastorate of the Rev. T. H. Swofford, presently serving Main Street Church, High Point.

Open house for the new church plant will be held September 24.

History of Jones County Methodism Now Available

Rev. Walton N. Bass, pastor of the Trenton Methodist charge in Jones County, has written a most interesting and factual history of Methodism in Jones County. He has done quite an exhaustive study of the early beginnings of Methodism in that section of the state, going back as far as 1788 when Francis Asbury first mentions the Jones county area. It seems the first Methodist church in Jones was established about 1792 when the Trenton circuit was begun. A plot of land had been deeded to Methodists by a Mr. Thomas. Mr. Bass traces the development of the Methodist church in Jones county through its long and splendid history, and gives the names of the ministers who have served through the years, together with a brief sketch of each one. This splendid 48-page booklet can be obtained by writing Rev. Walton N. Bass, Post Office Box 241, Trenton, N. C. The price is only \$1.00. All residents of Jones County, and those who have gone out from that section who are interested in knowing of the background of the church would do well to secure this booklet. We are glad to recommend it.

We Can Avert War!

BISHOP JOHN WISLEY LORD
It has been said that most human problems will be resolved when men are intelligent enough to interpret life's dilemmas; when they are compassionate enough to be involved in its pain; pure enough to become agents of its redemption; and courageous enough to make the needed sacrifice.

Is it because we lack intelligence, compassion, purity and courage that we face mounting tensions and multiplying problems? Is it because we have failed to orbit our ideals that war emerges as the only alternative to peace? What can we do to restore sanity and reason in the midst of panic-mongering?

It is difficult to understand the announcement by our President that the United States is to resume nuclear testing in the laboratories and underground. It had appeared that we had gained a psychological and moral victory by our unwillingness to follow the action of the Soviet Union, and by our request with Great Britain that the Soviets undertake new disarmament negotiations. We had taken the offensive, and this offensive had been acknowledged by the world, and the world had reacted to it in our favor. But this advantage now seems to have been lost by the announcement which has brought sorrow to the

hearts of many whose hopes had been raised.

What is the justification for this resumption of nuclear testing? Is it military advantage? We are paying a high price in military advantage when we consider the possible consequence of thermo-nuclear fallout.

Is it a practical necessity? Surely in this frenetic world in which values have been distorted it is to be hoped that the United States could act from principle rather than from expediency and purely practical considerations.

Are we now to present to an apprehensive and uncommitted world the image of an America "armed to the teeth" to defend by military might those moral and spiritual values upon which all civilization rests and which cannot be defended militarily? Is this what America desires? I do not believe so. Let us act and not react.

How can we make the American people understand that while they must oppose the ideology of Marxist Communism, victory is neither possible nor should it be sought by military means? This is our dilemma. Totalitarianism is false in doctrine and dangerous in practice, wherever it appears and in whatever form. It perverts the goal of social justice which it professes. But serious as this fundamental ideological conflict is, it cannot be resolved by military action.

This is a good time for us to recall the ultimate goal stated so clearly in Senate Bill 2180 to establish a United States Disarmament Agency for World Peace and Security. "An ultimate goal of the United States is a world free from the scourge of war and the dangers and burdens of armament; in which the use of force has been subordinated to the rule of law; and in which international adjustments to a changing world are achieved peacefully."

Let it be our prayer that this ultimate goal will not be forgotten as we announce to the world that we will follow suit, that we will once again engage in nuclear testing.

Dr. Whitsett to Preach at Unity Methodist Church

Dr. Daniel C. Whitsett, minister of the Harvard Epworth Methodist Church in Cambridge, Mass., will preach for six consecutive nights at Unity Methodist Church, of Thomasville District, October 1-6. Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Barrett Wilson is pastor.

In 1950 Dr. Whitsett traveled throughout Europe with Sherwood Eddy, noted writer. In the summer of 1951, he organized and conducted a tour of Europe, including the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England. He traveled through the Middle East in 1956. He is a frequent contributor to Church School periodicals and contributing author of the book "The Road to Brotherhood," published in November, 1958. Dr. Whitsett has served pastorates in Alabama and Florida, and become minister of Harvard Epworth Church in September, 1958. He is past president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

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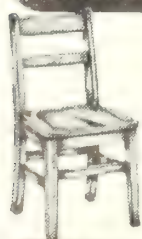
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SILER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

96-Bed Men's Dormitory To Be Erected at Louisburg

The Louisburg College Board of Trustees at a special meeting held September 6 approved resolutions for the financing of a 96-bed men's dormitory with the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency in Atlanta, construction on which will start immediately. The Board also adopted an operating budget of \$568,840 and elected Hoover Taft, Jr., of Greenville, business man, attorney and active church layman as a member of the Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Reverend Leon Couch.

The meeting held at the college was presided over by Dr. Edgar B. Fisher, vice-president, of Greenville, in the absence of Dr. James E. Hillman of Raleigh, who was absent on account of illness.

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Pastoral Prayer

Infinite Father, Almighty, Eternal God, the Creator and preserver of us all, who hatest nothing Thou hast made, who art more willing to forgive than we are to seek Thy forgiveness, look down upon us in this hour of worship and pilgrimage. We thank Thee, O God, for the riches of Thy Word and the wonder of Thy love. We bow before Thee in adoration and praise. Help us to worship Thee this day in Spirit and in Truth that we may go from this mountain top with our hearts cleansed by the fire of thy forgiveness; our minds dedicated to the exposition of Thy Truth as it is in Jesus; our souls alive to the power of Thy love; and our strength focused with single-minded devotion to the tasks of Thy Kingdom.

We confess unto Thee, O God, that we have too often fallen into the comfortable habit of thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought to think; that we have forgotten that we are all sinners and have fallen short of Thy divine demand for perfection in love; that we have erred and strayed from Thy way like lost sheep and turned away from Thy clear commands to walk contentedly along the comfortable way that leads to destruction. We confess unto Thee, our Father, that we the people of Methodism have become so preoccupied with the great things of our past that we have failed to do great things in the present. We confess with sorrow that we have permitted the flame of evangelistic fervor to burn low and have been satisfied with merely holding the fort rather than taking the field against the forces of sin and evil that are running riot over our beloved land. We confess with shame our lack of commitment which makes it impossible for us to speak even a stammering word about Jesus Christ to the thousands about us who have never heard His name or been challenged to become His disciples. Have mercy upon us, O merciful Father, forgive us all that is past, direct what we shall be that we may walk in the way of Thy commandments and do those things which are worthy in Thy sight.

We lift up before Thee, O God our sinful, warsick world. May our leaders be humble enough to turn to Thee for guidance in this hour of international crisis that our country may begin to lead the way toward a new order of permanent peace, racial brotherhood and economic justice. We pray for The Methodist Church which is set today amid the perplexities of massive social change. Give her, we beseech Thee, a double portion of Thy spirit. Send down Thy fire upon her that she may awaken out of her sleep. Make her alive again with a consuming passion for human souls. Raise up in every church dynamic disciples unto Thee who will go out into the highways and streets of our land to knock on every door and tell every man, woman, and child the great Good News of Thy love for them as revealed in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We remember in our prayers this day Thy ministers and missionaries the world over who labor unceasingly for the advancement of the Gospel. Especially do we pray Thy blessings upon all who are participating by their prayers and thy presence in this Methodist Pilgrimage to thy mountain top. Send us forth from this holy place rededicated in heart and mind and spirit to the task of building Thy Kingdom upon the earth. We pray in the name of Him who is above every name and who alone has the words of eternal life, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

This pastoral prayer was written and offered by the Rev. Ronald G. Whitley, New England Southern Annual Conference Secretary of Evangelism and Pastor of the Church Hill Methodist Church, Norwell, Mass., at the Second Annual Methodist Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of The Pines, Rinde, New Hampshire, Sunday, July 23, 1961.

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL for the Rockingham-Hamlet area will be held at First Church, Rockingham, October 1 through 5.

¶ MORRIS CHAPEL CHURCH, Walkertown, will hold Rally Day and Homecoming services Sunday, Sept. 24. Rev. George W. Thompson is pastor.

¶ A WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD has been organized in the Shiloh Methodist Church of Route 1, Liberty. There are 13 charter members. Their first meeting was held September 7, 1961.

REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, October 1-8. Rev. W. K. Quick of Zebulon, will be the guest minister. The time will be 7:30 each evening.

¶ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of Bethel Methodist Church of Route 1, Climax, presented a life membership in the Woman's Society to Mrs. Pearl Adams on September 4 at its monthly meeting.

¶ THE HIGH POINT District Christian Workers School will begin at Wesley Memorial Church Sunday evening, September 24 at 7:30, and continue through Thursday evening.

¶ DR. JOE HIATT of Elkin, preached at Homecoming services at Rockford Street Methodist Church in Mount Airy, Sunday, September 10. Rev. Giles O. Bowman is pastor of the church.

¶ BISHOP PAUL HARDIN will be the speaker at the annual rally for evangelism in the Winston-Salem district, to be held at Centenary Church Monday evening, Sept. 25, at 7:30.

¶ DR. C. P. MORRIS, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference was guest speaker at Mt. Hermon Methodist Church in Burlington District last Sunday, Sept. 17. Rev. Hubert Hodgins is pastor.

¶ REV. RALPH E. KAYLOR and his people observed homecoming at Mills River Church, Asheville District, last Sunday. Roll call of members was made at the worship service. A picnic luncheon was served following the service.

¶ CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, Asheboro, will conduct a school of evangelism on September 24, at which time plans for the year will be made. All commissions and their members will meet to complete plans for the year, and they will be announced. Rev. L. E. Mabry is pastor of Calvary.

¶ REV. D. A. PETTY, retired at the last annual conference, and is living at Rose Hill, N. C. His address is 200 East Charity Rd., Rose Hill, N. C., telephone 289-4176. He says he has preached at Rose Hill, Warsaw and Pine Forest since retiring, and that he will continue to preach whenever and wherever he is invited.

¶ THE REV. AND MRS. RON L. HALL announce the birth of a son, Todd Elliott, September 1, 1961. Weight 9 pounds 4½ ounces. Rev. Mr. Hall is pastor of the West Bend Methodist Church, Asheboro, N. C.

¶ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of Shiloh Methodist Church presented two life memberships in the Woman's Society on Sunday, September 10, to Mrs. Grazilla Burrow and Mrs. Jessie Kime.

¶ ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH, Maxton, Rev. C. D. Roettger, pastor, will break ground Sunday morning, September 24, for a new parsonage. Rev. M. C. Dunn, District Superintendent, will preach, and will also conduct the first quarterly conference. A picnic luncheon will be served after the ground-breaking ceremonies.

¶ MR. H. GRADY MILLER is the new minister of music in First Church, High Point. He has had nineteen highly successful years in that position with First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. He is well qualified both by training and experience. He grew up in the Methodist Church, and is a native of Asheboro.

¶ ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH of Burlington observed its sixth anniversary last Sunday with Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, bringing the morning message. A picnic lunch was served following the service. Rev. Rufus H. Stark is presently pastor of St. Paul.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Creedmoor Methodist Church, Creedmoor, N. C., on Sunday, September 24. Church school will be at 10:00 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to bring their lunch and spread it for the noon meal on the church grounds. All former ministers, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of the Midway Methodist Church of Lexington, Rev. Sam B. Moss, pastor, had as their guests for a ham and egg breakfast last Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock 31 members of the Men's Club of the Bethesda Methodist Church of near Lexington, together with their pastor, Rev. A. T. Tuttle.

¶ THE VERNON METHODIST CHURCH, on the Stokes Charge, of which Rev. L. A. Watts is pastor, will observe Homecoming on Sunday, September 24, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. W. C. Ball will preach and preside at the First Quarterly Conference. Dinner will be served. All former pastors and friends are invited.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the South China Grove Methodist Church, beginning September 24 and running through September 28. Rev. D. A. Haminton, pastor of Muirs Chapel, Greensboro, will preach each evening at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited. The pastor, Rev. Ervin S. Cook, asks for the prayers and interest of fellow Methodists for a great meeting.

¶ MRS. W. H. COLONNA, JR., of Richmond, Va., has assumed her duties as educational assistant at First Methodist Church, High Point. Mrs. Colonna has been active in the education program of First Church for the past three years, and is well acquainted with its needs and purpose, says the Rev. A. C. Waggoner, minister.

¶ THE VANCEBORO METHODIST CHURCH of Vanceboro, North Carolina, will have its annual Homecoming October 8, 1961. All of the former pastors and friends are cordially invited to attend. The fall revival will follow with the Rev. Roy Putnam of the Trinity Methodist Church of Greensboro, N. C., as evangelist. Rev. H. B. Jones is pastor.

¶ HOMECOMING and the anniversary dinner will be held at the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Asheville, of which Rev. L. A. Scott is pastor, on Sunday, October 8. This will mark the 160th anniversary of Bishop Asbury's holding a quarterly conference for this church. All members and friends are invited to come and bring lunch.

¶ TABERNACLE METHODIST CHURCH, one of the oldest churches in Onslow County, will be observing Homecoming Day, Sunday, Oct. 15. The day will begin with the morning worship service at 11:30 a.m., with a guest speaker and special music. Immediately following the worship hour a picnic dinner will be served for all in attendance. All former members and pastors as well as all present members are cordially invited to attend.

¶ HOMECOMING at Longhurst Methodist Church, Longhurst, October 1, 1961. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. The Homecoming sermon will be delivered by the new pastor, J. H. Parrish. Lunch will be served in the basement of the church. Every one is invited to attend. The fall revival will begin on the same date, 7:30 p.m., with the pastor doing the preaching. Services will run from Sunday, Oct. 1 through Friday, Oct. 6, 1961.

¶ ST. LUKE METHODIST CHURCH, Goldsboro, celebrated its eleventh anniversary Sunday, Sept. 17. After the service picnic lunch was served. Four ministers have served this growing church since its beginning in 1950. Rev. W. D. Caveness was the first pastor, followed by Rev. R. H. Lewis, Rev. George C. Megill, and Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., the present pastor. The membership at last annual conference was 643. A splendid plant has been erected and St. Luke is becoming one of the fine churches of the North Carolina conference.

¶ BESSEMER METHODIST CHURCH will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 24. Rev. Francis S. McFarland pastor of the Ruffin Methodist Church will deliver the sermon. Mr. McFarland is the son of a former pastor of the Bessemer Church, the late Rev. W. G. McFarland. The worship service will be held at 11 a.m. and a picnic dinner will be served at 12:30 in the church yard. Members former members, and friends of the church are invited to join in the worship and fellowship.

¶ **REVIVAL SERVICES** will be held at Calvary Church, Greensboro, beginning October 8, with Rev. Zane G. Norton assisting the pastor, Rev. J. J. Powell.

¶ Rev. Robert L. Nicks, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh, preached at the Edenton Street Methodist Church last Sunday. This church is regarded as the home church for the children in the Methodist Home.

¶ **ASBURY CHURCH**, Durham, Rev. John T. Maides, pastor, will observe homecoming Sunday, October 8. The pastor will deliver the homecoming sermon, and a picnic luncheon will be served following the service.

¶ A school of evangelism was held at the Lowe's Methodist Church, on the Reidsville circuit last Sunday afternoon. A fellowship hour was held at 6:00 o'clock at which time a supper was served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Rev. John Kincaid is pastor.

¶ **Lakewood Methodist Church** in Durham will observe a Homecoming Rally Day on Sunday, September 24. The pastor, Rev. A. L. McClung, will preach at the eleven o'clock hour. Former pastors, former members, and friends are invited. A picnic style dinner will be served at the noon hour.

¶ **Ebenezer Church**, Rt. 2 Franklinton, observed home coming last Sunday, with the pastor, Rev. G. C. Smith, preaching at 11:00 o'clock. A picnic luncheon was enjoyed during the noon hour, and at 2:00 p. m. a song service featuring gospel numbers and old-time hymns was held. The revival services began at the evening hour, and are being held throughout the week.

¶ **Mount Bethel Methodist Church** of Bahama will observe Home Coming Sunday, October 1. A picnic luncheon will be served following the worship hour. The pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Lewis, and congregation extends a cordial invitation to former pastors, former members, and friends of the church to share in this observance.

¶ **Connelly Springs Methodists** have paid the indebtedness on their new church, and will hold the dedication service next Sunday, September 24. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, District Superintendent of the Marion District, will preach the dedicatory sermon. The Rev. C. R. McKinney is pastor. He invites all former pastors to attend the dedication service.

¶ **Cedar Falls Methodist Church** will hold home coming and deication services Sunday, October 1. At 11:00 a. m. the Rev. Kenneth Crouse, a former pastor, will preach. Following the service a picnic dinner will be served on the lawn. At the 2:00 p. m. services the new Sunday school wing will be dedicated. Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, pastor of First church, Asheboro, will preach the dedicatory sermon and lead in the ceremonies of dedication. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Bruce Nelson, and Rev. Kenneth Crouse, of High Point, and Rev. Ron Hall, under whose leadership the new rooms were built and most of the money raised.



Shown at the left in the above photo, is the Reverend Frank E. Berry, minister of the Rougemont Methodist Charge, accepting the second of two one hundred dollar checks from Mr. W. Jennings Bowling of Rougemont, N. C. The checks were given to initiate and sustain the new library at the Rougemont Methodist Church.

The new library, named the "Jennings Bowling Library," is under the supervision of Mrs. Pearl Lunsford. Mrs. Lunsford has been a Public School Librarian for some years. The library, now consisting of some 80 volumes should have approximately 150 volumes within the month. The people of the Church are making good use of the newly acquired facilities.

¶ **AN EXHIBITION** of religious art is on display in the Fellowship Hall at West Market Street Church, Greensboro. It has been arranged by the International Journal of Religious Education, with the co-operation of leading art galleries, publishers and dealers. It may be seen daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p. m. through September 24.

¶ Rev. Malloy Owen III, pastor of Horne Memorial Church, Clayton, will assist in revival services at the Wellons Village Methodist church, Durham, September 24-29. Mr. F. E. Howard will lead the singing, and Mrs. Thera Calhoun will be the organist. Rev. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., is the pastor. Nurseries will be provided for small children and infants. The public is cordially invited.

¶ **THE PINETOPS CHARGE**, Rocky Mount District, and the Temperance Hall Charge held a joint Youth Week, September 10-14. The meetings moved each night to a different church. The MYFs from Pinetops, Conetoe, Temperance Hall, and McKendree churches took part with a total of 49 young people in attendance. Leaders during the week included the Rev. James Hailey, professor of Religion at Wesleyan College; the Rev. John Sutton, district youth director and pastor of the Littleton Church; and the Rev. J. B. Speight, pastor of Evansdale-Black Creek Charge. Themes used during the week were: Christian responsibility, Christian vocations, Family life, and Witnessing.

¶ **MR. AND MRS. R. C. COX** of Greensboro celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary August 27 at their home in Greensboro. The celebration was held a few days early in order that both their children could be present. A daughter, Mrs. John B. Townsend and family live at Guilford College. A son, Mr. Carson Cox and family live just out of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been long time residents of Greensboro, and active members of the College Place Methodist Church. They were married September 6, 1911. Their many friends wish for them many more years of married happiness.

¶ **THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE** of homecoming at Fletcher's Chapel, located just beyond the city limits of Durham in the Oak Grove section, is planned for Sunday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. The Rev. S. J. Starnes, a former pastor and now editor of the **NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE**, will bring the morning message at the 11 o'clock service. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend, entering into the morning worship and enjoying the fellowship of the noon day picnic hour. Rev. A. M. Williams is pastor of Fletcher's Chapel.

Methodist Hymnal Committee Met in Nashville Sept. 12, 13

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon attended a two-day meeting of the Committee on Hymn Texts, Methodist Hymnal Committee, Commission on Worship, held Sept 12 and 13 in Nashville, Tenn.

Bishop Harmon is vice chairman of the Hymnal Committee and chairman of the Committee on Hymn Texts.

The bishop said the new Methodist Hymnal, when revision is completed, will show a change of about 20 per cent in new hymns.

The bishop preached at the Boulevard Methodist Church in Statesville, N. C. at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 17, as that congregation dedicated a new education building. The Rev. G. E. White is pastor. The bishop spoke to the Men's Club of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 18, in the church dining hall.

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EDITORIALS

The Magic of Music

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, preaching at the Sunday morning worship service at the recent World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, said he sometimes thought the Methodist movement owed as much to Charles Wesley and his hymnology as it did to John Wesley and his theology. With which many of us would readily agree. It is a known fact that the Methodists literally sang their way into the hearts of the people. They were known as a singing church.

It is unfortunate, however, that we have lost much of our singing zeal. It may be the tendency to depend too much upon choirs to furnish the music for the services is responsible for this situation. Choirs are fine, and we are for them, but we should not feel relieved of our responsibility and privilege just because we have a good choir. That should quicken our interest and insure our participation. As a rule, we do not have great revival meetings if the music is dull and listless, no matter how good the preaching. Inspired singing is a fitting climax to a good sermon. Men are sometimes moved by music who would not be moved without it. A minister once said to one of his laymen, "If I get to heaven before you, and you want to find me when you come, I'll be around where the colored folks are singing." Good singing draws people. One of the best ways to increase our Sunday evening worship services is to emphasize great congregational singing. The people will come to that when they would not come without it.

We should remember also that the hymns should be such as will lend inspiration because the people know them and can sing them. Sometimes unfamiliar hymns leave the average layman without a song because of his unfamiliarity with the words or the music. But give him something he knows and he will at least try. We heard of an outstanding musician many years ago who was publicized to present a musical program in a Kentucky city. Farmers came for miles around to hear the noted group perform. And they performed, but the response was almost nil. The leader asked one of the sponsors what was the trouble the people seemed not to appreciate the program. The sponsor informed him they were playing classical numbers with which the audience was unfamiliar. The leader changed his style, and the next number presented was "My Old Kentucky Home." It is said the peo-

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things." —Romans 8:32.

ple became so excited and thrilled that some of those farmers even forgot their horses and walked home, leaving them tied to the hitching posts in town. Sounds fantastic, but it is illustrative. In time of war, a few strains of Dixie or Yankee Doodle inspires the American soldier to be willing to face danger and death for his country. Likewise, good congregational singing will add greatly to the effectiveness of a religious service. We Methodists need to recapture our singing reputation and urge full participation in the musical program of every religious service.

A Challenge to the Churches

The Chief of Police in the City of Los Angeles, in an interview on the Groucho Marks show recently made the shocking statement that crime is skyrocketing in America. In answer to a question as to whether or not crime had increased or decreased since he became an officer some 34 years ago the chief replied that it was growing worse. He said the same number of people committed two and one-half times as many crimes in 1960 as they did in 1950.

There may be a number of things responsible for this situation. For one thing we have more laws with reference to more things than ever. Society seems to be congealing into a solid unit more than ever. Individuals must sacrifice some of their desires in order to conform as members of the whole. "We are a part of all we've met."

Why it is that people will defy laws and try to ignore them is beyond our limited understanding. Experience proves that it can't be done. We may be sure our sins will find us out.

This condition constitutes a real challenge to the church. It is possible that we have been more concerned about raising budgets than we have about building character. It is true that we have more church members than ever before, but do we have more real Christians? Let's not make the mistake of thinking that all we need to do is join the church. Our gospel is a gospel of power—power to transform, to inspire, to give new ideals, to free us from the desire and inclination to do evil. "If the

Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

A few years ago we were told there were three and one-half times more young people in prison than were enrolled in all the colleges and universities combined. It stands to reason that if the sixty per cent of our population who are members of the various churches were completely committed to the Christian way of living and serving, something could be done about changing the other forty per cent. It seems the spotlight is upon us. It remains to be seen whether our religion is a mere profession or a genuine reality.

God Is Able, If We Are Willing

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," said Alfred Lord Tennyson a long time ago, and it is still true. Only God knows the miracles that have been realized as a result of earnest, persistent prayer by humble and devoted men and women.

It occurs to us that in the light of the address of President Kennedy to the American people on television Tuesday night, July 25, this is a mighty good time for all of us to believe and practice this precept. The ugly shadow of possible international conflict makes it imperative that we think seriously and soberly. The leaders of our nation and the nations of the world need divine guidance. It is the high privilege and sacred responsibility of everyone to come humbly to a throne of grace and ask for that guidance. Failure to do so could leave the way open for hasty, immature, and disastrous decisions. War is the most senseless, barbarous, and unsatisfactory method any people can engage in to settle disputes. We have contended, and would like to re-emphasize our belief, that the application of Christian principles and the use of good sound reason can solve any problem that needs to be solved. Let us come now humbly before the Creator and Preserver of life and seek that guidance for ourselves and others that will cause us to apply good judgment in dealing with these vexing problems. Truly, our times are in God's hands, and He is able, if we are willing.

Attention Pastors

The special introductory offer of the **Advocate** five months for \$1.00 closed last May 31. Our campaign is now on for receiving six new subscribers from every pastoral charge between now and October 31. The price is \$3.00 per year, except in cases of Every Family Plan at \$2.50. We urge every pastor to send us six new subscriptions in the earliest possible mail. Some have already sent theirs. See advertisement on page 5.

LETTERS

IT'S WAR AGAIN!

(Star Spangled Banner Re-written)

Oh, say, can you see in the bomb's awful light
What we turn from so soon now the fighting's all over!
How we gloat over Power and rejoice over Might
While Goodness forever is running to cover!
Oh the blood, sweat, and tears,
The Grief down the years,
The ages of Darkness, of Death and of Fears!
Oh, see how the blood-spattered banner can't wave
O'er the Land of the Free if war crushes the brave!

In the Sun, 'neath the Stars, on the Land, on the Sea
The shores drink deep red while they're killing each other;

But of course it must be just to show them we're free:
Free to kill and to die with no conscience to bother.
Hear the cannons' harsh roar!
Never mind all the gore—
We are tough to all that, having felt it before!
No time for the things we once thought were right:
It's the nature of war. So, on with the Fight!

Having studied and observed war and militarism many years, and having preferred peace all my life, and having promised myself and God to do all I can for peace among men, after 28 years in war-mad Japan, I desire to go on record as follows, writing out of a heart which, I trust, loves God and all conditions of men, and especially the church:

1. The church should not sanction nor back up war, nor have anything to do with it.

2. The church should hold all men unswerving to the idea that there is only one God, the Father of all, that all are brothers and should live as such.

3. The church should hold unbending to the idea that none should be conscripted for war.

4. Children should have no part in war, nor its preparation, nor in collection of monies nor materials; they should be free to live in innocence and joyous fellowship together with all; and should be taught Christian truths about God and all men.

5. There should be no military or war-like hymns in our song-books, no flags of any kind, no names on panels on our walls. Immortality through Christ is our only hope and our sufficient consolation; our joy is one the world cannot give nor take away. "If any man love the world."

6. The peace of the world will come not through force, but through change of men's hearts through God's Spirit.

Here the church should stand.

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To the Editor of the Advocate
Dear Sir:

I am very proud to be a new minister coming into the rich heritage of the Methodist denomination. It is a heritage that to me is based upon the desire to make one's life dedicated to the gospel of Christ through love, service, sacrifice, inspiration, and development. These desires are not only to preach the gospel with words, but to interpret, develop, and carry out the great truth of the wonderful gospel. It is these desires that have created a great band of people together in love and fellowship carrying out the great Commission and the Commandment of Christ our Lord.

I came from a rich and glorious heritage. Yet, it was mostly words without truth in action: the poor remained poor, the sick remained sick, social conditions stayed the same, ministers and their families went without food and doctors' care. I came into your heritage not alone, but with many others because we felt we had found that which would permit us to preach the truth, that is real meaning without fear; that which would not only convert but change lives, conditions, and promote true worship of and with God.

My heart rejoices with that which I have found in the Methodist fellowship. I feel the freedom, challenge, strength that a man of God should feel. Yet, I see that even this heritage is not without fault. It causes my heart to shudder to see the greatness of our heritage challenged by the corruption of human stubbornness.

One instance is seen in our attitude toward money. Instead of pulling together that man might worship and live for God through the tithe we seem to be using most of our energy and time to keep our money for ourselves. We Methodists give about \$47 a year per member which is below most of the other protestants. But even if we were at the top of the list it would not be enough unless it met the Christian principle. It seems that according to the scriptures our people have robbed God instead of over-paying Him.

I see our ministers slandered by talk of Cadillacs and great fancy homes. I have seen none of these. I know that some of our best ministers at larger churches are well paid and may afford good cars, but I also know that their churches give a much greater per cent to missions than most, and that per member the ministers cost is much less. One-third of our churches are on charges. I know of none of these that are over-

giving either to benevolences or the minister. I see no fancy cars, and no fancy homes; but we could use some good cars, and nice parsonages.

Take our cause: I spend one-third of my salary on gas and upkeep of my 1953 Chevrolet to look after a charge of thirty miles in length and five miles wide. I spend other amounts on postage and essentials for the church that the church does not pay for. I will close the year without debt, but as yet I have not been able to afford Social Security.

Now let us look at the rest of our area. I have three churches. One is growing very well for Christ. The other two long for someone who can give them some real personal time and leadership. Yet, even thus we grow very well compared to the Baptist church whose pastor must work to supplement his salary. However, neither of our churches have progressed as well as the Episcopal church which has been here very briefly compared to us. It is interesting to note that they have a single pastor with the salary twice the size of mine who also gets seven cents a mile car expense.

I don't write this to demand a raise, though I hope it will come as I prove my worth in the work of God. I write it to appeal to my people to give to God that which is His. Let us watch our program for God to grow in every way—through missions and the local church ministry. Let us not complain until we have given our Master that which is worthy of Him.

Many new denominations have developed because of cold spirits of the established churches. One of the major beliefs of these new fast-growing groups is the belief in tithing. They believe and practice it.

All three of my churches give over 20 per cent of their budgets to missionary causes. But not one of them can be proud. The larger, if it gave its tithe, would be giving 30 to 40 thousand dollars a year to their budget instead of 10 thousand. They would be giving at least three-fourths of the larger amount to missions as compared to 20 per cent of the smaller amount. The other two churches if their members tithe would be giving 10 to 15 thousand dollars a year instead of one thousand. No! they can't complain about giving—but God surely could. His program surely must be suffering from our stubbornness.

We are no longer in the day of the horse and buggy or the day of a simple faith. We live in a new age and it demands a strong vital FAITH. ONE OF PRACTICE AS WELL AS WORDS.

REV. HORACE LEE McLAURIN

Kitty Hawk Methodist Charge
Kitty Hawk, N. C.

The View From the Parsonage Window

The view from the parsonage window is a changing one. One day a new family looks out and there is a church building full of strangers and a community of homes, street on street, full of strangers. The ways are strange, the faces are strange and the names are strange.

So very soon the family looks out and realizes the strangeness is gone. The boards of the church have turned to memories of high moments of worship and sweet fellowship. The rows of houses have become the symbols of those they shelter. The eye looks up and down the faces of the community and the heart breaks with those who have deep sorrow or suffering; and it laughs with those whose joys we have shared. As we look out our parsonage window we realize these people have become very much **our** people and their sorrows and joys very much **our** sorrows and joys.

Then one day as we look from the parsonage window we catch our breath as we realize our time to walk with these people is growing shorted. We sit in that church building and each person we see is dear beyond their knowing: the little children with their open faces, the young men and women with their enthusiasm, high ideals and dreams, the adults with their simple dedication to God and His Kingdom, the older folk who have lived whole lives to His glory. We realize suddenly that what we have gained in love and inspiration is so much greater than what we have given.

The day arrives and we move on to know another Christian people—and yet in a very real sense we take all that we have seen from our parsonage window that lies in store for those who next will look—with us—and we are happy to know the blessing through our parsonage window.

MRS. MARY FENDT

Mount Sylvan Church
Durham District

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To be a witty man may bring one a lot of favorable comments, but no one goes by the way of wit to heaven.

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First Church, Charlotte Presents "Requiem"

Chancel Choir of First Methodist Church of Charlotte will present for the first time in this city "Requiem" by Giuseppe Verdi.

The 75-voice choir, four soloists, organ, brass ensemble and tympani will combine under the direction of William B. Thomas, minister of music at First Church, for the 75-minute concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, in the sanctuary of the church. The public is invited.

Featured soloists will be Miss Dorothy Harwell, soprano, and regular soloist for the First Church choir; Mrs. Eleanor Ritterskamp, mezzo soprano of the First Church choir; William Sutter, tenor, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Charlotte; and James Berry, bass, minister of music at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Mrs. Anita Dixon Bultman will be organist.

This will be the first of four major choral works to be presented this year by the choirs of First Church. The remainder of the schedule:

Dec. 17, "Childhood of Christ" by Bach and "The Christmas Story" by Ron Nelson. March 18, "Elijah," a performance with the Columbia (S.C.) Oratorio Society, here, and March 25, a repeat performance with the South Carolina group in Columbia; and April 8, "Mount of Olives" by Beethoven at the morning worship service in First Church.

Mr. Thomas, who is also director of music for Pfeiffer College, said the "Requiem" is strong in its dramatic element, rich in orchestration, severe in form, and uses the whole range of passion and power.

He said it has been labeled "theatrical" by many critics, but in this respect is in company with such masterpieces as Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" and Mozart's "Requiem."

Mr. Thomas said Verdi's "Requiem" may recall his opera, "Aida," which he had just completed. Since he was an operatic composer all his life, the language of the theater was his only musical medium. He lived in a Catholic nation and created religious fervor by setting the Latin text of the Requiem Mass in the operatic style prevalent at the time.

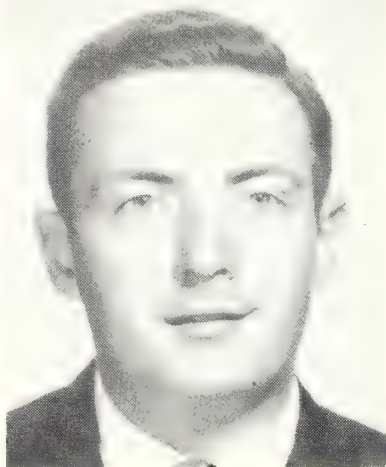
New Life Continues at Mt. Tirzah Earnhardt Leads Revival

There is still evidence of "new life in the old Mt. Tirzah Methodist Church. A year ago this past first Sunday in August, a Sunday School was organized. There were 31 in attendance for the first day of activities. The enrollment has grown to 43 and the average attendance of 35 for the year.

On August 27 through September 1 the Rev. Ed Earnhardt held a revival at the church. As a result of the work of the Sunday School and climaxed by the revival, on Sunday morning, September 10, twelve persons were united with the church. Five of the new members came by transfer and seven came by profession of faith.

Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., Elected Director of Young Adult Work

Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr., who is serving his second year as Conference Director of Youth Work in the North Carolina Conference, was elected Conference Director of Young Adult Work by the executive committee of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education in session at Louisburg College the fifth of September. He succeeds Rev. Harold D. Minor who recently resigned as Conference Director



of Adult Work to take a position with the Editorial Division of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Glass will continue to serve as Conference Director of Youth Work. His responsibilities have been expanded to include young adult work.

Rev. Mr. Minor will not be replaced on the Conference Board of Education Staff for at least the remainder of this conference year. The responsibilities in this area will be shared among the remainder of the staff. District directors of Adult Work will be called upon to accept a heavier burden of leadership in this field. It is hoped that the adult program can be carried on in this way for the remainder of this conference year without a serious setback.

Rev. Mr. Glass is well suited to assume the leadership of the Conference Young Adult program. As Conference Director of Youth Work, much of his time has been spent working with adult leaders of youth, many of whom are young adults. Furthermore older youth and young adult programs are continually being tied more closely together as evidenced by the fact that the recent General Conference of The Methodist Church made it permissible for older youth above the age of nineteen to be grouped in the young adult division.

Mr. Glass, a native of Raleigh, N. C., is a graduate of N. C. State College and the Duke Divinity School. His first and only pastorate was Layden Memorial Methodist Church, Raleigh, a new congregation. Under his leadership the first unit of their building was erected. He was elected Director of Youth Work of the North Carolina Conference in the spring of 1960 and has been serving in this capacity since that time. He is married to the former Miss Gaynelle Scotton of Siler City, N. C.

REV. J. CONRAD GLASS

Merger of Evangelical United Brethren, Methodists Discussed

A large-scale analysis of the problems involved in the proposed merger of The Methodist Church in the U.S.A. and the Evangelical United Brethren Church was begun during the recent World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Methodist Area, was named as one of the men to work out these problems which may lead to the merger of the 10-million Methodists with the 750,000-member E. U. B. denomination.

Bishop Harmon will work with the Committee studying equitable representation in the United Church.

"We've got to formulate a plan of union to protect the minority group of the E. U. B.," the bishop said. "They naturally don't want to be swallowed up."

The bishop said the "most talked of plan is the working out of an arrangement which for a certain number of years would guarantee the E. U. B. election of sufficient delegates to Methodist law-making bodies so as to make the final merger of these two organizations a happy and unified one."

The bishop said he expects the committees studying the merger to begin their meetings during the "fall and winter of this year to discuss the matter of further procedures."

On Sept. 23 Bishop Harmon will go to Cape May, N. J. as the representative of Southern Methodist bishops for the unveiling of tablets commemorating the first efforts of the Southern and Northern Methodists to get together following the Civil War.

The ceremony will take place during the meeting of the New Jersey Methodist Conference, and Bishop Harmon will be one of the speakers on the program for the unveiling.

Raleigh District MYF Holds Planning Retreat

The Raleigh district launched the new conference year with a planning retreat held August 27 and 28 at Camp Chestnut Ridge.

The retreat began officially, following Sunday dinner, with a skit presented by the University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, youth group. The skit illustrated a typical planning retreat with its good and bad points. Following this skit, an open discussion of the past year's work was held with each subdistrict contributing ideas toward improvement.

On Monday, bright and early, the group divided into their respective subdistricts to plan programs for the coming year. A general business session followed lunch with evaluation of the retreat by each subdistrict. Rev. Jack Hunter, district youth director, ended the retreat with a faith challenge to all.

Judging from the many favorable comments, the retreat was a success and each person attending carried back to his local MYF a basketful of enthusiasm and optimism.

Rankin Memorial Church Enters New Education Building

Rankin Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, has entered its new education building, after engaging in a building program on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Rankin Memorial Methodist Church organized as English Street Methodist Protestant Church, 1920, at corner of English Street and Phillips Street in the West End section of High Point. In 1934 the church was moved to 314 Barker Street and corner of Adams Street, the name changed to Rankin Memorial. Rev. Edwin Suits was pastor when the church was organized, and pastor a second time in 1934, when the church was moved and the new church built at that time. Formal opening of this church building was Oct. 12, 1935, and dedicated September, 1944, by Bishop Clare Purcell.

The people of Rankin Memorial Methodist Church know what faith and determination can do.

They have the building to show for their faith and determination.

The building is a two-story, modernistic addition to the church. It contains a basement with an assembly room, a kitchen, rest rooms and boiler room. The first floor has offices for Sunday School officials, a secretary, and seven classrooms. On the top floor are nine classrooms and an assembly room.

The building has been tentatively appraised at being worth \$137,000. It cost Rankin Memorial approximately \$85,000 and six years of hard work, prayer, faith and determination.

In 1955, a committee composed of Charles Loflin, Paul Justice, Miss Clarice Bowman and Robert Stanley made a survey of the church facilities. Its conclusion was that at least 12 more classrooms were needed to carry on adequately the church program.

The church had been constructed in 1934. Its only expansion since then had been the purchase of a house next door, where several Sunday School classes were meeting.

Just as the committee completed its survey, Rev. J. S. Higgins was named pastor of Rankin Memorial to succeed Rev. J. S. Johnson. When Rev. Mr. Higgins began his new pastorate, he was presented the report.

A native of Cabarrus County and the son of a Methodist minister, Rev. Mr. Higgins came to High Point from the Bethlehem Methodist Church at Climax, in October 1955. During his ministry, he had served circuits throughout Western North Carolina where he had led a number of churches through building programs. At Sumner, he had guided the Bethlehem church in rebuilding after the old church was destroyed by fire.

After he had studied the report of the committee, Rev. Mr. Higgins asked what the next plans were. He found the response hesitant. The church had only \$3,000 in its building fund; prospects of raising the money for a new building were slim.

Rev. Mr. Higgins then made a few remarks to the group. In the words of one church member, "he read the riot act to us." What Rev. Mr. Higgins said was that the committee had made its survey; this was its recommendation; the church ought to follow through on it.

"Now, what are you going to do?" he asked. "Change your minds or go ahead?"

The church decided to go ahead, doing as much of the work as possible on the new building itself.

Rev. Mr. Higgins and J. R. Beasley, a member of the building committee, worked with architect Robert Conner in drawing up the plans. A building permit was secured from the city. More money was added to the church fund.

The fund totalled \$12,000 when grading and excavation work was completed and the footings were poured on Nov. 11, 1958. Then, the bad weather of winter set in and work was halted. It was not until March 7, 1959, that the first brick was laid.

The masonry, heating, electrical and welding work was contracted out. But almost all of the general construction of the building was done by members of the church. Acting as supervisor of the job

was Rev. Mr. Higgins. When he needed a certain number of men to do a particular job, he appeared before the Men's Club and stated his need. And the men came and did the job.

Almost every member of the church helped in some manner with the construction of the building. Sunday School classes and circles of the Woman's Missionary Society contributed to the building fund. The men contributed their labor in every way possible. Often, the work moved haltingly, beset by delays and bad weather, but, always, progress was made.

The building was near completion enough that it was used for the first time on April 2, Easter Sunday, this year. Instead of 12 classrooms, the church had 16 classrooms, three assembly rooms, and a modern kitchen to bolster its program.

And the building is debt free. The church constructed the building on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most that was ever in the building fund at one time was \$12,000.

Willis Harris is chairman of the official board of the church. Superintendent of Sunday School is Webster Marlowe, and Mrs. Ramona Caudle is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Chairman of the building committee is Frank L. Ring. Members are Paul Justice, J. R. Beasley, J. W. Poindexter, Charles Loflin, Hubert Oliver, Willis Harris and John Moore. Wayne Welborn is treasurer of the building fund.

Now, Rankin Memorial Methodist Church is looking ahead to its next project—the construction of a new parsonage for its pastor and his family.

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"Where ministers and lay workers with youth are sensitive to the outlook which opportunity and insecurity create in youth . . . youth is responding with interest. Wherever easy answers and platitudes or 'positive thinking' and moralism are offered as answers to the questions of life, youth is rebelling."

—J. W. Fowler III, Lake Junaluska, N. C.



John Wesley's Georgia Letters'

On October 21, 1735 young John Wesley set sail for the colony of Georgia, reaching our shores on February 5, 1736. He set sail again, for his native country, on December 2, 1737, reaching it on February 1, 1738. Thus, this year marks the 225th anniversary of the arrival of the future founder of the Methodist Church in Georgia for missionary endeavor.

John Telford in the first volume of *The Letters of the Rev. John Wesley* has preserved for our reading and illumination some twenty-eight surviving letters that Wesley wrote during his Georgia Mission, supplementing his accounts in his *Journal*. Of those preserved the first was written on March 15, 1736 and the final one on November 26, 1737. All appear to have been written in Savannah and are addressed to a variety of individuals, men and women, and to groups, as Dr. Bray's Associates, the Georgia Trustees and the Magistrates of the Town of Savannah. Count Zinzendorf who became Bishop of the Moravian Church in 1737, General Oglethorpe and George Whitefield were recipients, as were Wesley's mother and his brothers, Charles and Samuel. Charles Wesley was in Georgia for a brief stay. He was secretary to General Oglethorpe and "Secretary of Indian Affairs."

As in his life-long correspondence with hundreds of persons, a great variety of concerns show themselves in this distinctive group of letters that might have been called "John Wesley's Savannah Letters." Receiving discussion are topics as: Wesley's instruction of the colonial children; his reading habits, especially devotional literature; relations with the Georgia and Carolina Indians; worship services in Frederica on St. Simon's Island; his health; his Savannah environment; opposition to General Oglethorpe; encouragement of his mother; encouragement of the twenty-one Georgia Trustees; requests for prayers for himself and his work and his desire that Savannah become a "Religious Colony."

John Wesley was never to return to America in later years. He was invited and encouraged to do so in later decades, but his leadership of the work of "the people called Methodist" in the British Isles he may have considered too pressing to leave, even for a short visit.

Some historians regard John Wesley's Georgia Mission as a failure; others regard it as pointing the way to later leadership patterns and successes. Space here will permit one evaluation of his days and their labor in America. George Whitefield, in later years a renown evangelist on the American continent and a friend of the Wesley's for many years, said of John Wesley in his *Journal*: "The good Mr. John Wesley has done in America, under God, is inexpressible. His name is very precious among the people, and he has laid such a foundation that I hope neither men nor devils will ever be able to shake. Oh that I may follow him, as he has Christ."

Thus John Wesley, like another missionary, in Biblical days, set foot on foreign soil, for a brief interlude in a long, distinguished career, 225 years ago, that the faith delivered to the saints might be propagated. His handful of letters from that



Miss Jo Ann Webster is serving as Director of Music and Youth at Davis Street Church, Burlington. She is a native of Draper and is a graduate of Greensboro College with a major in music education and voice. Since her graduation from college four years ago she has taught public school music in Wilmington and Charlotte schools. Miss Webster will devote full time to the music and youth programs of the church. Reverend H. M. McLamb is pastor.

place give indications of his high and worthy ambitions, his serious thoughts and faithful daily labors there. After him were to come men as Francis Asbury, Thomas Rankin, Dr. Thomas Coke and Richard Whatcoat, eminent, faithful forerunners of American Methodism.

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Southeastern Jurisdiction Asked to Help Cubans

Methodist churches of the denomination's Southeastern Jurisdiction will be asked to give an offering on November 19 for the work of The Methodist Church in Cuba and among Cuban refugees in Miami. Goal of the offering is \$80,000.

The Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council in its annual meeting decided to request such offering. The promotional agency met September 7-8 at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The offering will be for work of the ministry in the Cuba Conference, the preaching ministry to Cuban refugees in Miami, and for other help through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Cuba is a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church.

Methodist Bishop James W. Henley, Jacksonville, Fla., presented the matter to the council for its consideration.

If Sunday, November 19, is not a practicable day for the offering in every Methodist annual conference, then an appropriate day should be selected by those conferences in which it is not, the council said.

The council will work with the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops in presenting the appeal to the churches.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College Observes Open House

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. C., observed open house Sunday afternoon, September 10, and some ten thousand people swarmed over the campus and through the buildings for a good look at North Carolina's newest four years liberal arts college. Visitors from all over North Carolina and from many states came to view the stunning new buildings and the excellent new equipment.

St. Andrews' doors opened September 17 to 750 students. Classes will begin September 22. An excellent faculty of 60 has been secured to lead in the academic work of the college.

Ten buildings have been completed and are ready for use. They are the music building, liberal arts and science building, four dormitories for women, two dormitories for men, the Student Center, and the heating plant. Yet to be built and the order of their construction include: two more dormitories for men, the library, the auditorium, the physical education plant, the chapel and the administration building. Officials at the college stated that work on the library is expected to get underway this year.

The total cost of the college is approximately \$5,500,000. Some \$2,500,000 of this amount is yet to be raised. A concerted effort is now underway to raise the \$2,500,000.

St. Andrews is owned by the Presbyterian synod of North Carolina, and a close relationship with the Presbyterian Church is paramount in their planning. This fact, as in all church related colleges, puts the church to the test in financial support. The college expects to receive a minimum of \$120,000 annually from the synod. Already there is an endowment of about \$800,000.

While St. Andrews is a denominational college, it also enjoys a fine relationship with the city of Laurinburg. The campus covers 834 acres within the city limits. Laurinburg, All American City Award winner in 1956, approved a bond election to put water facilities on the campus. Since the establishment of the college, Laurinburg and Scotland County has pledged or paid nearly \$3,500,000.

The heart of the curriculum is a course called "Christianity and Culture." This is the basic foundation upon which the entire four years of liberal arts education is built. Freshmen and sophomores will be required to take 12 hours in Christianity and Culture while juniors and seniors will take six hours. This course is taught by a team of five professors, using the most modern teaching aids and concepts. The course will include a combination of lectures, panel discussions and seminars. Officials at the college believe that this course will enable the student to fully appreciate the impact that Jesus Christ and Christianity have made upon our culture.

The president of St. Andrews is Dr. Ansley Cunningham Moore, a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Moore has for many years been active in the Presbyterian ministry and has served his church on many boards and committees. He is a member of the General Board, National Council of Churches.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

Looking for the Roots of Delinquency

Gradually and with pain, we are coming to realize that the malady we so glibly call "juvenile delinquency" is a sickness of our total society, and not of youth only. (We have a penchant for always pinning something we don't like on some group: *influenza* on the Spanish, *beetles* on the Japanese, *measles* on the Germans, *delinquency* on youth.) True, so-called delinquency may take one form when it strikes youth; but it strikes also at the public official in graft, the corporation executive in price rigging, the businessman in shady dealings, the workman in shoddy material and slowed production. They are all expressions of social illness quite widespread in our day—and as yet beyond the healing skills of the social-medico.

The roots of this sickness lie far deeper than we once thought—and any cure must be equally deep and difficult. We used to think that delinquency among youth originated in the slums of the cities—and we went all out for "new and better" housing, erecting brick and stone skyward. Then we found the same sickness among youth in the (sometimes) less crowded and more advantageous suburbs. And it has been found even in the seemingly idyllic situations of the countryside.

Roots have been discovered in some of the non-idealistic outer expressions of our economic life and of our vaunted culture. Books have been written to blame the condition on the slums of our cities; on the crowding and the search for cheap living quarters that drive new families into one-room homes; on the economic pressures that force mothers to take jobs in industry—and leave children to roam the streets; on liquor, and dope, and the search for "easy money." These are all contributing factors; they compound the sickness, but they are not the sole—or even the basic—causes.

F.B.I. press releases have long been encouraging parents to *take* their children to church and Sunday School as a preventive of delinquency; and that is good and helpful. But I fear some stubborn roots will be left even if that advice is followed. There was a time when F.B.I. releases used to say (and some judges used to say), "A boy belonging to a church (or some scouting organization) has never been on our list (or in my court)," but I don't see that report any more. The sickness perhaps lies deeper than even these helps can always prevent or cure.

We are being led back into the *home* as a root of the delinquency that shows itself in the activity and attitudes of our youth. But the modern home is a product of the wider society of the nation and the world. Try as it may, it cannot well or for long isolate itself from what is going on all around it: it mirrors its general environment. And the sickness that seems endemic in world-society and in American-society has invaded the home—and it is a rare home that cannot protect its children from the malady.

The home of the average family cannot



Mrs. Ben R. Boyette, Sr. was honored on Sunday, September 10th with a picture of Christ that was unveiled by Edward Brogden and Dwight Radabaugh in the new Fellowship Hall of New Hope Methodist Church. The picture was in recognition of Ben R. Boyette, Sr. for his faithful service to the Church. He is a Sunday School teacher, lay leader, Chairman of Membership and Evangelism, and was contractor of the Church with a saving to the Church of around \$10,000.00. Mr. Boyette is a leader in Methodism today. With his busy schedule of contracting work, he has never turned down an opportunity to help his Church.

The New Hope Methodist Church is on the move. It now has 206 Sunday School members, and plans to reach 300 this conference year. With a layman like Mr. Boyette as a leader a church can go forth leading a community to Christ and His Church.

but reflect the instability of the whole social and political family of which it is a part. Men and women are physically, mentally, emotionally tired in the whirl and pressures of "just ordinary living;" they are frustrated, restless, anxious, fearful to some degree of tomorrow. It is in the very air they breathe. And this sickness is communicated in a thousand unconscious ways to their children. Such parents have a minimum of time, and love, and understanding for their children.

Meanwhile as a *mature person*, he seeks acknowledgment of some *skill*, or *daring*, or *interest* that sets him off as a leader, as a personality. Directed into the right channels, these are worthy objectives and should be encouraged. But do his parents understand and encourage? Do school and church help him attain or do they press him into a common mold? Does society organize its activities, its economic, its structure, to help him attain these laudable goals—or does it, in subtle and unplanned ways, "keep him down"?

I can only conclude that "juvenile delinquency" (really society's delinquency) will not be cured until *the making of human life*, instead of the *making of money*, becomes man's chief end upon earth.

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The reason some people backslide is they join a preacher or a church, instead of Jesus Christ.

President Kennedy Is Commended By Council

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Council of The Methodist Church has commended President Kennedy for his "wise and cautious approach in dealing with international affairs."

The action was taken by the council in adopting a report of its committee on Christian social concerns at the council's annual meeting September 7-8 at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The report, approved unanimously, also commended "Atlanta, Johnson City (Tenn.), Dallas and other cities which have carefully prepared their citizens to accept, without dissension, inevitable changes in the operation of our public schools," and it recommended to other cities "the cultivation of their citizens in preparation for similar changes."

The report also:

—Urged that President Kennedy consider not entering upon nuclear testing "where it would likely endanger the life and safety of the citizens of the world."

—Suggested that Methodists of the jurisdiction pray individually each day at noon for world peace.

—Requested that the Berlin crisis and other issues "which might plunge the world into war" be discussed by the United Nations.

—Urged churches to study causes and cures of juvenile delinquency.

—Urged cooperation with Methodist leaders in regional meetings planned to study the implications of race in The Methodist Church and otherwise.

The report was presented by A. M. Taylor, Columbia, S. C., secretary of the committee.

The 83-member council promotes The Methodist Church's work in nine southeastern states and Cuba. Its headquarters is in Atlanta. Its two executive secretaries are the Rev. Dr. James W. Sells and the Rev. Dr. D. Trigg James, both of Atlanta.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., is president of the council, and he presided at the annual meeting.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Blessed are the feet that carry glad tidings." ROM. 10:15

The doctor said, "You have held your last revival and you are now serving your last pastorate."

The question is not, what does a preacher do but who does he do. For the preacher does things to folks rather than helping the folks do things.

The preacher is employed for the term and the term is forty years. He marries 300 couples, baptizes 1,000 converts, sits by 200 deathbeds, conducts 300 funerals, holds 200 revivals, preaches 1600 sermons and makes 10,000 pastoral calls.

God called Buddy Robinson to preach and he replied, "If you mean for me to fight the devil I will beat him till my hands break off; I'll kick him till my feet break off; I'll bite him till my teeth break out and then gum him till I die."

Preaching in the Shadows?

“Living is in the shadows,” said the Rev. W. E. Sangster. “The world does not believe in it.” The people are taking less stock in preaching today than in former times, he added. The decline of preaching, if this is true, must be due to the climate of the modern era and the increasing secularization of the church.

In evaluating preaching we must take account of the new space age, releasing demonic forces that threaten the extinction of civilization, or offer the hope of a new upward thrust for mankind. With less thought of God and undue obsession with the externals, science and things are in the ascendant. We are witnessing a mad march, uncertain of direction; the shriveling up of time and space; a world community torn inwardly by differences in ideologies. What relevance has the gospel in such a confused, tumultuous age?

Living in such a day, we have a new urgency to preach the Word. “Preaching can either reflect the times or redeem them,” wrote Samuel Miller, dean of Harvard. Keep alive “the essential of humanity,” he counsels. Learn a vaster compassion and deeper love, and be reconciled to our God whose purposes are fast out-stripping our little minds.

Our gospel has not been sufficiently related to the down-to-earth social problems, despite the noble creeds and resolutions of church bodies. We have not been amply aware of “man’s inhumanity to man,” the poverty and misery of millions. Christ had vast compassion for needy and toiling humanity, and a spirit of concern that would not tolerate selfishness and greed, the root causes of oppression and injustice.

The prophets of the Old Testament clamored for social reform. Amos accused, warned, threatened, and exhorted the leaders of Israel to mend their ways and save the nation from approaching ruin. His words are ever relevant: “Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a flowing stream.” Peace with justice in our modern world would have gone far in staving off the invasion of communism.

One preacher of the eighteenth century came to grips with the social issues of his day. The fires of concern and compassion were kindled in the heart of John Wesley. As a result of his preaching something happened in the lives of people. “Bad men became good, drunkards became sober, religion wrote itself in changed lives everywhere.” His message so wrought reforms in his day that it was said: “He saved England from a bloody revolution.”

With the present critical world situation, there’s an upsurge of interest in following Christ in “the while of the gospel,” in conformity to the will of God. This includes equal rights and justice for all people. It means putting our creed into our deed, our preaching into practice. It implies that the redeeming love of Christ holds sway in the lives of people. Then in a fast changing world, it will come to pass that those things that cannot be shaken will remain.

Preaching has hitherto come first in the spread of the gospel, though it has often taken a back seat in the promotion and administration of the church. While the



Groundbreaking service for the new sanctuary of the Mt. Bethel Methodist Church (North Wilkesboro District) was held Sunday, September 10. Pictured are (left to right) Elmer Bolick, the Rev. Herman Duncan, District Superintendent, T. M. Starnes, Claude Austin, Clyde Bolick, W. L. Bowman, chairman of the Building Committee, Floyd Fox, M. J. Benfield, Bruce Bolick, J. S. Crouch, and the Rev. W. N. Blanton, pastor.

machinery of the church must function, it should not consume the time and energy due the study and spiritual cultivation. One preacher was humbled when the caretaker asked him on Sunday morning if he had any fresh news from God. The Year Book is important for its collection of figures, but are statistics to be the only criterion? There are intangible, spiritual results that may far out-distance these in the sight of God and in the saving of our civilization.

With the altar at the center, liturgy has a growing emphasis in our church. The priest has a role in worship, but the preacher has the greater part as the spokesman of God—“thus saith the Lord.” Let the sermon remain a vital part of the worship, a force in transforming the lives of people and deepening their religious experience. Let the people be inspired, comforted, and challenged by the preacher.

The greatest single service that a minister can offer is the preaching of the Word, which has been called “the dynamo of the church.” “Christianity is bound up in large measure with effective preaching,” said dean C. R. Brown of Yale. Jesus came preaching. The apostles spent themselves in spreading the good news.

The conscientious and consecrated preacher need not be discouraged if he doesn’t get the expected “promotion.” He may be in honorable, worthy tradition of Brother Amos, who was never assigned to the big church at Bethel of Jerusalem. Anyway, let the Word be preached in love and power.

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“We are responsible for taking good religion to the pavement where the people actually face the issues. . . . The fresh touch of Christ on our lives should surely make life more tenable for others. God will thus be glorified with deeds that are born of Christian decision.”

—THE REV. DR. CARADINE R. HOOTON
General Secretary of the Board of
Christian Social Concerns.

Dr. Weldon is New President of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministers

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, has been elected new president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Methodist Ministers Association. He was chosen during a noon luncheon Monday, Sept. 11, at Memorial Methodist Church to succeed the Rev. W. Douglas Corriher, pastor of Providence Methodist Church.

Other officers elected include: The Rev. W. E. Fitzgerald, pastor of Hill’s Chapel in Lowesville, vice president; the Rev. William R. Brantley, pastor of Memorial Methodist Church, corresponding secretary; the Rev. Robert J. Ralls, pastor of St. Andrews Methodist Church, recording secretary; and the Rev. J. Edwin Carter, associate pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, treasurer.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

MISS LUCY BUMGARNER

The Methodist Church did not happen by chance
She has a wonderful story and is full of romance.

When John Wesley’s heart was strangely warmed one day.
He immediately went out to preach and to pray.

He organized a society in old Oxford town
And sent members out who soon won renown.

In preaching the gospel of our Master and Lord
And bringing men back to the pathway of God.

They annually reported to him the Lord’s gain
And the METHOD they used gave the church her dear name.

Pastor's Conference on Evangelism Held at Louisburg College

BY BILL QUICK

Louisburg College was host last week to the fourth annual Pastor's Conference on Evangelism for the Methodist ministers in eastern North Carolina. The conference drew 735 ministers plus some 40-50 laymen who attended one or more sessions and was the most successful retreat since the opening in 1957.

Sponsored by the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, the Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commission, the ministers heard daily from three outstanding denominational leaders.

Dr. A. Purnell Bailey, superintendent of the Richmond, Va., district; Dr. James L. Robertson of Arlington, Va., and Dr. Leslie Ross of Nashville, Tennessee, spoke once or more during the daily sessions.

"The great Methodist revival in America came as a result of a hungry desire of men and women to please God," Dr. Bailey stated in his opening sermon, September 5.

"Unless we have a living, indwelling and victorious faith, we cannot have a revival today," he emphasized.

Dr. Ross, the methods leader for the retreat, told the group that the net gain in membership across Methodism "is growing smaller and smaller annually."

He warned "If Methodism is coasting, I hasten to remind you that the only way you can coast is down."

Ross declared to those who lamented the fact that only about one-third of the membership attend Sunday worship services, "before we can help church attendance, we must have better preaching."

The Methodist Church, the largest protestant denomination in America, has passed the 10 million mark in membership, "but in the last 20 years since the major branches of Methodism reunited, we have marked off more people from church membership than we presently have on our church rolls." He gave the figure of 250,000 persons whose names were removed by the action of the quarterly conference annually in the church.

Dr. James Robertson confessed to the clerics, "As I sought the answer to the lethargy of my churchmen, I suddenly found that the answer was within myself."

"The minister must see himself before he can lead others to pray and to be effective spiritual witnesses," he said.

"Decide now," he emphasized, "that you must live with yourself for the rest of your life. Confronted with this realization, the next step is consecration to pray and plan how you will reach the people where you are for Christ."

The conference was a prelude to a massive evangelism program that begins this week in the Conference. Set-up meetings will be held in each of the nine districts. On October 22, thousands of teams of Methodist laymen will "Knock on Every Door" in the 56-county area the conference embraces.

This program, in the words of Dr. Ross, is "to find the people who are prospects and to witness for Christ."

Following the census on the 22nd, the laymen will participate in an extensive visi-

tation evangelism program that will take them into the homes of thousands who are unchurched. The visitation program will take place during November 25-28. Prior to this phase of the crusade, a 24-hour prayer vigil will be held in each of the churches in the conference.

On December 5, Methodists will gather in nine Eastern North Carolina cities for massive "Victory Rallies" at which time Bishop Paul N. Garber will speak over a telephone hook-up to announce the results of the three-month crusade.

The Rev. C. Freeman Heath of Clinton, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism, the nine District Directors of Evangelism, and the District Superintendents of the Methodist Church will direct the program, along with the 475 pastors of the conference, until its completion.

Dates set for the 1962 retreat are August 28-30. Louisburg College is the traditional site of the conference.

Annual Report Given High Point Trustees

The establishment of an Evening School and development of the theme, "Education for Leadership," were among the major achievements of High Point College during 1960-61, the executive committee of the board of trustees was told in its meeting at Charlotte last week.

Dr. Wendell M. Patton, president of the Methodist Liberal Arts school in High Point, N. C., told the committee in his annual report, "The past 12 months have been active ones . . . of real progress."

The evening school, which was also begun last fall, had an enrollment of 352 students in both the fall and spring semesters, Dr. Patton reported. A total of 28 courses were offered by the evening school during both semesters.

The school is being operated again this fall and "will continue as long as the community need exists," Dr. Patton said.

Another achievement of the year, Dr. Patton told the committee, was the establishment of a Weekend Camping Clinic, sponsored by the college and the High Point City Recreation Department. The clinic was the first of its kind in the nation.

For the 1960-61 academic year, High Point College offered 327 different courses, of which 238 were actually taught. Through its 13 departments and 56 faculty members, the college offered 17 major fields of study, in which 32,964 student credit hours were produced. Two hundred and eleven students were graduated during the year.

Enrollment for the 1960-61 year totaled 1,106 students for both the fall and spring semesters. A total of 914 students were from North Carolina and 192 were from 19 other states and five foreign countries.

A majority of the North Carolina students came from Guilford, Davidson, Forsyth, Randolph, Mecklenburg and Surry counties.

Enrollment for both terms of the 1960 summer session was 565, Dr. Patton said.

Continued progress is being made in im-

proving academic standards at the college, the committee was told. During the year, the teacher training program was approved by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, which means that HPC graduates may teach in some 20 states without further examinations. Financial aid is being given faculty members for attending learned society meetings.

Of a teaching faculty of 56, 55 have master's degrees and 28 have doctorate's degrees.

A growing number of HPC graduates are receiving fellowships, awards and scholarships to study at leading graduate and professional schools, Dr. Patton reported.

Operating on a balanced budget, the college's income for the 1961 fiscal year totalled \$1,172,843.65. Expenses were \$1,172,843.65. The book value of the capital fund as of May 31, 1961, was \$2,583,544.86. Value of the endowment fund was \$1,089,455.

Chairman of the board of trustees of High Point College is Holt McPherson of High Point. He is also chairman of the executive committee. Other members of the committee are Horace S. Haworth, vice chairman; Dr. Patton, secretary; J. Harriss Covington, Charles E. Hayworth, A. J. Koonce and Elliott S. Wood, all of High Point; Charles W. McCrary of Ashboro, and Dr. J. Clay Madison of Greensboro.

LETTERS

(Continued from page 5)

It's Time for America and the World To Pray

We are turning in every direction for our security except to Almighty God. We are depending on our weapons of war to save us.

"It is not by power nor might, but by my spirit saith the Lord."

We are forgetting that Almighty God can still speak through the still small voice to human hearts. If we pray for our world leaders, God can speak to them. This has always been his way of directing the affairs of men across the centuries.

When an individual or a nation is wrong, they become afraid. America has not always been right, but we do acknowledge our sin and transgressions.

We need to pray for faith to carry us through uncertain days through which we are now passing. "Oh ye of little faith," Said Jesus to the disciples when they became anxious. If we are on His side we need not be afraid. The early Christians were thrown to the lions. They said, "Our bodies can be destroyed but our souls are safe."

America is not out to conquer territory. We are only defending our possessions. Our human rights and dignity cannot be surrendered to a Godless way of life. Settling our differences by war is not the answer. We must carry our problems to the United Nations. That is where they should have been all the time.

Almighty God can still show the righteous the folly of their foolish ways.

God may be testing our faith to see where our trust is really founded. We cannot place our ultimate faith in weapons of war.

The cause and the foundation of Communism is, as every American knows, a Godless cause. It will finally disintegrate and crumble at the core. All unrighteous causes have done so in the past.

Pray that the leaders of the world will hear the still small voice of Him who guides nations as individuals in the way of righteousness.

Pray that God will speak not only to the leaders of Communism, but to the Russian people and make them afraid of their ungodly cause. People who are wrong are more afraid than those whose cause is based on a righteous one.

Pray that the United Nations may wake up and not be afraid of Him who created the whole universe, as a God of justice, love, peace, and brotherhood.

Pray that God may reveal himself to the world leaders. Prayer is our spiritual weapon of offense and of defense. In so far as we pray in Jesus' name, we can pray without hate and fear. Pray that the kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Let us not fall into the same pit as the Communists are in. They left God out.—PRAY.

ROBERT M. HARDEE



Woman's Activities



Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31

MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Every Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Western North Carolina Conference is asked to have a program in observance of the annual Week of Prayer and Self Denial during the last of the month of October.

It should be the high light of all spiritual life observance during the year. The Methodist Woman says, "The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial program should provide opportunity for individual and group observance which through prayer and meditation will deepen the spiritual life of all who participate."

It should have a three-way objective, "to provide information about specific projects of work; to encourage the stewardship of possessions; to strengthen a spirit of togetherness with all women throughout the church."

This may be done by careful planning far ahead of the day of the observance; by contact with all of the women of the church, inviting them to attend; appreciation of prepared material and a consecrated presentation of this material so that there may be a definite spiritual uplift. . . . This day, of all days, should be a meeting with the Master.

The recipients of the 1961 offering include four foreign projects: Christian libraries around the world, student centers and hostels in Argentina, revolving fund for evangelical book stores in Latin America, and medical work in Bolivia. The home project is the Deaconess Retirement Fund.

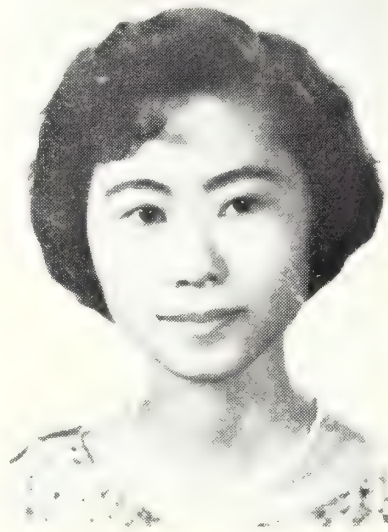
"Will you, the reader, determine to help your Woman's Society or Guild receive the spiritual stimulation that can come from a sincere observance of this annual occasion, and through the offering bring additional help to many projects for which we are responsible?" says *The Methodist Woman*.

Margaret Ma is a young missionary from Formosa, now studying at Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

She has been a student at Scarritt for the past year and is now faced with the problem of financing another year's work. The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference has adopted Margaret Ma as their very own—and they hope to raise \$1,300 necessary for expenditures.

The Conference officers of the Guild have suggested a money tree for Christmas—every Guild is asked to plan a Money Tree for their December meeting, making it just as "glittering" as possible in order to attain the goal for the scholarship fund.

"Margaret Ma has already done work as a Methodist missionary in Taiwan, but will be prepared for doing a much better piece



of work when she completes her studies at Scarritt," says the *Guild-O-Gram*.

Letters from her home tell of her work in the Tai Ping Church, where she was a teacher in the Sunday School and a member of the church choir. More recently she worked in the Taiwan Methodist Church. She took a course in Christian education at the Taiwan Theological Seminary, completing the course in two years. She is now taking advantage of further study at Scarritt College.

THIS IS A CONFERENCE-WIDE CHRISTMAS PROJECT!

The Guild Mission Study Weekend

About 150 Guilders attended the annual Guild Mission Study Weekend at Pfeiffer College on August 18-19.

Mrs. M. H. White reports that the mission study classes were exceptionally fine. Miss Jane Stentz, Miss Mary Bethea, Mrs. R. L. Wilcox and Dr. George Scheyer were the teachers.

Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt and Mrs. R. L. Wilcox led a workshop on Leadership Education. The local Guilders will be hearing more about this during the coming year.

The Albemarle district Guilders had charge of a recreation hour on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning Mrs. C. O. Newell led a Bible Study Hour.

Mrs. Ira Shelley of Greensboro was in charge of arrangements for the school.

Guild Benediction

May the joy of our united service enrich and beautify our lives and be a mutual blessing to our Guild, our missionaries, our church and our community, that all may share in bringing Christ's kingdom of peace to our disordered world. Amen.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



WDCS Sponsors Children And Youth Homes

A resource to family life, but not a substitute for a family, best describes the homes for children any youth which are under the administration of the Department of Work in the Home Fields and receive financial support from the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The old concept of the orphanage has disappeared; it is as outmoded as the Model T. In our age of medical advance against disease, there are fewer orphans. Increased public assistance programs make families less likely to be broken up permanently because of the death of one parent.

Yet, there are children who still need foster care for periods of time because of traumatic situations within their families. Occasionally a child needs the special guidance which only a trained staff and psychiatrist can give. The thirteen homes administered by the Department of Work in Home Fields are striving to meet these diverse needs. Three of these homes are treatment-oriented and can take emotionally-disturbed children; one is a boarding home for children attending public school.

In these homes, the houseparents are counselors who never take the place of the child's own parents, but, rather, serve as a "stand in," providing a Christian atmosphere of love and helpfulness. The aim is to keep the child related to its family. If this is impossible, arrangements are made, in cooperation with a placement agency, to place the child in a desirable family situation. The length of time a child or young person resides in a home is determined by his needs and it is usually several years.

The children and youth attend public school in the neighborhood, with the exception of some emotionally disturbed children who are taught by specialized teachers in the home. One example of the results achieved through specialized teaching is that of the child who progressed from the fifth grade to junior high school in a single year.

School work, hobbies, play, music lessons, chores, birthday celebrations, church and community work—in fact all the activities usual to a family group fill the lives of the children and young people in these homes.

There is, however, an added dimension—that element which makes life in the enlarged family groups different from the ordinary family unit. In these homes of the Woman's Division, all the energies of the houseparents are devoted to the well-being of the children. The children live with others who have similar problems. A new window of life is opened to them. On more than one occasion, when a child has left a home to return to its own family, he has been able to give to the members of

his family a measure of stability that they had long needed.

The 13 homes for children and youth sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service include: Children's Home of Wyoming Conference, Binghamton, N. Y.; Cunningham Children's Home, Urbana, Ill.; David and Margaret Home for Children, Inc., La Verne, Calif.; Elizabeth A. Bradley Children's Home, Oakmont, Penn.; Epworth School for Girls, Webster Grove, Missouri; Epworth Village, York, Nebraska. Also, The Ethel Harpst Home, Inc., Cedar-town, Ga.; Frances DePauw Home, Hollywood, Calif.; Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska; Macdonell Methodist Center, Houma, La.; Peek Home, Polo, Ill.; Ruth M. Smith Children's Home, Sheffield, Penn.; Spofford Home, Kansas City, Mo.

—Excerpts from brochure "Opening New Windows."

NEW PRESIDENT AT ISABELLE THOBURN

Dr. Eva Shipstone has been elected president of Isabelle Thoburn College in Lucknow, India—the fourth native-born Indian to hold this post. Born in Lucknow, she attended La Baugh School from Kindergarten through high school and was graduated from Isabelle Thoburn College with graduates teachers' training. Immediately after college she taught for four years in a mission school under the Presbyterian board.

Coming to this country in 1947, she studied psychology at Vanderbilt University and received a degree in 1948. She then studied philosophy at Boston University, where she was an assistant. Returning to India in 1949, Miss Shipstone taught at Isabelle Thoburn College until 1955 when she came to the United States as a member of the Team on World Understanding sponsored by the Department of Christian Social Relations. She stayed here to study at Harvard University and Radcliffe College from which she received her Ph.D. degree. For the past two years she has been a professor of psychology at Isabelle Thoburn. The college is a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

—*The Methodist Woman.*

CORRECTION

In the story of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual School of Missions at Duke University, published in the August 31 issue of this paper, the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, WSCS was named as hostess for the party honoring the women attending the school. The hostesses were members of the WSCS of the University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C. We regret the error.

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Evangelism in Western North Carolina Conference

To Seek and to Save

By J. CLAY MADISON

We are now engaged in that phase of our program of evangelism which the Conference board calls "United Seeking." This is the period when every local church, led by its commission on evangelism, should seek out every man, woman and child in the community who has no active church relationship, and thus build its responsibility roll. The importance of this phase cannot be over emphasized, for no church program has the right to be called evangelical that does not express the passion of Christian concern for the lost. No phase of our program more clearly expresses the spirit of our Lord who stated His own mission to the world in these words: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

We assume that every church program has this concern for the lost at its center, yet that is not always obviously true. To run an announcement on the last page of the newspaper and to ring the church bell are not sufficient to make our claim to concern very convincing. The Master issued His invitation to all, but he did not assume for one minute that just an announcement in the Jerusalem Daily News would be enough. Of course there was no Jerusalem Daily News in the year one, but the point is he did not just open a chapel and take the attitude that anyone who wanted to be saved would come. Jesus traveled the dusty roads of Galilee, he went to the fishing docks, to the market place, and into the homes of the people, always seeking those who so desperately needed the forgiveness of sin and the renewal of life which God alone can give. Literally, he "came to seek and to save the lost." He used the person-to-person method of communication, not only because of necessity, but because it is the most practical method of showing concern and the most persuasive method of exerting influence.

Someone has said that the people outside often feel that the Church is both uninteresting and uninterested in them. In so far as that is true the Church is betraying her Lord. Of course no church has ever put an "unwelcome" sign over its doors—(Or has it in regard to people of another race?)—but sometimes by its very indifference it creates an impression just as convincing as a sign could ever be. If the church is to counteract this impression that it is uninterested, we must literally "go out into the highways and hedges" to find the lost whether we compel them to come in or not. Such is our urgent responsibility during this period of "United Seeking."

There are many proven methods by which the church can seek out those who have no active church relationship and for which the church is responsible. To begin with if you will simply ask a few of your friends to name some person of the community who is not an active church-going Christian, you will likely have some surprises. You will discover prospects that you had not thought of before. A study of your

Sunday School rolls and a check of those who have registered as visitors in your services of worship will reveal the names of others who have already demonstrated an interest in your church. Many of the families who are active in your church will have one or two members who have not united with the church or have lost their interest in its program. There are many other methods that can be used, but none is more effective than a thorough community survey by which you can determine the church relationship of every person within your area of responsibility. The church that fails to keep its responsibility list up to date is not likely to do a very good job in the program of evangelism.

We need to keep in mind that we have not completed this "united seeking" phase of our program when we have simply accumulated a list of names for our prospect rolls. Every prospect is an opportunity for cultivation. An invitation to Sunday School, to the Methodist Men, to a service of worship and dinner afterwards, or an occasional visit in the home may open the door for a sincere and frank discussion of his or her relation to Christ and the Church. Even the most dramatic decisions are usually preceded by a period of growing concern, of gradual intellectual apprehension of the truth, of a consciousness of spiritual hungers which the world cannot satisfy. An expression of quiet, sincere interest in that person will often prepare the way for him to make a definite commitment of his life to Christ.

In all of this we must be concerned with motive as well as with method. We cannot seek as the Master sought unless in some measure at least we love as the Master loved. No slavish carrying out of a Conference program can take the place of a passionate concern for those who know not Christ in the pardon and forgiveness of sin. We must again take seriously the New Testament truth that "The wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life." It is then that love will become concerned and seeking will become, not just a form, but a passion. When a people have caught the Master's spirit of concern for the lost, they will want to use every acceptable method to seek, to find, and to win for Christ.

Rutherford County Leadership School at Forest City

The Rutherford County Area Leadership School will meet in First Methodist Church, Forest City, October 1-5 from 7:30 p.m. each evening. Courses which will interest all ages in the church are set up and excellent teachers have been secured as follows:

Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith, Mrs. C. H. Browning, Copperhill, Tenn.; *Music and Children of the Church*, Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg, Atlanta, Georgia; *Methodist Youth Fellowship*, Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Statesville, N. C.; *Christian Faith for Youth*, Rev. B. S. Lyndon; *Preparing for Marriage*, Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., Gastonia, N. C.; *Teaching of the Prophets*, Dr. Robert T. Osborn, Durham, N. C.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



THE REMINDING GAME

By HANNAH MOOR

"And Father, help me to tell someone of Thy love today. Amen."

Twelve-year-old Donna rose from her knees and tidied her room. Then, following the smell of sizzling bacon, she reached the breakfast table as the old mantle clock struck nine.

"You must hurry, dear," her mother said. "You're to be at the Carter's in half an hour."

"I know, Mother, and I'm so happy. Going to the Carter's cottage at Lion's Lake seems too good to be true. I'll take a promise from the Scripture Promise Box to help me today."

She took a small card and read, "Who-soever therefore will confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." It was just what she needed! The week before, Donna had knelt at Bible Club and asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart. Now she wanted to tell others. It seemed hard to know how to explain this inward joy, but each day she prayed for the Heavenly Father's guidance and help.

Recently June Carter had moved into the big house on the corner of Nayton Street. Now her mother had asked all the girls of the six grade to spend Saturday at their cottage at Lion's Lake. Twenty-one girls! Surely Donna would find an opportunity to speak to at least one of them of her new happiness.

The drive to Lion's Lake was an interesting experience. First there were city streets, followed by farm lands, then rough, hilly country with thick trees lining the dirt roads. Around a sharp curve, down a slope, and there, nestled by the bluest water Donna had ever seen, was a yellow and brown cottage.

"We're here!" the cry went up in unison as the girls tumbled out on the soft grass and ran toward the lake.

There was lunch, then boating and swimming. A hike up over the rocks netted many treasures of pretty stones, pieces of birch bark, and leaves of various plants.

As the twilight shadows gathered around the lake, a fire was built on a huge flat rock in preparation for a corn and weiner roast.

Donna was having a wonderful time! She watched the fire cast a glow into the water. She felt so grateful to God for this outing. But as yet she hadn't

spoken of Him. Each time she thought she had an opportunity to speak, someone interrupted and the subject was changed.

The girls sang songs and told of adventure while waiting for the flames to die down and the coals to be ready to cook the food. And then, "Please pass the mustard," "Where's the relish," "Oh, Susan, your hot dog is on fire," were heard amid the crickets' song in the quiet of the evening.

The moon shone across the water, and the fire glowed cosily.

"Isn't there something we can play quietly while sitting here waiting for the fire to die down?" Mrs. Carter asked.

"How about the reminding game? It's real fun!" Susan suggested.

"Tell us about it," said Kay. "I've never heard of it before."

"It's very simple," Susan started to explain. "You choose an object and tell what it reminds you of—and see how far you can travel with it. I'll go first, so you'll understand. Let's take the fire as our object. Let's see—the color of the fire reminds me of the roses at home; and the roses remind me of the vase on our dining room table; and the vase reminds me of my Uncle Ben who gave it to Mother; and Uncle Ben reminds me of airplanes (he's a pilot); and airplanes remind me of trips around the world; and trips around the world remind me of—oh, dear, I can't seem to think any more. I guess you have the idea, though. June, what does the fire remind you of?"

The girls joined in the game heartily. It was fun—and wonderful to think of so many things just by looking in the fire.

At last Donna's turn came. She had been thinking seriously, but did she have the courage to speak her thoughts? Hadn't she prayed for a chance to witness to someone? Then she remembered her verse from the Promise Box. She hesitated only a moment, then began:

"The warm glowing embers of the fire reminds me of true love, and love reminds me of the love of God in sending His Son into the world and the love of God makes me think of Calvary; and Calvary reminds me how Jesus suffered so I could have my sins forgiven and happiness in my heart reminds me that I must live for Jesus and tell others about Him."

Donna could think no further. There

was silence among the girls. Each was thinking of her words. Other girls had taken them to England, Italy, and even around the world, but Donna had taken them to Calvary.

The little waves were lapping softly against the lake shore, the crickets chanting their night song, and the stars twinkling in the heavens, as Mrs. Carter rose to light the lanterns and guide the girls back toward the cottage and the trip home.

A very tired Donna knelt by her bed and thanked her Heavenly Father for the courage He had given her to witness for Him.

—My Pleasure

Let's All Laugh

*A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day;
It tips the peaks of life with light,
And drives the clouds away.
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong;
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along!*

*A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart;
And when its melody is heard
The ills of life depart,
And happy thoughts come crowding
It's joyful notes to greet.
A laugh is just like music
For making living sweet!*

—RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS

Chuckles

The lady of the house asked the maid what was the matter with the cockoo clock, since she had not heard it all day.

"Well, mum," said Mary suspiciously, "there's been a strange cat around the kitchen, an' maybe the poor bird's afeared to come out."

Bible Quiz (Which is correct?)

1. Bartimaeus was lame, blind, or leprous? _____
2. Paul was a Roman, a Greek, or a Jew? _____
3. Job was afflicted with blindness, boils or leprosy? _____
4. Pilate was a king, a governor, or a procurator of Judea? _____
5. Barnabus was a physician, a tentmaker or a co-worker with Paul? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Old Testament—Ruth, Chapter 2
2. New Testament—Luke 19:2-4
3. Old Testament—Exodus 3:1-2
4. Old Testament—II Kings 5:1-14
5. New Testament—John 11:1-44

Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 1

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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HOW JESUS GREW

Background Scripture: Deuteronomy
6:1-9; Luke 2:39-52.

Lesson Scripture: Luke 2:39-52.

With this lesson we begin a new quarter, the general theme of which is "Christian Growth." The outline for the quarter is as follows: (1) two sessions on "Patterns of Christian Growth," of which this lesson is the first (2) four sessions on "Areas of Growth" and (3) eight sessions on "Methods of Growth." Keeping this general outline in mind will help us to achieve unity in our studies this quarter.

The reader will notice that our Biblical material is taken from two of the most widely quoted sections of the Holy Scripture. The first is known commonly as the "Shema" (a word meaning hear). It is a Jewish confession of faith. Part of this remarkable summary of both the subject matter and the method of religious education follows: "The Lord is our God, the Lord alone; so you must love the Lord your God with all your mind and all your heart and all your strength. You must impress these instructions on your children, and talk about them when you are sitting at home, and when you go off on a journey, when you lie down and when you get up; you must bind them upon your hand as a sign, and they must be worn on your forehead as a mark; you must inscribe them upon the door-posts of your house and on your gates" (American translation).

Such a clear statement hardly needs comment. We may note, however, that religion is not something that is brought out and dusted off on the Sabbath only; it is the "table-talk" of the home, the "fireside" conversation, the topic when traveling, the first thing mentioned upon arising and the last thing upon retiring. If one wishes the answer to the question as to how the Jews have maintained their identity as a group for three thousand years in spite of persecution and exile, he need look no further for the answer. It is here. Religion, for the Jew, was part and parcel of the fabric of daily life.

Turning now to the passage in Luke's gospel, we have the one mention of Jesus' childhood in the entire New Testament. One notices that strong emphasis is placed on the normal, human development of Jesus. It is surprising when the student of the history of Christian doctrine first discovers that the problem of maintaining the belief in the humanity of Jesus was at one time a serious problem for the church. There were those who taught that Jesus' divine nature was absolute; that he had no real physical existence. In Luke's story we see a young Jewish lad growing up in the traditions of his religion and "increasing in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

It is clear from this account that the regular observance of religious customs was one of the habits of the family in

which Jesus grew up. It is, therefore, not surprising to find him in the temple with the teachers "listening to them and asking them questions." Notice Luke's restraint here. Unlike some of the popular gospels in circulation at the time of the early church (but which were refused entrance into the New Testament canon), Luke does not present Jesus as possessing the characteristics of adulthood, and assuming the role of instructor. He is content to show Jesus as a young person who is eager to learn more of his people's faith.

Some readers may be puzzled by the statement that Jesus' parents did not miss him until the end of the first day's journey. This is accounted for by the custom of pilgrims going in caravans. Probably relatives and friends remained close together as the caravan moved along. It was natural, therefore, for the parents of Jesus to "suppose that he was somewhere in the company."

In the light of our Scripture, then, how does religious growth take place? It seems to conclude that, so far as childhood and youth are concerned, it occurs when the ideals of religion are kept close to the group life, when they are so prominent that they are inescapable. As plants need the rain and the sun for their growth and development, so the child and the youth, if they are to grow in the faith, need an environment where loyalty to religious values are plainly evident in the home and the community. Blessed is that child who grows up in such a home!

Jurisdictional Membership Shows Increase Over 1960

Membership of The Methodist Church in its Southeastern Jurisdiction now stands at 2,747,389, an increase of 45,360 over last year, it has been reported.

The jurisdiction includes nine southeastern states and Cuba.

The report was made at the annual meeting of the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, September 7-8 at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Church school membership in the jurisdiction dropped 18,803 to a total of 1,998,431, it was reported. However, average attendance increased by 16,479 to 1,129,283. Church school includes Sunday School and other educational activities of churches.

The church membership report was made by the Rev. Dr. J. Willard Leggett, Jackson, Miss., chairman of the council's committee on evangelism. The church school report was made by Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, Fayetteville, N. C., chairman of the council's committee on education.

Next annual meeting of the council will be September 20-21, 1962, at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, N. C.

A Southeastern Jurisdiction Convocation was set for February 20-22, 1963, the place to be selected later.

The 83-member council promotes The Methodist Church's work in the jurisdiction.

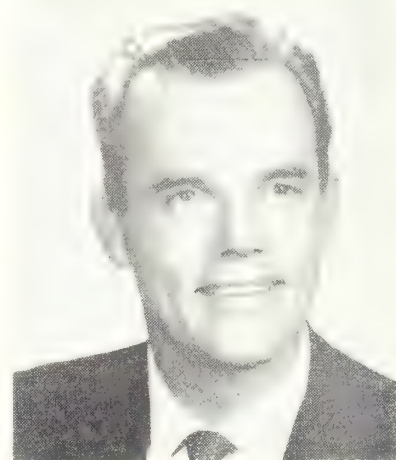
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Riotous living will bring one to the swine pen sooner or later.

Madison-Drew Will Install Dr. Robert Oxman Oct. 12

Madison-Drew University will be the scene on Founders' Day, October 12, 1961, of ceremonies marking the inauguration of Dr. Robert Fisher Oxman as eighth president of the 94-year-old Methodist related institution. He is the son of Bishop G. Bromley Oxman.

The 46-year-old former president of Pratt Institute will be inaugurated in the presence of an anticipated 1,800 persons. These will include educators from some



250 colleges and universities; representatives of 25 learned societies, and other guests from throughout the country.

The Methodist Church will be represented by clergy from many annual conferences. The Theological School at Drew is the alma mater to over 3,000 ministers, including 19 bishops of the church.

Since Dr. Oxman is the first layman to head the institution, a large representation of Methodist laymen, including many conference lay leaders, is expected.

Chancellor William P. Tolley of Syracuse University, a graduate of the Theological School and first dean of the Liberal Arts College, will be the speaker.

Founded in 1867, the Drew University complex is composed of a Liberal Arts College, a Theological School, and a Graduate School.

Friends of Drew in this conference are most cordially invited to attend.

Homecoming Services Held Sept. 17 at Havelock

The First Methodist Church of Havelock, N. C., observed Homecoming services on Sunday, September 17. This church, formerly a part of the Newport Methodist Circuit, became a station church in 1948 due to the large number of military personnel coming in to Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Since 1948 the church has grown tremendously.

Rev. H. L. Watson, a former pastor and presently serving as pastor of Westminster Methodist Church in Kinston, will be the Homecoming preacher.

All members, former members, pastors, and friends are invited to attend.

Rev. W. D. Caviness is the pastor of the church at the present time.

Special Adult Education Course Being Offered in Goldsboro

A new approach to the study of the Bible by adults is being undertaken in the North Carolina Conference. It consists of extension courses offered by one of our Methodist colleges in strategically located churches with two-hour sessions one night each week for a total of ten weeks. The



DR. JACK W. MOORE

first of these classes will be held at St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro beginning September 25. The course UNDERSTANDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

will be offered by Dr. Jack Moore, Dean, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C. Classes will be held each Monday night, 7:30 to 9:30, September 25 through January 29, excluding December 18, 25 and January 1. This course is being sponsored by the Adult Division of the Goldsboro Subdistrict, the Conference Board of Education and North Carolina Wesleyan College. Each enrolled student will pay \$25. This non-credit, college level course is open to interested adults, including Sunday School teachers and ministers. Mrs. Leah Haskins, educational assistant, St. Paul Methodist Church, Goldsboro, is serving as registrar.

Laymen, men and women, are increasingly interested in mature study of the message of the Bible. Only the field of atomic physics is changing faster, so far as new discoveries are concerned. The genuine revival of Christianity is possible only when laymen take Bible study seriously. We believe that this approach to Bible study can contribute to that end. This course provides an opportunity to have thirty hours of instruction by a highly qualified leader, with a week's time for study between sessions.

If this initial study proves successful a second course on UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT will be offered in the early spring.

We are very fortunate in being able to secure Dr. Moore for these initial courses. Born January 22, 1913 in Danville, Illinois, he received his A.B. degree from Olivet College in 1934 and his B. D. degree in 1946 from Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, N. C. He has done summer graduate study at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and at the University of Chicago. Dr. Moore was a graduate student from 1949 to 1952 in the Department of Religion at Duke University, holding the Gurney Harriss Kearnes Fellowship in Religion in 1951-52. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree in religion from Duke University in 1958.

Dr. Moore is a minister of The Methodist Church and has held pastorates in Lawrenceville, Illinois; Bennettsville, South Carolina; Greensboro and Raleigh, North Carolina. He served two years as supply pastor at the Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina. His teaching experience includes positions at Bennettsville High School, Bennettsville, South Carolina, and at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, where he was Associate Professor of Philosophy from 1945-1949. He served as Dean of Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois, from September 1952 to February 1960, at which time he became Dean of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. In addition to his administrative duties at Kendall College, he taught courses in philosophy and religion. He will continue teaching assignments at North Carolina Wesleyan.

In June 1960, Dr. Moore was admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference transferring from the Rock River Conference of The Methodist Church.

In 1936, Dr. Moore married Nina Ray Browning, a native of Littleton, North Carolina. The Moores have four children: David, Dorcas, Camilla and Martha.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, Mrs. Johnnie Webb Summey was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and as long as her health permitted took an active part in all phases of its work;

Whereas, she passed to her eternal reward on June 26, 1961, leaving to her children and grandchildren a rich heritage of love and devotion, both to them and to her Master, and,

Whereas, her gentle unassuming manner, her radiant smile, and the quiet way in which she went about doing good was a never-ending source of inspiration to her pastor, her Sunday School class, the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the entire membership of the church, and,

Whereas, we shall miss her lovely presence, her friendly hand clasp, and her Christian spirit which still lingers near and brings comfort and re-assurance to all of us who loved her so dearly;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Henrietta Methodist Church herewith express our deepest sorrow in the loss of our co-worker and our beloved friend, and that we herewith extend to her children and all the members of her family our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to Him who alone can bring healing to their sad hearts.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions of tribute and respect be presented to the family, a copy be published in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and that they be spread on the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EUGENE HICKS, *President*
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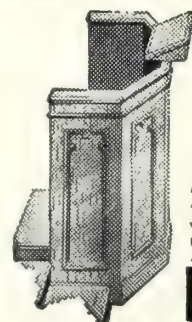
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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ OPEN HOUSE for Mount Holly's new church was held last Sunday afternoon, September 24th, from 2 until 5 o'clock. Rev. Aubert M. Smith is pastor.

¶ COMMONWEALTH CHURCH, Charlotte, Rev. A. L. Maxwell, Jr., pastor, observed Homecoming last Sunday. At the close of the service a picnic lunch was served.

¶ REV. J. H. LANNING, retired, member of the North Carolina Conference, is working with the National Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, headquarters in Philadelphia.

¶ THE SALISBURY area leadership training school will be held at First Church, Salisbury, beginning Sunday night, October 15. Courses dealing with every phase of the church school will be offered.

¶ HOMECOMING SERVICES were held at the Oak Ridge Methodist Church last Sunday. Picnic lunch was served following the morning worship service. Rev. John M. Burton is pastor.

¶ SALISBURY DISTRICT Educational Seminar was held at Cold Springs Church, Mount Pleasant, Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Lunch was served at 12:30.

¶ THE METHODIST HOME of Charlotte held its annual Arts and Craft week last week, September 18-22. Residents of the home usually present an interesting display of various articles they have made.

¶ MAYLO CHURCH, Gastonia, Rev. G. H. Allred, pastor, held Homecoming services last Sunday, Sept. 24. Picnic lunch was served at 12:30, and a service was held in the afternoon to hear reports on the life and work of Maylo.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES were held at the Concord Church on the Lewisville charge, in Winston-Salem district, last week. Rev. John Little, pastor, was assisted by Rev. Jerome Hunnecutt, of Central Terrace Church.

¶ GRACE CHURCH, Wilmington, has completed the installation of the new pipe organ and it was used last Sunday for the first time. The organ was the gift of the late E. L. White, who died soon after the annual conference of 1959 was held at Grace Church.

¶ MISS RUBY SLUDER, a junior at Greensboro College, has accepted the position of educational assistant at Glenwood Church, Greensboro, and will devote a part of her time to this work. Her home is in Thomasville, where she is a member of the First Methodist Church.

¶ CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, Durham, will observe annual Homecoming day on Sunday, October 8. Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, former pastor at Calvary, will be the guest speaker. Following the morning services, a fellowship luncheon will be served. All former pastors and the friends of Calvary Church are invited to attend. Rev. M. D. Tyson is the present pastor.

¶ REV. JOHN KENDRICK, pastor of the Hodgkin Memorial Church, Stoneville, will assist Rev. W. A. Rock in revival services at the First Methodist Church, Draper, October 22-29.

¶ REV. C. JEROME HUNNEYCUTT, pastor of Central Terrace Church, Winston-Salem, assisted Rev. Don Fisher in revival services at Mount Pleasant Church, Winston-Salem district, September 3-8. The results were gratifying, according to information received.

¶ A CONFERENCE on Christian education for the churches of Albemarle was held last Sunday evening in First Street Church. Dr. George Schreyer of Pfeiffer College led a panel discussion. The conference was in preparation for the observance of Christian Education Week, now in progress.

¶ THE RANDOLPH COUNTY area leadership training school will be held October 15-19 at First Church, Asheboro. Ten courses will be offered. There will be two enrichment courses, "The Teachings of Jesus" and "The Meaning of Methodism," designed for the general membership of the church.

¶ REV. J. L. SMITH, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, now living in Kannapolis, occupied the pulpit of Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis, Sunday, September 17, at the 11:00 o'clock hour. He preached on the subject of "Witnessing."

¶ MILFORD HILLS METHODIST CHURCH, Salisbury, Rev. E. R. Freeman, pastor, will conduct a week of revival services beginning Sunday night, November 5th. Rev. George E. Smith, pastor of Hinshaw Memorial Church, Greensboro, will be the guest preacher for the week.

¶ THE CONGREGATION of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of Statesville, has approved revised plans for its new sanctuary, and bids for its construction will be opened September 26. If the low bid is accepted the church expects to hold ground-breaking ceremonies October 15. Rev. C. Marvin Boggs is pastor.

¶ MISS CAROLYN PONZER, representing Centenary Methodist Church, Greensboro, was one of the North Carolina delegation attending the Seventh Quadrennial of the Methodist Student Movement at the University of Illinois in Urbana August 26-31. Around 3200 delegates were in attendance. The theme was "Creation of a New Covenant."

¶ ANDREWS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH, R.F.D. 1, Roseboro, Sampson County's oldest Methodist church, will observe its homecoming services on Sunday, October 8. The pastor, Rev. William O. Connor, will preach the morning sermon. A picnic lunch will be spread in the community building. The afternoon program will be highlighted by a sermon by Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh. There will be special music in the afternoon also. Former pastors and friends are urged to attend the programs of the day.

¶ DR. MARK DEPP has been elected Minister Emeritus of Centenary Methodist Church by the First Quarterly Conference. Dr. Depp served as the beloved minister of Centenary for sixteen years. He retired the last conference year. Although this new position requires no church responsibilities for him, it does carry the high honor and love from the members of his church.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY will be observed at Rosemary Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids, Sunday, October 15. Dr. Walter C. Ball superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, will preach at the eleven o'clock service, and hold the first Quarterly Conference. A picnic dinner will be held on the church lawn following the service. All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ WILMINGTON DISTRICT, under the direction of Rev. Clyde S. Boggs, district superintendent, held a Planning Session for the United Witness for Christ and His Church at Grace Church, Wilmington, Friday, September 22. Appearing on the program were Rev. Paul Browning, district director of evangelism; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, conference director of evangelism; Rev. A. P. Hill, Jr., Rev. Russell Harrison, Rev. W. R. Stevens; Rev. T. B. Hough; Rev. R. L. Bame, and Dr. C. P. Morris. Each dealt with a separate phase of the evangelistic program.

¶ THE CATAWBA METHODIST CHURCH, Catawba, N. C., held a Laymen's revival meeting during the week of September 10 through 15. A different layman preached each night—Sunday night, Mr. Lou Bell, Charlotte, N. C.; Monday night, Mr. Clyde Brawley, Mooresville, N. C.; Tuesday night, Mr. Charles Durham, Newton, N. C.; Wednesday night, Mr. Joe Carter, Columbia, S. C.; Thursday night, Mr. A. M. Price, Charlotte, N. C.; and on Friday night, R. Wayne Lowrance, local preacher and charge lay leader of the host church. Rev. M. C. Ellerbe is pastor.

¶ HOMECOMING at Grace Methodist Church, East Roxboro, 11:00 a.m., Oct. 15, 1961. The Homecoming service will be at 11:00 a.m. The Homecoming sermon will be delivered by the new pastor, Rev. J. H. Parrish. Lunch will be served in the basement of the new education building. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Homecoming will mark the beginning of the fall revival. The revival services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the same day and will run through Friday of that week, Oct. 15-20, 7:30 p.m. each evening. The public is also invited to attend these services.

¶ IT WAS the high privilege of the ADVOCATE Editor to preach Sunday, September 17, in the Montlieu Avenue Methodist Church, High Point. This is one of the newer churches of the conference, having been organized just a few years ago. It is growing rapidly, has a beautiful and well-arranged church plant, a loyal membership of between 300 and 400, and an energetic and much loved pastor, in the person of Rev. H. Glenn Lanier. Incidentally, the church turned in its quota of new subscribers to the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. It took only about ten minutes to get them.

¶ **THE EDITOR** preached in Homecoming services last Sunday at Fletcher's Chapel Church, near Durham. A large congregation was present to worship in the beautiful new church. A good picnic dinner was enjoyed after the service. Rev. A. Morris Williams and his good wife are in high favor with their people.

¶ **Bishop Arthur J. Moore** will conduct revival services at Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, October 8-13, with daily services at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. T. A. Plyler, Jr., of Monroe, will serve as songleader. Rev. H. M. McLamb, pastor, reports that more than 100 persons have been secured to visit the membership in the interest of the revival.

¶ **THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION** has approved the course "Poetry" at North Carolina Wesleyan College, for renewal of teacher certificates, according to Dean Jack Moore. Last year the State approved two courses in the Evening School for such credit. This continues growth in an important area of service to Wesleyan's community.

¶ **SALEMBURG METHODIST CHURCH** will hold its annual Harvest Day program on the first Sunday in October. Dr. Cecil W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, will preach the morning sermon. There will be a picnic on the grounds, followed by an afternoon program of speaking and special music. Friends of the Ten-Dollar Club church are invited to attend all the programs of the day. The Rev. William O. Connor is pastor.

¶ **RACE STREET CHURCH**, Statesville, held a laymen's revival last week-end, using a different layman at each service. T. E. Stough, teacher of the Men's Bible class spoke Friday evening; Cecil Sides, teacher of the Fidelis class spoke Saturday; Russell Lockman, church lay leader, spoke Sunday evening. A choir from the Methodist Men's Club furnished music for the meeting, and old gospel hymns were featured. Rev. John K. Miller is pastor.

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¶ **HODGIN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH**, Stoneville, N. C., is planning to observe homecoming, October 8. Rev. Garland R. Stafford, executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country Work, a former pastor of the church will bring the message. Rev. J. C. Kendrick is pastor.

¶ **EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH**, of the Vanceboro Circuit will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday afternoon, October 1. The fall revival will begin on Monday night at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert M. Poulk, pastor of Salem Methodist Church of Goldsboro, conducting the revival. Lewis C. Gibbs is pastor.

¶ **HOMEcoming** will be held at Victory Methodist Church in Fayetteville, N. C., October 8. Preaching at 11:00 o'clock, dinner at 12:00. Fellowship singing at 1:30. All friends, former pastors and former members are cordially invited to "come home" and visit with us again. Mrs. Lenora Cannon, publicity chairman, Rev. I. J. Strawbridge is pastor.

¶ **The first Homecoming** will be observed at Swansboro Methodist Church, October 15, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Former pastors, members, and friends are invited. Dinner will be served on the lawn. Evangelistic services will begin Sunday night, October 15. Rev. Lewis Dillman, pastor of Garber Methodist Church, New Bern, will assist the pastor, Rev. D. W. Charlton.

Thomasville District Had Fine Evangelistic Rally

The Thomasville District Evangelistic Rally was held September 14-17. Truly we were blessed as our District Superintendent Rev. J. H. Carper, Dr. Harry Denman, and I endeavored to lead all four of our Sub-districts in this great undertaking, September 14-17. Denton 10:30 a.m. Consecration services for ministers and lay people who would visit in the afternoon. Return to church for evening service at 7:30. This was held at the Denton Central Methodist Church, September 15, the same order was followed in the Thomasville Sub-district, with services being conducted at Memorial Methodist Church, Sept. 16th. Morning service was conducted at Trinity Methodist Church and the evening service was conducted at the North Davidson High School. On Sunday Dr. Denman preached in a number of the churches in the Davie Sub-district area, and The Rally was brought to a close at the Center Methodist Arbor with an overflowing crowd. Each day Dr. Denman spent many hours going from house to house in visitation with the district superintendent, or ministers of the local area. We believe that we shall reap a great spiritual harvest from this undertaking.

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Letters and materials have been mailed to pastors. Several have already sent

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EDITORIALS

We Need Not Be Surprised

According to a report in the daily press a few days ago an 11-year-old boy in Fort Worth, Texas, kidnaped a 40-year-old man at gun point and ordered him to drive to Mexico in a truck. The boy belonged to the Boy Scouts, and made A's in the six grade. He stole the gun from the hardware store in which the kidnaping took place. The man in question caught the boy off-guard, jammed the trigger, and the boy jumped out of the truck and ran, only to be captured by the sheriff a little later.

In giving his explanation as to why he did this, the boy said he had seen a lot of things like this on TV, and that he had been planning this for about a week.

Even to relate this is not pleasant, but it points up a truth that we have been plugging for a number of years, namely, that some of the programs on television are immoral, unwholesome, and degrading. We have said all along that if we do not produce a generation of criminals it will not be our fault, for we are certainly working at it. Brought into our homes for our children to feed on are programs of thievery, immorality, murder, and the rest. Why these things are permitted we do not understand. Why television stations carry them, we do not know, except for the money it adds to their tills. There could be provided good, wholesome, uplifting programs that have cultural value. If enough of the good people would ban these programs from their homes and enter strong protests against them we believe the situation could be improved. Let us not be too critical of the young people who fall victim of such things until we have assumed our own responsibility for permitting them to be exposed to such. If we deplore these things, let's do something about it.

Methodist Student Day

Every Methodist church is asked to observe Methodist Student Day each year, and to receive an offering to be used in assisting worthy young people to secure an education in preparation for life's work. Many churches observe this day with regularity. As a result many youth are aided by receiving either a scholarship or a loan to be repaid. According to the latest figures available awards made to students in the Southeastern jurisdiction during the quadrennium 1957-1960 amounted to

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. . . . Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

—Matt. 7:16, 17, 18, 20.

\$234,995.35 in scholarships, and \$707,120.00 in loans, or a total value of \$942,115.35. At the same time, contributions from the jurisdiction for students in Methodist Student Day offerings was only \$170,654.10. There seems to be a vast difference in the amount given and the amount received. However, some churches have not yet observed this day. Methodist Student Day can still be observed in the church this year and the money forwarded to the conference treasurer.

The importance of this observance and offering is clearly set forth in a statement by Bishop Paul N. Garber, president of the Board of Education who said in a recent statement: "Attention must be given to scholarship and loan funds for worthy but needy students. We should change the picture from that of only 50 per cent of our local churches making a Methodist Student Day offering to 100 per cent participation."

It is not too late for churches to observe this day and give emphasis to this very worthy cause.

Letter Mailed to Pastors

We have mailed letters to all pastors in connection with our subscription emphasis. Each letter contains a statement from the editor, a statement from a district superintendent to his pastors, a subscription list blank, and six subscription envelopes. Every pastor in the two conferences is asked to secure a minimum of six new subscriptions at once and send them in within the next few days. This is not a big task, but a very simple and easy one if just a little time and effort is given to it. It can be done. It has been done by many, and they testify that it was not difficult. This will mean much to the church and the pastor in carrying on the work, and to those who receive the paper. THE ADVOCATE is the only publication that serves pri-

marily these conferences, and it should go into every home. If a church is on the Every Family Plan, of course they should ignore the letter they receive. Otherwise, we are asking for a 100 per cent response. We call attention to the "Ad" on page 5. Please, Brethren, now is the time. Let us have your six new subscriptions. Thanks.

World-Wide Communion Should Enrich Us

Next Sunday, October 1, is World-Wide Communion Sunday. This is the one day in all the year when Christians of all denominations are privileged to engage in this sacred observance of the Lord's Supper. There may be some variation between different groups as to doctrine and practice, but this is one place where all meet on a common ground of simple faith in Jesus and loyal obedience to his command to "Do this in remembrance of me." Every church should observe this sacrament next Sunday, and every Christian who can attend should find his or her way to the Lord's table. In preparation for this occasion there should be a period of heart-searching and self-examination for this divine privilege. All malice, ill will, and unchristian attitudes should be discovered, confessed, and forsaken, and all evil practices should be laid aside. When we arise from the altar on this holy day we should be "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

Christian Education Week

The Methodist Church in America is this week engaged in observing Christian Education Week. It began last Sunday, September 24, and will run through next Sunday, October 1. This is a good time for churches to give special emphasis to their educational program as it relates both to the church and the home. It is a fact that we have too often neglected the proper educational interests of our families in the home and have left it largely to the church to take care of. This ought not to be. The church is trying to do its work in this field, but the home perhaps offers us our greatest opportunity to teach religion and instill Christian ideals. Observance of this week should mean much to the church and the home.

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"I am terribly concerned that some of our leaders have given our people such a superficial value of our Methodism until they do not have any sense of loyalty or any dedication to our church and are rather apologetic for the fact that we have a Methodism. Whatever is the concept of others, I thank God I am a Methodist."

—BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH, *Oklahoma City*
President of the Board of Evangelism.

W. N. C. Conference Schedules Scholarship Training Schools

Thousands of Methodists in Western North Carolina are returning to school this fall to study how to bring a better Christian witness to their friends and children.

Dr. Carl H. King of Statesville, executive secretary of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference's Board of Education, is in overall charge. He has secured outstanding instructors from several states to staff the 36 area schools which will be attended by about 12,000 persons.

The program moved into high gear last Sunday when four schools began. Four more will begin October 1. Already one school has been held and another has been underway the past week at Thomasville.

The schools starting last Sunday, September 24, are being held at First Methodist Church, Morganton, Central Methodist Church, Asheville, Central Methodist Church, Canton, and Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point.

On October 1 schools will begin at First Methodist Church in Rutherfordton, Oak Grove Methodist Church near Mocksville, First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, and West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro.

The schools will last for periods of five days. All evening classes will begin at 7:30 p. m. Here are the program schedules of the eight upcoming schools and their instructors.

The Burke County Leadership Training School, Marion District, at First Methodist Church, Morganton, September 24-28, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Home and Children Working Together," Mrs. S. D. Newell of Dalzell, S. C.; "Laboratory Class for Teachers of Junior Children," Miss Sara Bagley of Nashville, Tenn.; "Guiding Junior High," the Rev. George W. Thompson of Walkertown; "Missionary Education of Seniors and Older Youth," Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke, Va.; "Understanding Ourselves," the Rev. Jerry Murray of Winston-Salem; and "The Life of Jesus," Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University.

The Rev. Earl H. Brendall is director of the school, Miss Clara Watkins is assistant, Max G. Ward is treasurer and Mrs. Elise McGimsey is in charge of texts. Dr. Fletcher Nelson is district superintendent.

The Asheville Area Training School, Asheville District, at Central Methodist Church in Asheville, September 24-28, 7:30-9:30.

Courses and instructors—"Teaching Children in the Small Church," Mrs. W. R. Reed of Richmond, Va.; "Observation Laboratory Class for Workers with Primary Children," Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg of Atlanta; "Observation Laboratory Class for Workers with Junior Children," Mrs. E. C. Few of Gastonia; "The Methodist Youth Fellowship," Mrs. Gerry Rash White of Statesville; "Guiding Junior Highs," the Rev. Thomas S. Lee of Statesville; "Christian Beliefs for Seniors and Older Youths," the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle of Asheville; "The Use of the Bible With Adults," the Rev. Courtney B. Ross of Brevard; and

"The Meaning of Methodism," Dr. James A. Wilder of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Rev. Walter J. Miller is director of the school, Mrs. Clara Ross Gilpin is associate director, J. W. McCrary is treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Bishop is in charge of texts, and C. E. Morgan is chairman of the school's board of managers. The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle is district superintendent.

The Haywood County Training School, Waynesville District, in Central Methodist Church, Canton, September 24-28, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Teaching Children in the Small Church," Mrs. Senah Pulliam of Seven Mile Ford, Va.; "Creative Activities with Children," Miss Louise Robinson, Statesville; "Preparing for Marriage," Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va.; "Guiding Youth," Mrs. Ray Hook of Greenville, S. C.; "Work of the Local Church," the Rev. Herman Nicholson of Waynesville; and "How the Bible Came to be," Dr. C. E. Rozzelle of Winston-Salem.

The Rev. J. W. Braxton is director of the school, with Elizabeth Callis in charge of texts. The Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle is district superintendent.

The High Point Area Training School, High Point District, in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, September 24-28, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Working with Nursery Children," Mrs. S. M. Atkinson of Lake City, S. C.; "Working with Kindergarten Children," Mrs. Wesley Brogan, Durham; "Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith," (morning and night classes), Mrs. D. W. Hill of Evansville, Ind.; "Observation Laboratory Class for Primary Workers," Mrs. Doyle Baird of Morrilton, Ark.; "Observation Laboratory Class for Junior Workers," Rev. Wesley Brogan of Durham.

"Guiding Junior Highs," the Rev. Richard Hanner of Winston-Salem; "Use of the Bible in Teaching Youth," Dr. David Bradley of Duke University; "Christian Beliefs for Young People," the Rev. Tom Stockton of Reidsville; "Christian Evangelism," Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University; and "Christian Stewardship," Dr. Cecil Heckard of Albemarle.

The Rev. R. Delbert Byrum is director of the school, Mrs. Paul Bullock is in charge of texts, and Harry Bell is in charge of finances. The Rev. Ralph H. Taylor is district superintendent.

The Rutherford County Area Training School, Marion District, in First Methodist Church, Forest City, October 1-5, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Helping Children Grow in Christian Faith," Mrs. C. H. Browning of Copperhill, Tenn.; "Music and Children of the Church," Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg of Atlanta; "Methodist Youth Fellowship," the Rev. Paul H. Duckwall of Statesville; "Preparing for Marriage," the Rev. G. G. Adams, Jr., of Troutman; and "Teachings of the Prophets," Dr. Robert T. Osborn of Duke University.

The Rev. Sherrill Biggers is director of

the school, Ray H. Howard is in charge of texts and Carroll Bryson is treasurer. Dr. Fletcher Nelson is district superintendent.

The Davie County Training School, Thomasville district, in Oak Grove Methodist Church near Mocksville, October 1-5, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Teaching Children in the Small Church," Mrs. J. Elwood Carroll of Statesville; "Finding Your Life Work," Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Statesville; "Christian Evangelism," the Rev. John Hamilton of Charlotte; and "Music in the Small Church," the Rev. Kenneth Johnson of Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Dwight M. Asburn is director. The Rev. John H. Carper is district superintendent.

The Hendersonville - Transylvania - Polk Training School, Asheville District, in First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, October 1-5, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"Helping Nursery Kindergarten Children Grow in Christian Faith," Miss Louise Robinson, Statesville; "Use of the Bible With Primary and Junior Children," Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver Early of Franklin; "Preparing for Marriage," Mrs. E. H. Ould, Roanoke, Va.; "Counseling Youth," Virginia Proctor of Atlanta; "Goals and Materials for Methodist Church Schools," Sara Bagley of South Nashville, Tenn.; and "How the Bible Came to be," Dr. C. E. Rozzelle, Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Abram J. Cox is director, and Mrs. H. P. Moore is treasurer and in charge of texts. The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle is district superintendent.

The Greater Greensboro Training School, Greensboro District, in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, October 1-5, 7:30-9:30 p. m.

Courses and instructors—"The Life of Jesus" Dr. Jay Phillips of Duke University; "The Acts of the Apostles," Dr. William Locke of High Point College; "How the Bible Came to be," instructor to be named; "What it Means to be a Christian," Dr. Thomas Langford of Duke University; "The Meaning of Methodism," Dr. MacMurray Ritchie of Duke University; "The Work of the Local Church," Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University; "Teaching Children in the Small Church," Mrs. W. R. Reed of Richmond, Va.

Laboratory Section, Oct. 2-6, 9-11 a. m. Nursery Lab (closely graded), Mrs. A. D. Hagler of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Nursery Lab (group graded), Mrs. Senah Pulliam of Seven Mile Ford, Va.; Kindergarten Lab (closely graded), Mrs. John Thompson of Greensboro; and Kindergarten Lab (group graded), Mrs. Rebecca Yow of Danville, Va.

Laboratory Section, Oct. 1-5, 7:30-9:30. Primary Lab (group graded), Mrs. L. C. Harvard, Savannah, Ga.; Primary Lab (closely graded), Miss Lula Doyle Baird, Morrilton, Ark.; Junior Lab (group graded), Mrs. Eugene C. Few, Gastonia; Junior Lab (closely graded), the Rev. Emmett Davis of Marshallville, Ga.; Junior High Lab, the Rev. Troy Barrett of Warrenton; and Senior High Lab, Mrs. Edwin Diggs of Covington, Tenn.

The Rev. J. Clay Madison is district superintendent.

1961-1962 Goals and Recommendations

Western North Carolina Conference Youth Council in session at Camp Tekoa, August 27-29, 1961, made several recommendations and established several goals for the consideration of every member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship within the bounds of our Conference. Among these recommendations and goals were the following: WE RECOMMEND —

A. General:

1. That every means be used to publicize and promote the learning of the new MYF Covenant as found on page 8 of the new **Handbook for Senior Highs in the Church**, and that every member of the MYF in the Western North Carolina Conference be living examples of the Covenant.

2. That there be more classes for adult workers with junior highs in the leadership training school in those areas throughout the Conference where this may have been neglected.

3. That the following summer activities for senior highs be planned for 1962:

a. A Senior High Officers' Workshop for youth aged 15-17 and for subdistrict officers—June 25-30 at Lake Junaluska.

b. A Senior High Christian Community Assembly for youth aged 15-17 and for interested older youth aged 18-21—July 2-7 at Lake Junaluska.

4. a. That our Conference Methodist Youth Fund goal for 1961-1962 be set at \$29,950.00, an increase of \$700.00 over last year, with the following district goals:

Albemarle	\$1,300.00
Asheville	\$1,600.00
Charlotte	\$3,400.00
Gastonia	\$3,000.00
Greensboro	\$3,000.00
High Point	\$1,850.00
Marion	\$1,650.00
North Wilkesboro	\$ 950.00
Salisbury	\$2,900.00
Statesville	\$2,300.00
Thomasville	\$3,000.00
Waynesville	\$1,500.00
Winston-Salem	\$3,500.00

b. That the Methodist Youth Fund be stressed by—

- 1) The district superintendent inquiring of the MYF president at each Quarterly Conference as to how much has been pledged and paid to the MY Fund;
- 2) Each MYF observing pledge Sunday on either the last Sunday in May or the first Sunday in June; and sending its group pledge to Mrs. J. E. Yountz, Treasurer, Box 749, Statesville, immediately;
- 3) Re-emphasizing the year of 1964 as our goal for reaching \$1.00 per capita giving to the Methodist Youth Fund. (Our per capita giving for 1960-1961 was 69c, a 5c increase over the previous year. In other words, the 40,453 members of the MYF in our Conference gave \$28,000.43 to the MY Fund in 1960-1961, or an average of 69c per member.)
- 4) Paying our MY Fund pledges primarily through the medium of personal giving rather than through money-raising projects.
- 5) Paying individual pledges weekly or at least once a month; and submitting payments on group pledges to Mrs. J. E. Yountz at least quarterly.
5. That the Constitution of the Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship be amended or revised to allow the senior high members to be an organization separate and distinct from the older youth members; and that the following persons serve on the Revision Committee to bring a report of recommended changes to the annual sessions for their approval: Tony Craver, John Andrews,



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Thomas S. Lee, Jr., Director of Junior High Work
Paul H. Duckwall, Director of Senior High and Older Youth Work

Bruce Anne Parcell, Miss Ramona Morton and Rev. Paul H. Duckwall.

6. That each local, subdistrict and Conference MYF officer keep a record of all activities covered by his office and pass it on to his successor.

7. That an audience be sought with Bishop Harmon and his Cabinet for three representatives of the Council for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of the relationship which every minister should maintain with the youth and the youth program of his church, both in the local church and in the beyond-the-local-church youth program.

8. That because of school schedules which hinder the attendance of many Council members, the Western North Carolina Conference Youth Council consider holding its annual meeting in July, 1962, at Pfeiffer College.

B. Local Methodist Youth Fellowship:

1. That a special emphasis be placed on the junior high program within the local church with a continuation of Christian Adventure and the Conference and local church camping program.

2. That where the junior highs and the senior highs meet together in the local church, they be separated into two different groups, provided there will be as many as 5 members in each age group, in order that the needs of each may be met more effectively.

3. That every MYF have a youth activities week next calendar year.

4. That each MYF make to the subdistrict a quarterly self-evaluation report to be called a Quarterly Status Report, telling exactly what has been done as well as giving a resumé of future plans.

5. That the Senior High Reading Project Book for 1962 be **I Serve Through Christian Discipleship**, by Thomas R. Bennett, and that every senior high of the MYF be encouraged to read it carefully. (Order from Cokesbury, Fifth and Grace Streets, Richmond 16, Va., 35c single copy; 30c for 10 or more.)

6. That every MYF cooperate in promoting the church-wide program of missions which this year is the Christian Mission in Latin American Countries.

7. That every MYF plan to send its full quota of delegates to Camp Tekoa and to the Senior High Workshop and Assembly at Lake Junaluska in 1962.

8. That every MYF purchase for its elected officers and adult leaders the new manuals which are basic organizational and guidance materials; and that these manuals then be passed on to their successors in office.

9. That every MYF use the curriculum materials, both on Sunday morning and evening, prepared and/or recommended by The Methodist Church for their use.

10. That a continuing effort be exerted to increase membership in the local MYF, to the end that every youth in the community be actively identified with some youth fellowship.

11. That every MYF Council constantly evaluate the total program of its MYF in an effort to enrich the spiritual life and commitment of every member of the fellowship.

C. Subdistrict or District:

1. That subdistrict program area chairmen throughout each district meet at least twice a year to share and exchange ideas, problems, resource materials, etc.

2. That each subdistrict provide in its program each quarter a time for each local MYF to make its Quarterly Status Report (see Item 4 under Local Church).

3. That each subdistrict constantly help the local MYF by keeping it informed of new and vital materials which are available to make its total program more effective.

4. That each subdistrict provide its officers and adult leaders with the new **Notebook for Youth Work Beyond the Local Church** (2264-BC, 60c) and that these books be passed on to their successors in office.

5. That three subscriptions to **Information Sheet** be sent to each subdistrict (to the president, the adult counselor and to the editor or publicity chairman); and that each subdistrict be asked to pay \$3.00 for these subscriptions. (Make checks payable to Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Box 749, Statesville. Additional subscriptions are available at \$1.00 each).

6. That each subdistrict elect an adult adviser for each of its program areas.

7. That each subdistrict continue striving toward the total enlistment of the members of each local MYF in subdistrict activities.

8. That each subdistrict or district use a well-trained and well-informed youth fellowship team to organize and/or strengthen local MYFs. (Such teams are available from some of our Methodist colleges).

9. That each subdistrict continually evaluate its program to see if it is fulfilling its purpose of strengthening the local MYF—to the end that:

- a. The subdistrict programs are on the level of something a group of MYFs can do better than the local MYF can do alone;
- b. The subdistrict programs provide training experiences and set a high example for local MYFs to follow;
- c. The subdistrict programs help fulfill the needs of the local MYF.

10. That each subdistrict make use of all qualified resource persons in its area.

11. That each subdistrict plan to send its new president in 1962 to the Senior High Officers' Workshop at Lake Junaluska (June 25-30) and/or to the Southeastern MYF Workshop at Brevard (in July) and to the Conference Council Meeting for training.

WE RECOMMEND FURTHER, that the above recommendations be studied carefully by the council of each local Methodist Youth Fellowship, each subdistrict and any other Methodist Youth Fellowship group in the Western North Carolina Conference and that those recommendations which apply to its situation be adopted as goals for the year 1961-1962.

Fidelis Bible Class Honors Gurney Pope Hood

By MARY GARDNER

Gurney P. Hood, one of North Carolina's more prominent laymen, was honored by the Fidelis Bible Class of the Edenton Street Methodist Church at its annual banquet in the church's Fellowship Hall on September 12.

Nelson Gibson of Gibson, N. C., lay leader for the N. C. Methodist Annual Conference, and principal speaker, reviewed Hood's achievements in the fields of government, business, and the church. In the latter field Hood has held numerous offices on jurisdiction and conference levels, and has represented the conference at several General and Jurisdictional conferences. Currently he is serving as president of the Methodist Foundation, Inc., and chairman of the building committee for the Methodist Headquarters Building now under construction in Raleigh. Gibson gave as some characteristics of Hood: "A man of courage, determination, and vision—a dreamer, yet practical." The speaker was introduced by Blaine M. Madison.

Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor, described the honoree as "A man of tremendous convictions."

A plaque presented to Hood bears the inscription: "This citation presented by the Fidelis Class to Gurney Pope Hood in loving appreciation of his living example of Christian stewardship, Sept. 12, 1961." The presentation was made by Mrs. John W. Crawford, outgoing class presiding officer for the banquet's program.

Among other features of the program were installation of officers and teachers by the minister of education, the Rev. E. C. Shoaf, special music by Mrs. C. A. Dillon, Jr., and group singing.

Blaine M. Madison is the Fidelis Bible Class teacher, with Mrs. John W. Crawford, Mrs. L. A. Peacock, and the Rev. R. L. Nicks, as assistants.

Among the special guests were Mrs. Gurney P. Hood, and Willis Hood of Goldsboro, brother of the honoree.

Special Day — Plymouth Church



At the Rally Day program at Church School, Sunday, September 17, Homecoming was observed along with the launching of the United Witness for Christ and His Church. A skit entitled "To Serve the Present Age" was given by the Commission on Education with the cast consisting of W. F. Winslow, Mrs. Jean Stanfield, Michael Glass, Mary Elizabeth Dinkins, and Mrs. Ruby Sessoms. The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism, presented the year's program of evangelism and spoke at the eleven o'clock service on "Go Ye Therefore." The church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. A. D. Byrd, is making plans for carrying out the entire program of the United Witness.

Following the morning service, the congregation went to the fellowship hall where a delicious dinner was spread.

Mrs. R. F. Munns Died In Raleigh Sept. 12

Mrs. Lillie Munns, widow of the late Rev. R. F. Munns, passed away at her home, 2104 Pelham Street, Raleigh, N. C. on September 12, 1961.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Pauline M. Mullen, Mrs. Anne Wold, J. W. (Jack) Munns, Mrs. Lois Mock, Robert F. Munns, and Alton Munns.

Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, by the pastor, Rev. R. E. L. Moser, and burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Statesville Church Observes 50th Anniversary and Dedication

Bishop Noland B. Harmon spoke Sunday, September 17, at the 50th anniversary and dedication of the education building at the Boulevard Methodist Church, Statesville. He expressed concern over what he termed a note of defeatism and despondency among Christians, and reminded the congregation that Christians should always sound a note of gladness. He was aware of many things that cause discouragement, but contended that Christianity is a religion of great hope. A Christian note of triumph can sound above despair, he asserted.

Following the morning worship and dedication service a picnic lunch was served in the Fellowship Hall. Taking part in the dedication service for the education building with Bishop Harmon was Rev. G. E. White, pastor, Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, district superintendent of Statesville district, and Rev. O. Dewey Smith of Newton, a former pastor of the church. In the afternoon service the Rev. C. M. White, retired, of Asheville, who served as the second pastor of the Boulevard Church, preached.

Training School and Revival at First Church, Hendersonville

A Leadership Training School with six instructors for the Hendersonville area will begin on Sunday night, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. Revival services, with the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle as the guest minister, will begin on Sunday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. An appeal was made on September 17 for the Methodist Builder's Club with gratifying results.

The parsonage at First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, has been extensively and completely refurnished. The grounds are in the process of being replanted and landscaped. These improvements make the parsonage a new and completely modern home. An open house will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 8, from three to nine p.m. Rev. A. J. Cox is pastor.

Guilford College Methodists Occupied Their New Building September 3



Services were held for the first time on Sunday, September 3, at the new Guilford College Methodist Church. It is the first of three units to be built on the six-acre site on Oak Ridge Road at New Garden Road, Guilford College. The cost of this first unit was \$56,000 and is composed of eight classrooms, kitchen, worship-fellowship hall, furnace room and storage area. The church was organized in August, 1959, and now has a membership of 145. Rev. W. Thornton Hawkins is pastor of this growing church.

Pfeiffer College Opened With 888 Students

Pfeiffer College opened its 1961-62 year with a total enrollment of over 888 students as compared with 854 for the preceding year. The school opening was marked by a broadened emphasis on the part of faculty, student personnel staff and student leaders to challenge all students to greater academic achievements.

President J. Lem Stokes II, reports that all dormitories were filled to capacity. Some resident students were assigned temporary housing.

Pfeiffer's broadened emphasis of challenging each individual student to greater academic achievements is also designed to reduce the drop-out rate especially among members of the freshman and sophomore classes. Thirty-seven selected students are being utilized in a counseling program coordinated by the 17 members of the Student Personnel staff.

Leaders of this program are Pfeiffer Dean of Students Sterling D. Whitley and Dean of Women Mary E. Bethea. Dean Whitley, commenting on the goals of the program, stated:

"Pfeiffer College is not and should never be considered a modern assembly line which takes high school graduates as raw materials and processes them into scientists, teachers, ministers, businessmen and doctors. The best we can hope to do is provide an environment in which the student may learn.

"Our freshmen program is designed to help new students understand the purposes of Pfeiffer College, our emphasis on academic competence, the art of self-discipline in developing special talents and the importance of building sound social and spiritual foundations. We believe that when we are committed to these ideals and then transmit them to our new students, each student will be challenged to develop for himself a program of academic, spiritual and social development. Through this approach, the student may become the kind of person he wants to be."

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Maintain the spiritual glow."
Romans 12:11

We keep sinners from going to hell by getting hell out of sinners. We do not want to turn bad men loose in heaven but plant heaven into the hearts of bad men.

We are not coaches teaching Christians how to outrun trouble but making them so daring and stouthearted that trouble will run from them, or wish it had.

Aunt Sarah Hood said, "I have only two teeth left but thank God they hit." Mrs. North said, "Run along, my hungry lad, and bring in the last chicken and I will add a little gravy each day so we can have a few more days to praise God."

In the midst of trouble we preachers eat fish and laugh. One fish turned the tables on us and ate a preacher and laughed, but he soon found that he had more brains in his belly than he had in his head.

International Symposium To Be Held At Duke University

A pioneering attack on the problems of the world's children will be launched through an international symposium at Duke University, Durham October 4-8. Half-day sessions on problems in education and culture, population and economics, health and social structure will draw experts from England, Canada and the United States. The program will honor Dr. Wilburt C. Davison, retired dean of Duke School of Medicine internationally known educator and pediatrician. Final address will be "The Spiritual and Emotional Awareness of the Commonwealth of Children" by the Rev. Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of Duke Chapel.

Oak View Methodist Church High Point, To Hold Revival

A revival will begin at Oak View Methodist Church, High Point, October 15-19, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robert M. Hardee. Services of preparation for the revival will begin on Monday, October 9. Silent prayer meeting at the church 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 10. A church-wide prayer meeting at the church 7:30, conducted by Jack Clodfelter, a Sunday School teacher and lay speaker. On October 11 and 12 the Rev. Dr. C. E. Rozzelle will bring two messages.

The Oak View Church is in a fast growing residential section of High Point.

Dr. Weldon To Visit Holy Land

Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, will leave New York October 1 for a visit to the Holy Land, which will include visits to Rome, Italy; Athens, Greece; Cairo, Egypt; thence to Lebanon, Jordan, Israel for visits to points of Biblical interest. En route from Tel Aviv, Israel to New York he will have a day and night in Lisbon, Portugal. On the return trip he will stop over at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, to conduct Religious Emphasis Services, and return to Charlotte October 26. In his absence the Myers Park pulpit will be filled by the Rev. William Bobbitt, Jr., associate minister; Dr. E. H. Blackard, district superintendent; and Rev. Charles E. Shannon, of Grace Church, Greensboro.

Tribute To Dag Hammarskiold

(Bishop John Wesley Lord, bishop of the Washington Area of the Methodist Church, released the following statement from his office last week.)

"In his great heart was a concern for the small as well as the large nations.

He moved and acted with the quiet assurance of a man in possession of all the facts, and before the world typified integrity and imperturbability in an hour of mounting tensions.

His death has weakened the foundations of the United Nations but his heroic sacrifice of life makes more imperative every man's dedication to the greater humanity in which he believed and which he envisioned in the structure of the United Nations organization."

Milford Hills Men's Club Observes Ladies' Night

The Men's Club of Milford Hills Church Salisbury, met Tuesday evening, September 19, in the Fellowship Hall for a steak supper, prepared and served by the men to their wives in observance of Ladies Night. The invocation was given by Rev. Everett Freeman.

Mr. O. P. Casteen, vice-president, presided over the business session, and Mr. Duke Hoffman, program chairman, presented the speaker, Mr. C. C. Erwin, County Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Erwin took as his theme, "The Church of Tomorrow." He pointed out that with the increasing speed of communication, the church is facing a world in revolution of Christianity versus Communism, that the church must recognize that this is the space age, and that Christianity is not keeping pace with the population explosion.

Supt. Erwin stressed that the church must therefore make use of the growing communications; take a positive stand against Communism and recognize it as the evil it is; recognize that this is the space age and that whoever controls the space controls the world; strive to keep pace with the population and spread the Christian doctrine at home and abroad.

Guests present besides Mr. and Mrs. Erwin were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeGannet of Rhode Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seaman of Salisbury.

Men who had birthdays this past month were: Paul Anderson, W. D. Campbell, H. C. Carter, Walter Jones, H. W. Pickett, Stacy Smith, and E. A. Verell.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Freeman.

Dr. Everette L. Walker New Dean Illinois Wesleyan University

Dr. Everette L. Walker, a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education, has become dean of Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington.

The announcement was made by the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Education. A successor will be named at a later date, he said.

Dr. Walker joined the Illinois Wesleyan staff September 8, said Dr. Gross.

Dr. Walker became a staff member of the Division of Higher Education in 1957. He was an associate director of the division's Department of Educational Institutions, and he had special responsibility for student loans and scholarships and personnel and placement.

He was dean-registrar at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., before coming to the General Board of Education. Before that, he was for nine years at Evansville (Ind.) College, where he taught and did administrative work.

A native of Illinois, Dr. Walker attended Illinois Wesleyan and has a bachelor of arts degree from Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. He has a master of arts degree from Chicago Theological Seminary and doctor of education degree from Indiana University of Chicago.

Charlotte Methodist Home To Have Additional Building

Plans for a new 250-bed, six story Methodist Home nursing facility to cost more than \$3 million were announced in Charlotte last week. It will care for the infirm aged.

Construction on a site adjacent to the present Methodist Home for the Aged is expected to begin about Nov. 1. Funds from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference and the Hill-Burton hospital assistance act will be used to erect the building. It will be open to all faiths.

The present Methodist Home cares for about 225 elderly persons, but residents must be able to care for themselves when admitted. After admittance they become the home's responsibility and are cared for even in infirmity.

Methodist officials say the new hospital-nursing facility will make it possible for the home to admit any elderly person.

The new building will be of contemporary design in contrast to the present home's colonial architecture. It will include complete hospital facilities except for operating room, and will be equipped to handle mental patients. A chapel will be included on the ground floor.

Southern Pines Church Observes Its Seventh Anniversary

Southern Pines Methodist Church observed its seventh anniversary on September 12th. These seven years have been eventful years and years of progress. Many things have happened and much has been accomplished. A beautiful church building has been erected and is in use with an indebtedness of only approximately \$24,000. The congregation has grown from nothing to 288 members and has achieved an enrollment of 213 in the Sunday School.

There are active men's, women's and youth organizations in the church and the church is well-organized. All that has been accomplished is due to the goodness of God. Three pastors have served—Rev. E. E. Whitley, Rev. R. L. Bame and Rev. R. C. Mooney, Jr. It is hoped the next seven years may see even greater progress.

Rev. Alison Simonton Associate Dean of Pastors' Conference

At the close of the Pastor's Conference on Evangelism, held at Louisburg College, the Board of Managers met and elected Rev. Alison Simonton of Durham to be Associate Dean for next year. He will assist Rev. J. Kern Ormond as dean in 1962 and then become dean in 1963.

The pastors' annual conference is sponsored jointly by the Conference Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commission of the North Carolina Annual Conference. It is planned and supervised by a Board of Managers composed of Rev. C. Freeman Heath, chairman; Rev. Wade Goldston, secretary; Rev. Key W. Taylor, representing Town and Country; and Rev. Paul C. Browning, representing the Board of Evangelism.

Before The Event

By E. HAROLD MOHN

Exceptions have become the rule. Life today is full of the unexpected. Eventualities confront us every day and everywhere. There are no exceptions.

Laos is far away. We are more familiar with Korea. Cuba is on our doorstep. The controversy over Berlin seems, as this is written, to be rapidly approaching a grave crisis. Disturbing reports come from the Caribbean, and riots continue in Tunisia. Nor is the United States exempt. We are directly involved in every situation.

An exploding world everywhere around us may not surprise but it need not dismay us. When the disciples, paralyzed with fear, locked themselves in, Christ appeared and these distraught men caught his spirit. Then they burst through barred doors and went out to transform the world.

This is the business of the followers of Christ: to create a new spirit to minister "unto the least of these" our brothers and to change things for the better. Around the globe the power of an emerging human spirit has broken out. It pushes up toward new light and new life. Who can say that it is not divinely motivated?

That spirit now emerges in the Congo. Long ago our missionaries anticipated it and pleaded with us to be ready. It has broken out in Angola and now simmers in Mozambique. Self-seeking leaders play politics with these urges. Communists wait to rush in when hesitation and fear create a vacuum of inaction.

The power of this new spirit will be neither confined nor contained. It is reported that 1,000 refugees pour out of Castro's "tight little island" every week onto our Florida shores. Castro needs money and materials very badly. He bargains for what he cannot buy, trading free spirits for machines. Meanwhile, refugees that escape seek asylum and a chance to live in our country. MCOR has granted already \$28,000 for relief.

When the Polytechnic Institute, to train national leaders and workers, was started in the Congo, MCOR gave the first \$20,000. This Institute is such a boon to the people of the Congo that all Protestant churches are now urged to extend its services, and MCOR is asked for an additional \$100,000.

Who will be next? The inner spirit of desire and hope and promise will not down anywhere. It explodes everywhere. The struggle for something better and higher is on the increase.

This may be our most difficult problem. Certainly it is our greatest Christian opportunity. Ours is the rare privilege of meeting spirit with spirit; to answer in terms of human relief and personal rehabilitation; to apply redemptive forces that minister to the minds and hearts and welfare of all who struggle to be free, and to the innocent victims of violence wherever and whoever they are.

THE METHODIST COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS RELIEF calls upon the whole church to fill its storehouse full of human concern, Christian love, and dedicated treasure. It calls for filled bins even

before emergencies come; before explosions occur; before eventualities catch us with too little and too late.

When the recent earthquake disaster struck down our people in Chile, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief was asked immediately for \$50,000. Did we have it? No, but the request was granted by borrowing the full amount.

When a typhoon devastated Japan and Korea and Okinawa in the late summer of 1959, MCOR immediately advanced \$9,000 and appealed to the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation to challenge the whole church to boost its World-wide Communion offering to meet the crises.

The General Conference has set aside only a few Sundays annually for special offerings. The next October 1 is one of the most important. On that day the opportunity comes to every pastor and his people to offer the kind of treasure in sufficient amounts that will make provision in advance for eventualities that are earthshaking in character.

In an hour when the emerging spirit of man may be ministered to with Christian understanding, love, and generosity —

1. Every Methodist pastor is requested to give his people the information and the opportunity to give to the Communion Offering, October 1, 1961.

2. Every Methodist will cherish this opportunity to contribute as he is able.

3. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and its co-workers in the Fellowship of Suffering and Service (the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities) have a full storehouse of resources ready for a world-wide ministry to human need—*before the event.*

Do this in the name of Christ and His Church. Do it on Sunday, October 1, 1961, through your World-wide Communion offering.



Pictured above are the District Directors of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, together with Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director, as they met recently to plan the program. Left to right are: Rev. B. L. Davidson, New Bern District; Rev. W. J. Neese, Rocky Mount District; Rev. Al Simonton, Durham District; Rev. J. H. Miller, Jr., Goldsboro District; Rev. I. E. Cook, Elizabeth City District; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director; Rev. Paul Browning, Wilmington District; Rev. Lafon Vereen, Raleigh District; Rev. C. J. Andrews, Fayetteville District; Rev. W. S. Potter, Burlington District.

Five Noted Clergymen Play Key Roles in Pastors' School at Duke

Durham, N. C.—Five noted clergymen have been chosen for key roles in the Christian Convocation and North Carolina Pastors' School to be offered along with the James A. Gray Lectures at Duke University, Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

The program annually attracts several hundred persons from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and other nearby states.

Dr. Albert C. Outler, Professor of Theology at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, will deliver the series of four James A. Gray Lectures, using as his topic, "The Forging of the Wesleyan Theology."

Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Washington Area of The Methodist Church will serve as Convocation preacher, delivering two sermons in Duke Chapel during the course of the three-day event.

Two special lecturers have been named for the Pastors' School and each will deliver three addresses. They are Dr. Jesse H. Ziegler, Associate Director of the American Association of Theological Schools, Dayton, Ohio, who will talk on "Psychology and the Ministry;" and Dr. Frank Baker, Associate Professor of Church History at Duke University, who also is Secretary of the British Wesley Historical Society. Dr. Baker's topic will be "Early Methodist Worship: The Three Distinctive Services—The Love-Feast, The Watch-Night and The Covenant Service."

Fifth speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Leon Russell, minister of Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington, who has been designated Alumni Lecturer. In addition, he will serve as chairman of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School.

Dr. Robert E. Cushman, Dean of the Duke Divinity School, will serve as Convocation chairman; Dr. James T. Cleland, Dean of the Chapel at Duke, will be chairman of the Gray Lectures; Dr. McMurry Richey, Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Nurture in the Duke Divinity School, will serve as Director of the convocation and Pastors' School; and the Rev.

Harmon L. Smith, Assistant to the Dean of the Duke Divinity School, as Assistant Director.

In addition, reunion dinners are scheduled on the evening of Oct. 30 by the Divinity School Classes of '37, '52, '55, '56, and '57, and an Alumni Association luncheon is slated for Oct. 31.

Dr. Outler, prior to assuming his present post, served Methodist pastorates in the South Georgia Conference and was professor of theology at Duke and Yale. A past president of the American Theological Society, he was a delegate to the Third World Conference on Faith and Order at Lund in 1951 and the North American Conference on Faith and Order at Oberlin in 1957. He also is chairman of a North American section of the Faith and Order Theological Study Commission, and has delivered several distinguished theological lectureships.

Bishop Lord has been in charge of the Washington Area since 1960. He was elected bishop in 1948 after two decades of pastoral service in the Newark Conference, and assigned to the Boston Area until he moved to Washington last year. He has held important denominational, ecumenical and educational posts. Among his present Methodist positions are the vice-presidency of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns and membership on the General Board of Education. He was formerly president of the Massachusetts Council and is now a vice-president of the National Council of Churches, a member of its General Board and a member of the World Council of Churches. Bishop Lord also is vice-president of the Board of Visitors of Harvard Divinity School, and a trustee of a number of institutions, including Boston University.

Dr. Ziegler came to his present post in 1959 after 18 years on the faculty at Bethany Biblical Seminary, Chicago, as Professor of Psychology and Christian Education. Prior to that time he was for six years pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland for six years.

Dr. Frank Baker, a Methodist minister who is a foremost Methodist historian and

bibliographer, is a native of Hull, England, who came to Duke University in 1960. His prominence in Methodist historical scholarship and ecumenical affairs is attested by many years as secretary of the Wesley Historical Society and the British Methodist Archives Commission, joint secretary of the International Methodist Historical Society, member of the World Methodist Council and of its executive committee and delegate to World Methodist Council meetings at Oxford in 1951, Lake Junaluska in 1956 and Oslo in 1961. At present, in addition to his teaching duties at Duke, Dr. Baker is engaged in the basic bibliographical research for a new edition of John Wesley's works, under the sponsorship of Duke and four other Methodist theological schools and universities.

The Rev. Mr. Russell was one of the early recipients of the B.D. degree from Duke University and has been selected by the Divinity School Alumni Association to serve as the second annual Alumni Lecturer. Since receiving his degree from Duke in 1930, has been a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference. He came to his present appointment in July after a notable eight-year pastorate at First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. He is president of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, and a trustee of the Methodist Home for Children and of North Carolina Wesleyan College.



REV. LEON RUSSELL



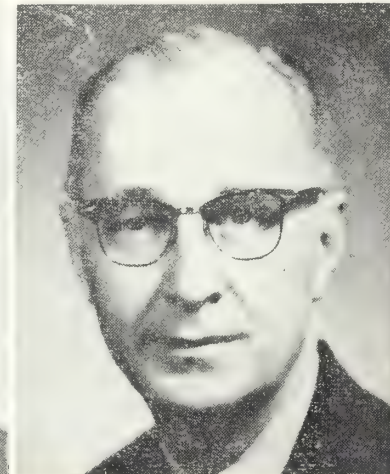
BISHOP JOHN WESLEY LORD



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DR. ALBERT C. OUTLER

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich to Conduct Preaching Mission in Concord

The 13th annual Houston Preaching Mission will be held in Central Church, Concord, October 1-5, with Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. of Dallas, Tex., as guest minister.

Made possible by the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Houston, Central members, the Mission annually brings to Concord outstanding preachers of major Protestant denominations.

It is an interdenominational series which, though traditionally held in the Houston's home church, is designed for all church goers in the Concord area.

Dr. Goodrich is known for his sermons on the Methodist series of the Protestant Hour. The pastor of First Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., having served there since 1946.

Born in Cleburne, Tex., in 1909, his father also was a Methodist minister.

Dr. Goodrich received his education at Centenary Academy, Centenary College, Birmingham-Southern, and Southern Methodist University. He holds the honorary doctorate from Centenary.

As a student at Centenary, he played with the football team when "The Centenary Gentlemen" were famous.

A man with many interests, Dr. Goodrich, while studying for the ministry at Southern Methodist, became director of the Mustang Band. It was he who developed the trend in popular music for college bands. During his final year as director, the band played 13 weeks in theaters in major cities. Dr. Goodrich, also as a ministerial student, inaugurated the Pigskin Review, annual band show on the SMU campus.

Dr. Goodrich is an author as well as a musician and preacher. He has had two books published—"What's It All About?" and "Reach For The Sky." A third book, "Hide It In Your Heart" is near ready for publication.

The Texas minister includes radio and television work among his achievements.

At one time, he was director of a radio station in Shreveport, La.; and he inaugurated the first Methodist radio program broadcast over a Texas network.

Entering the field of television in 1950, Dr. Goodrich created a weekly dramatic show, "The Pastor Calls," which was continued for nine years. Under the title, "The Pastor," it was distributed to more than 300 television stations.

At present, Dr. Goodrich appears on a Texas television station every fourth Sunday.

Dr. Goodrich, who served Wesley Methodist Church in Port Arthur prior to going to Dallas, has been preacher for many missions and revivals across the country as well as speaker for religious emphasis weeks on college and university campuses. Each year, he also preaches at one or more "cowboy camp meetings" in New Mexico and other western states.

In 1960, he was the Wilson lecturer at Centenary College in Shreveport.

Dr. Goodrich has been, and is, active in the work of the Methodist Church. He currently is chairman of the council, Southern Central jurisdiction, and also is chairman of the council, North Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

WNC Rural Fellowship Will Discuss Appalachian Studies

Findings from The Appalachian Studies will be discussed by Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Black Mountain and Dr. J. W. Sells of Atlanta when the W. N. C. Methodist Rural Fellowship has its Retreat November 27, 28. The meeting will be held in First Methodist Church, Mocksville.

The findings of the study have such far-reaching importance that a large attendance is expected. Calendars should be marked now by those expecting to attend this annual event.

Elizabeth City District To Hold Youth Rally

A rally for all Methodist youth in churches of the Elizabeth City District will be held at the Methodist Church in Edenton, N. C., on Saturday, September 30, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. The youth will take picnic lunches. The morning program includes a hymn sing; welcome by the N.Y.F. president in the host church and the district president, Sam McPherson III, of Elizabeth City; a film on the M.Y. Fund for Missions "The Stepsitters"; and brief presentations of the five program areas in the M.Y.F.

After lunch there will be a service of worship. Miss Audrey Dowdy of South Mills will give a report on her trip to the Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska as delegate from the district. The inspirational message of the day will be brought by the Rev. T. A. Collins, President of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, after which the new district officers will be installed by the District Director of Youth Work, the Rev. Harry Jordan of Murfreesboro.

Other officers are as follows: Franklin McCoogan of Hertford, vice-president; Miss Deb Younce of Belhaven, secretary; Miss Anne Pierce, Sunbury, treasurer; Miss Eloise Wooley of Elizabeth City, chairman, Program Area of Christian Faith; Teddy Defabio of Kitty Hawk, Christian Witness chairman; Joe Leggett of Washington, Christian Citizenship chairman; Miss Carol Brown of Hobbsville, Christian Outreach chairman; and Billy Perry of Hertford, Christian Fellowship chairman; and Miss Jackie Lassiter of Murfreesboro, publicity superintendent.

Membership Training Classes In Mexican Methodist Churches

Each of the 37 Mexican Methodist churches that were involved in an evangelistic mission in August has a new membership training class as a result of the mission in which 22 U. S. Methodist ministers participated.

This was prepared by the Rev. Howard Ellis, Nashville, director of U. S. Methodist participation in the mission and staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism.

The evangelistic mission August 1-20 reached a total of 22,796 persons in 243 services in all parts of Mexico, said Mr. Ellis. Other results were 115 probationary members, 40 baptisms, and 935 reconsecrations.

Bishop Eleazar Guerra, head of the autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico, said, "This was not only an evangelistic mission. This was a mission of good will between people of North America and Latin America."

The mission was a part of a year-long evangelistic emphasis by Mexican Methodism.

The U. S. ministers were nominated by their bishops and invited to participate by the Methodist general boards of evangelism and missions.



Shown above is the New Connelly Springs Methodist Church. The congregation has cleared the church of indebtedness, and it was dedicated last Sunday, September 24. Dr. Fletcher Nelson preached the dedicatory sermon and conducted the dedication service. Rev. C. R. McKinney is now in his third year as pastor.



Woman's Activities



WSG Executive Committee Holds Meeting

By MARY GARDNER

Approximately 600,000 Methodist women in the United States are not members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild, and only about 50 per cent of the Methodist women within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference are affiliated with either of these organizations. This startling statement was made by Mrs. C. H. Boyd, conference secretary of promotion, before members of the executive committee of the North Carolina Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at their recent meeting at Raleigh's downtown S and W Cafeteria. Miss Juanita Stott, conference Guild secretary, presided.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service is making a study of what is happening to the Methodist women, and how to enlist more members for the WSCS and the WSG, Mrs. Boyd declared. She cited the need for local Guilds to study their respective church rolls, ascertain the members of eligible non-Guild members and invite them to become affiliated with the organization in their church. They could and should be a nucleus for new Guild units, Mrs. Boyd said.

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, president of the N. C. Conference WSCS urged that WSG members cooperate with the local churches in the ensuing "United Witness for Christ and His Church" evangelistic effort this fall.

The conference treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, reported a \$640.00 increase in giving by the Guilds during the first quarter 1961-62 over the same period of the previous conference year, \$409.00 of which increase was in pledges. Mrs. Vereen called for greater emphasis on increase in pledge giving; in Special Memberships and in financial giving resulting from mission study classes. The needs of the various areas of projects should be studied, she said.

Miss Stott appointed committees for the 1962 Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSG to be held in the First Methodist Church next April. These include: Dedication of Annual Meeting Program, Mrs. D. C. Fussell, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, Mrs. Lena Gray; Special Memberships, Mrs. W. C. Gardner, Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Miss Lillie Smith.

Among other items on the meeting's agenda were plans for the Annual District Meetings, and reports of district WSG secretaries and conference chairmen of lines of work.

How One WSCS Grew in Membership

Unique method of enlisting new members tried by one WSCS paid gratifying dividends.

A worship setting was prepared on a table covered with a blue cloth and bearing an unlighted candle in a brass candlestick. With this setting at the society's meetings the names of women in that church who were not members of the WSCS were called. These women were visited and told that an unlighted candle was seen at the WSCS meeting and thus have the candle lighted for her. It has been reported that this method was the means of gaining a number of new members for this society.

VIEQUES CLINIC

A combination clinic and milk dispensary, a home missions project on tiny Vieques island near Puerto Rico, has been relocated and rebuilt to provide better service to the needy people of a small village. This is truly a cooperative project. The Woman's Division of Christian Service furnishes a practical nurse, the Division of National Missions provides the building and some equipment; the Puerto Rican government pays the doctor and furnishes supplies and equipment.

The new building was constructed partially by volunteer labor from Marines of the Sixth Division (there is a large Marine base on Vieques). Mission workers continue outpatient treatment and post-natal care, immunizations and diagnosis, and give milk formulas daily for babies.

—The Methodist Woman

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Supply Work Askings — 1961-1962

The mission projects which are included on the list to receive funds from the Supply Work for this year were announced this week by Mrs. H. J. Wise of Gibsonville, Conference secretary of Supply Work.

A total of \$22,254 is asked by the Woman's Division of Christian Service from the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference. \$5,964 of this is for foreign specials and \$16,290 for home askings.

The first and third quarters have been designated as the time for foreign missions. These askings are: the Medical School and Severance Nursing School of Seoul, Korea, \$3,400 for furniture, teaching materials and library; \$2,000 for mission work in Japan; \$564 for equipment for the Hart-

zell Teacher Training School in Southern Rhodesia, Africa.

The askings for the home missions cover the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters. Six of the 11 projects listed in this group are located within the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference and four of the projects are Rural Work.

The North Carolina projects include Pfeiffer College, \$6,500 for laundry equipment and athletic equipment; Bethlehem Center, Charlotte, \$242 for supplies; and Cherokee Methodist Center, \$200 equipment and car expense.

The Rural Work projects are: Yancey County, \$716 for equipment and furniture; Greater Mt. Airy Parish, \$960 for equipment and office; the new Denton Area Rural Work in the Thomasville District, \$900 for equipment and supplies; the Holston Valley Rural Work in Johnson City, Tenn., \$400 for workers.

The askings for Avery County and Clay County Rural Work and also Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem and part of the askings for Bethlehem Center in Charlotte were given to other conferences.

The askings for other home projects are \$4,000 for Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., for equipment and instruments; \$4,150 for the Elizabeth Ritter Hall of Tennessee Wesleyan College at Athens, Tenn., for furniture; \$200 for the Ethel Harpst Home in Cedartown, Ga. for clothing for students; and \$1,000 for Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn.

These askings will be divided and allocated to the 13 districts in the Western North Carolina Conference. Each district secretary of supply work will be notified of what is needed from her district.

Special Christmas Askings

Three projects have a special need at Christmas time. The Bethlehem Center at Charlotte will need 50 Christmas gifts for primary boys and girls. The Bethlehem Center at Winston-Salem will need funds for their Christmas party. The Cherokee Methodist Center has asked for new clothing for all ages, and toys and books for children.

Mrs. Wise has asked that these items be sent by December 1st, in order that the regular Christmas mailing rush may be avoided.

Wesleyan Service Guild Askings—1961-62

The askings for supply work for the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference amount to \$2,235. \$704 of this amount is for foreign project and \$1,328 for home projects. Their magazine and picture fund will amount to \$203.

The funds for foreign work are: Africa Tunda and Lodja conferences, \$135; India Gujarat conference, \$45; East Asia, Japan Nagasaki Christian Community Center and Ewha University Hospitals in Korea, \$324 and \$200 for work in Latin America.

The home askings are for the following projects: Ferrum Junior College, Ferrum, Va., \$275; Wilson Inn, Richmond, Va. \$182; Killingsworth Home, Columbia, S. C., \$950; Methodist Student Center, Greenville, N. C., \$135; Brooks-Howell Home Asheville, N. C., \$26; Ethel Harpst Home Cedartown, Ga., \$250; Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Miss., \$246; Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., \$104; and Elizabeth

Ritter Hall, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn., \$100.

Bandages To Foreign Fields

The societies who plan to send bandages to foreign fields are asked to send the boxes to the Board of Missions where they will be forwarded to the worker to whom they are directed.

The address is The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, c/o Neptune Warehouse, 571 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

The cost of repacking and shipping will be paid by the Board of Missions.

This will reduce the costs on boxes of materials requested by overseas workers.

The packages for Miss Jewel Lineberger in Liberia should be marked as follows: (*Name of contents*) for Ganta, Liberia. The work of Miss Jewell Lineberger.

All bandages should be packed in plastic bags.

This information is from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

WNC Recreation Workshop To Be Held in Greensboro

The second annual Recreational workshop of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will be held Oct. 13 and 14 in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro.

About 150 persons are expected for a program designated to stimulate interest and insight into the use of recreation as a means of developing Christian experience and growth, and to give practical guidance and training to those who have leadership responsibility for the program of fellowship and recreation in the total program of the church.

Study subjects will include creative activities for children, folk games and dances, informal drama, music in recreation, social recreation and philosophy and program.

The workshop is open to persons living outside the Western North Carolina Conference area, and also to those of other denominations.

Instructors will be Mrs. Virginia Adams of Troutman, N. C., former director of Christian education and now a minister's wife; Miss Nina H. Reeves of Birmingham, Ala., director of youth work in the North Alabama Conference; the Rev. Troy J. Barrett of Warrenton, N. C., the Rev. Richard Hunter of Sylacauga, Ala.; Miss Huldah L. Lineberry of Raleigh, assistant director of the N. C. Recreation Commission; and the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, minister of education at the host church.

Workshop coordinators are the Rev. Paul Duckwall, conference director of youth work, and Miss Louise Robinson, conference director of children's work, both of Staetsville, N. C.; and the Rev. Mr. Hipps.

No one below senior high age will be registered, with registration deadline being Oct. 6. Registrations or inquiries should be sent to Miss Robinson, P. O. Box 749, Staetsville, N. C.

The program will open at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, and will continue until about 10 p.m., reopening at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, and lasting until 9 p.m. All sessions will be in the education building of West Market Street Church.

Raleigh District Plans Fall Evangelistic Drive

Plans for the forthcoming United Christian Witness Mission in the Raleigh District were launched last week at the Highland Methodist Church, Raleigh.

Seventy-one Methodist ministers of the Raleigh District met with the district superintendent, the Rev. Graham S. Eubank,



and the district committee on evangelism to perfect the plans for the fall evangelistic drive being sponsored by the Methodists of eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Eubank presided over the session with various ministers from the five-county district participating in the explanation of the different aspects of the crusade.

Instruction regarding the preparation for the census on Oct. 22 was given by the Rev. Warren Petteway, pastor of First Methodist Church in Henderson. Petteway cautioned the ministers to plan carefully "or else the program will be haphazardly presented."

The second phase, the training of the visitors for the evangelistic calls on prospects, was thoroughly explained by the Rev. Troy Barrett of Warrenton.

Immediately preceding the visitation evangelism program November 25-28, the churches of the entire North Carolina Conference will be engaged in a 24-hour prayer vigil. The Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church, urged the ministers to realize the importance of this phase of the evangelism crusade.

Rev. Mr. Eubank told the ministers of the massive rallies to be held in each of the nine districts on the evening of Dec. 5. The Raleigh district rally will be held at the Edenton Street Methodist Church. Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding episcopal officer of the conference, will speak to the Methodists gathered in nine eastern Tar Heel cities over a telephone hook-up originating at Edenton Street. The results of the overall campaign will then be announced.

Also participating on the day's program were the Rev. Kern Ormond and the Rev. C. F. Grill, Ormond, a Bailey minister, spoke regarding the training and assimilation of new members. Grill presented the importance of church membership training classes for children.

A skit that presented the "how" of visitation evangelism was presented by Bob McKenzie, Kimsey King, Bob Eason, Jack Hunter and Mrs. Fannie Vereen.

The Rev. A. F. Fisher was host pastor.



Nearly every means except Christianity has been tried to rid of war—some day, it is to be hoped, that will be tried.

Portuguese Arrest Four Methodist Missionaries

Four more Methodist missionaries have been arrested by Portuguese secret police in Angola, where a civil war between white settlers and Africans has been ranging for nearly six months.

According to the Methodist Board of Missions in New York, charges against the four missionaries are unknown.

Two of the missionaries, the Rev. Wendell Lee Golden, of Rockford, Ill., and Marion Way, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., were reportedly arrested in Luanda, Angola's capital. The others, Fred Brancel, of Endeavor, Wis., and the Rev. Edwin LeMaster, of Lexington, Ky., were said to have been picked up in Quessua.

They bring to five the number of Methodist missionaries arrested by Portuguese police in almost two months. On July 14, the Rev. Raymond E. Noah, of Palco, Kan., was arrested and imprisoned for 28 days. When released, he was deported.

Officials of the Board of Missions feel that the arrest of the four missionaries is a continuation of Government action against Protestant work in the country. The Portuguese, they say, have been bearing down on Protestants because they are one of the few groups left inside the country that have criticized government policies in the colony.

"In many quarters," Board officials said, Portuguese whites feel protestants are greatly to blame for the Africans' demand for political and social improvements."

Mr. LeMaster, 39, has been a missionary in Angola since 1952. He was director of the William Taylor Institute, a boys' elementary school and co-educational secondary and teacher-training school. He spent a year studying in Portugal before going to Angola.

Brancel, 33, a Methodist layman, has been doing agricultural demonstration teaching and village improvement work in Angola also since 1952. For two years he was supervisor of industrial shop work and livestock breeding and improvement at the Central Methodist Training School in Quessua, where both he and Mr. LeMaster were reportedly arrested by the Portuguese secret police.

Mr. Golden, 36, who returned to his station in Angola on July 23, after completing a year's furlough in the U. S., has been a missionary since 1954, mostly doing evangelistic and religious work.

Marion Way, Jr., 31, also a layman, went to Angola in 1951 to work with young people and village churches. He helped supervise camps and institutes to train Angolese youth to become church leaders and was a counsellor in a dormitory at the boys' school.

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WITHOUT JESUS!

Jim was a boy of thirteen years, a jolly, fun-loving youngster, who was well liked by the clean and wholesome young people in the community. He was a member of the church, and attended regularly his Sunday School and other church gatherings of boys and girls of his age. He had accepted the Lord Jesus, and was happy in the knowledge that he was a Christian. However, like most young people, he took Jesus for granted, and it had never occurred to him what life would be like without Him.

One night Jim dreamed that he and his mother went to visit in a town where the family had lived when he was a younger boy. As they reached the edge of the town they were surprised at being stopped by a sad-faced man who asked them why they had come. When told that they wanted to see once again the old familiar places, and the friends they had known before, the man replied, "You will be terribly disappointed, for everything is changed. But go on into town and see for yourself."

As they started down the street, Jim looked at his mother with questioning eyes, and she too was puzzled by what the man had said. They went first to the corner where they had spent happy Sabbaths worshiping in a small white church. But the church was no longer there. They asked a shabby looking man standing nearby, "What has become of the little church?" "Lady," he replied, "there ain't been no churches in this town for quite some years now." And he turned and walked away.

Jim and his mother were silent as they went down another street which they used to walk frequently on their way to visit folk in the hospital. When they reached the hospital corner there was no building there, and the vacant lot was overgrown with weeds. Upon inquiry they learned that the town had no hospital any more, and that no one cared much about the sick and afflicted people. "Mother, what do you suppose has happened?" said Jim. His mother only shook her head.

Over on the next street where Jim had attended school in the big red school house years before, there was now a gambling house, with dark doors and windows, and rough men with hard faces going in and out.

In the section of town where Jim's father had lived, they discovered that

their friends and neighbors had all moved away, and the people living there now were careless and wicked, and the houses shabby and run down.

They walked up one street and down the other, and everywhere there were evidences of sin and ungodly living. Door after door opened into saloons and gambling dens. Men and women plodded wearily to and fro, with dull and listless eyes. The children were used in hard labor, and their bodies were weak from lack of food and care. As evening came on there were few lights in the houses, and most of these shone dimly through darkened windows.

"Oh, Mother!" cried Jim, as he clung to her, with fear gripping his heart. "I can't bear to see any more of my dear old home town they way it is now. Let's go—back again to the place where life is happy and good."

"Yes, son, let's go now," replied his mother, as she looked through her tears into his clear young face.

When they reached the edge of the town, the man with the sad countenance was there to meet them, and ready to answer their unspoken questions.

"During the years after you and many others left this town," he said, "the people became hard and wicked. They decided to have no more to do with God or Jesus. They tore down the churches, hospitals and schools, and destroyed everything else that Christianity stood for. No one was allowed to speak God's name, and the children have grown up with no knowledge of Him. This is a town without Jesus!"

With these words ringing in their ears, Jim and his mother returned to their home. As they neared the gateway of their bright and comfortable home—

"Jim! It's time to get up."

Rubbing his eyes, he awoke slowly, to see the sunshine flooding his room, and the beautiful face of his mother above him. As always, he drew her into his arms and kissed her. Then, with the dream still real in his mind, he rushed to the window to see if the spire of his church was still there, and if the big hospital still stood on the hill overlooking the town. He also looked excitedly down the street to the corner where his new and modern school stood.

With eyes aglow he turned back to his mother, who was not a little puzzled by his unusual manner of getting up. Then he told her of his dream of the town without Jesus.

"Oh, Mother," he said, "I've always known and loved Jesus, but I never knew before how very much He means to me and to everybody. I know now that it's because of Him and His love that we have churches and hospitals and schools. In towns where Jesus is, most of the homes are clean, and children are well cared for and have a chance to go to school and church. And Jesus' presence in the hearts of people makes them kind and loving, and puts a light in their faces."

Putting his arms around his mother again, Jim said radiantly, "I'm so happy that Jesus is in my heart, in our home, and in our town! And I want to help make it possible for Him to be known and loved in all the world."

"God bless you, my son!" whispered his mother, as she held him close to her heart."

—ELIZABETH WHISNER

Real Treasure

*Some would gather money
Along the path of life;
Some would gather roses,
And rest from worldly strife.
But I would gather children
From among the thorns of sin;
I would seek a golden curl
And a freckled toothless grin.
For money cannot enter
In that land of endless day,
And the roses that are gathered.
Soon will wilt along the way.
But oh, the laughing children,
As I cross the Sunset Sea,
And the gates swing wide to Heaven,
I can take them in with me!*

—ANGELINE GARNIER

Charles

A kind old gentleman had stopped a little boy who was on his way home from school, and was talking to him.

"Tell me, my boy, how do you like school?" he asked.

The youngster replied quick as a flash, "I like it closed, sir!"

Bible Quiz

1. To whom did the ravens carry food?—
2. Who was told to "take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt?"—
3. Who said, "Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging?"—
4. Who heard the call from Macedonia to "come over and help us?"—
5. Who was turned into a pillar of salt?—

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Bartimaeus was *blind*.—Mark 10:46
2. Paul was a *Jew*.—Romans 11:1
3. Job was afflicted with *boils*.—Job 2:7
4. Pilate was a *governor*.—Matthew 27:
5. Barnabas was a *co-worker with Paul*.—Acts 12:25

Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 8

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HOW CHRISTIANS GROW

Background Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30;
Luke 9:51-56; I Corinthians 3:1-14;
Philippians 3:4-17.

Lesson Scripture: Philippians 3:4-17.

As we pointed out in the last lesson, our first two topics in October deal with "Patterns of Christian Growth." It is especially important to make oneself acquainted with the background Scripture references, for in these will be found some good suggestions concerning conditions of Christian Growth.

Matthew 11:28-30 is the famous passage which begins "Come unto me all that labor," and ends with the plea to take Christ's yoke upon us and learn of Him. Here is the suggestion that growth comes through responsibility, through the work we do not only *for* Christ, but *with him*. All of us have seen how this principle works in life. Here, for example, is a young woman who seems scarcely ever to think of anything except how she may increase her own selfish enjoyment of life. She marries and becomes a mother. Suddenly she begins to develop through the new responsibilities that fall upon her in her new role as parent. We have seen this same law of growth operating in a church fellowship when heavy obligations are placed upon a man in some newly acquired position in the church.

The second reference, Luke 9:51-56, relates an incident that occurred when Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem with his disciples. They were refused hospitality by some Samaritan villagers, whereupon James and John wanted to "call down fire from heaven to burn them up." Jesus rebuked them for these attitudes of impatience and desire for revenge. This suggests that growth in Christ-likeness means that we must learn to understand and accept the hostility of others sometimes, especially when our understanding of Christian duty leads us to take unpopular positions on controversial questions.

In the quotation from I Corinthians 3:1-4, Paul is taking the people of the Corinthian Church to task for their immaturity. Their infantile behavior took the form of jealousy and strife within the church. Being unable to work together because of "party spirit" they were hindering the progress of the church. Does the reader know of similar situations today? Is it unfair to call such attitudes infantile? Did you ever see a child rush home in tears because "the others" wouldn't play the game his way?

We now come to the main Scripture lesson, the part usually printed in our lesson materials. Philippians 3:8-17. In these verses we read first about Paul's entrance into the New Faith. "He died as a slave of God through the law in order to become a son of God through grace" as Dwight Stevenson put it in the International Lesson Annual. In Paul's experience, then, there could be no growth until there had been a death—the death of pride in being a

"good man" only according to the law. This being willing to admit our failure to achieve righteousness is, in Paul's thought, he doorway to a new life.

Even after he forsook the way of the law and began to live under grace Paul evidently felt he had not attained the ultimate in character. The new English Bible puts it his way: "It is not to be thought that I have already achieved all this. I have not yet reached perfection, but I press on, hoping to take hold of that for which Christ once took hold of me. My friends, I do not reckon myself to have got hold of it yet. All I can say is this: forgetting what is behind me, and reaching out for what lies ahead, I press toward the goal to win the prize which is God's call to the life above, in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14).

Then follows an appeal for Christian maturity. This maturity is not to be confused with the perfection which the apostle has just disclaimed. Dr. Roy L. Smith has stated what, in his opinion, this maturity means: "Mastery over self, serenity in the midst of panic, faith in the face of fear, and dependence upon inner resources in the presence of calamity." To gain possession of such attitudes may take one a life-time. The big question for each one of us to ask ourselves is this: Are we like the apostle Paul, "pressing on" toward them, or have we surrendered to the evil in the world and in ourselves?

Christian Workers School Slated

A Christian Workers School sponsored by the Wilson sub-district of the Methodist Church, will be held October 15-19 at First Methodist Church, Wilson.

The Rev. Lawrence Lugar, associate pastor of First Church, will serve as dean of the school. The Rev. James Bailey, pastor of West Nash Methodist Church, is general chairman.

Courses that will be taught during the five-day school include: "Working with Nursery Children," conducted by Mrs. Kraybill of Durham; "The Use of the Bible With Children," by Mrs. V. E. Queen of Elizabeth City; Junior High lab, conducted by the Rev. Troy Barrett of Warrenton, with the class limited to 30; and "New Testament: Content and Values," by Dr. Robert Osborn of Duke University.

The school opens Sunday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. with worship service. Classes will be held until 9:30 that night.

The schedule for Monday through Thursday calls for the Junior high lab, to be conducted from 7 p. m. to 9:30, and other classes to be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Fellowship and coffee breaks are scheduled every night.

Churches taking part in the Christian Workers School are: First Methodist, West Nash, and Winstead of Wilson; Elm City; Evansville; Black Creek; Home's, near Bailey; Mt. Zion; Pinetops; Stantonsburg; Temperance Hall, near Elm City; Wesley Memorial, near Fountain; Bethlehem; and Monk Memorial. Farmville.

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The shabbiest fellow you ever see is the one who cares nothing for himself and nobody else.

Protestant Churches' Overseas Aid Up 27 Per Cent Over 1960

Protestant churches in America during the first eight months of 1961 shipped 235,664,850 pounds of food, medicine, clothing and other relief and rehabilitation materials to the needy in 46 countries through Church World Service.

This—an increase of nearly 28 per cent over comparable 1960 shipments—was announced by Hugh D. Farley, executive director of Church World Service, cooperative overseas relief agency of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in the United States, at CWS offices, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Value of the goods shipped overseas in 1961 as of August 31 is \$19,602,288.

Shipments for the same eight-month period in 1960 totalled 184,495,083 pounds valued at \$16,303,980.

As usual, food bulked largest in weight and value of the 1961 shipments. U.S. surplus foods donated by the government and sent overseas by the churches through CWS accounted for 228,507,243 pounds valued at \$13,775,521.

Also sent abroad to relieve suffering among the needy were 1,909,396 pounds of food worth \$177,656 contributed through the CWS Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), which solicits donations of food in rural areas.

Clothing and bedding — 4,087,038 pounds valued at \$4,285,732—collected in the United Clothing Appeal ranked next highest on the shipping list.

A total of 686,160 pounds of health and medical supplies sent overseas during the eight months were valued at \$1,151,022. In addition were 475,013 pounds of miscellaneous relief materials valued at \$212,357.

Church World Service is a central department of the National Council of Churches.

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"The world is filled with good folk who are ready to do anything for God but not to allow God to do anything for them. But holiness only comes when God the Holy Spirit can work his perfect work in our lives."

—Dr. Maldwyn Edwards, Cardiff, Wales, president of British Methodist Conference.

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that a small, inconspicuous building, being used as a one-teacher school, would one day become the worship house for people of a thriving community.

In later years, the school building was purchased by several prudent persons of the growing community. A Sunday School was organized, something on the order of our present "Out Post" idea, and it was also declared an Episcopal Appointment by the North Carolina Conference.

The years have been good to the consecrated people of Union Grove, and today, the same white structure has been completely renovated, inside and outside.

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The lone wagon trail has now become a busy thoroughfare from Durham to Roxboro; the small church has become a classic example of faith; and the congregation, which has listened to many a "first sermon" of a Duke Divinity student preached in "fear and trembling," assures the minister that there need be no fear, for *they* are *with* him.

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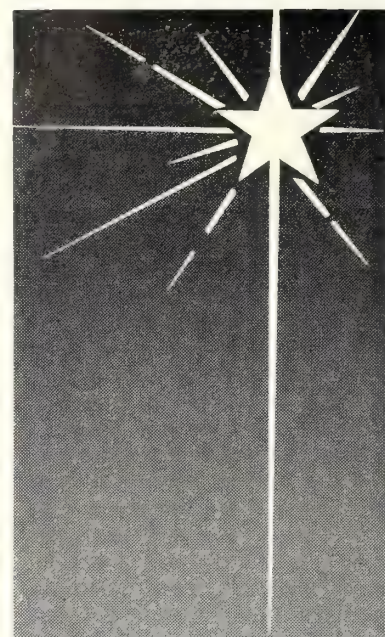
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Evangelism in North Carolina

Bishop Paul N. Garber, referring to the Evangelistic Program of the Methodist Church in North Carolina made the following statement:

"There is really only one answer to our evangelistic problem and that is to return to the spirit and practice of early Methodism. There was a day in Methodism when the boast could be made that wherever men could go for money and for land that the preachers could go for the love of Christ and for souls. There should be in our Methodist Annual Conferences a continuous evangelistic crusade so well organized that we Methodists will knock upon every door in our part of the State to ascertain if the people are church members and if not to offer to them our Saviour Jesus Christ. Could we not adopt the strategy of John Wesley who, in a very dark day in English history actually changed the national, social and religious atmosphere by going directly to the people and offering them Jesus Christ? If we believe men are lost without Christ, then it is the basic duty of the church to take Jesus Christ to these people. We must have an evangelism in our Great Methodist Church that is motivated by the sense of urgency and which rises from a Christlike concern for individuals."

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

† A CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL for the Burlington area will be held at Davis Street Church, Burlington, October 23-27.

¶ THE CABARRUS COUNTY CHAPTER of High Point College Alumni Association held its fall meeting at Trinity Church, Kannapolis, Thursday evening, Sept. 28.

¶ A CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL for the Durham Sub-District will be conducted October 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23, for teachers and other church school workers.

¶ MAIN STREET CHURCH, Albemarle, will hold revival services October 22-27, with Rev. Mitchell Faulkner, of Central Church, Shelby, assisting the pastor, Rev. C. Harley Dickson.

• DR. MORRIS L. HUSTED of Cokesbury Methodist Church, Stedman, will conduct a revival on the Norman Charge, from Oct. 2-6, working with the pastor, Rev. Dan Boone.

• DR. SAM J. WOMACK, professor of Religion and Chaplain at Methodist College, Fayetteville, preached at Chestnut Street Methodist Church, Lumberton, Sunday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m.

• REV. AND MRS. J. C. P. BROWN of Fayetteville, announce the birth of their fourth child, Carol Marie, born at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, September 16. Mr. Brown is pastor of Lyon Memorial Methodist Church.

• MRS. H. H. ROBBINS, widow of Rev. H. H. Robbins, formerly member of the Western North Carolina Conference, would like for her friends to know that her present address is 1475 N.W., 193rd Ter., Miami 69, Florida.

¶ THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE of Bethel Methodist Church of LaGrange, Route 2, presented a life membership in the Woman's Society to Mrs. Dyke Smith and Mrs. Chester Best, Sept. 16 at the monthly meeting.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES are to be conducted at the Trinity Memorial Methodist Church, Trinity, N. C., October 22-27. Dr. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent of High Point District, will assist Rev. R. L. Oakley, pastor, in these services.

¶ THE NEW Parkwood Methodist Church, Durham, to be organized, Sunday, October 8, will engage in a week's revival service October 1-6. Charter members will be received by Dr. C. D. Barclift, district superintendent, on October 8. Rev. William M. Jeffries was appointed at the last annual conference as pastor, and has been working on the organization of the church.

• PLEASANT PLAINS METHODIST CHURCH will hold its annual Homecoming Day celebration Sunday, October 15, at Buies Creek, with the Rev. Wallace Dryden of Durham, as guest minister. The Rev. Mr. Dryden, a former pastor of the church, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. Dinner on the grounds will follow at noon. Rev. Lewis H. Morgan is pastor.

¶ REV. AND MRS. F. RODERICK RANDOLPH announce the birth of a son, Rex Alan, September 12, 1961. Weight, seven pounds eight ounces. Have two other sons, Rodney and Mark. Mr. Randolph is pastor of Bethesda Methodist Church, Durham.

¶ HOMECOMING at Tabernacle Methodist Church of Townsville, Sunday, Oct. 8, with guest speaker, Rev. L. C. Brothers, and special music. Following the worship a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. All former pastors, members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

¶ HENRIETTA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle, pastor, will conduct a fall revival meeting October 8-13, with Rev. Malcolm Reece, a former pastor, and presently pastor of First Methodist Church, China Grove, as the visiting preacher. Services will be held each evening at 7:30.

• BUDD ELLINGTON of Candler is one of 105 first year students entering the Candler School of Theology at Emory University this fall. Enrollment in the theology school will be over 400. Emory will observe its 125th anniversary this year on December 10.

¶ KERR STREET CHURCH, Concord, Rev. Grady Dulin, pastor, will observe "Laymen's Week" October 11-18. A layman will conduct the mid-week services on October 11 and 18, and a layman will occupy the pulpit at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, October 15, which is "Layman's Day."

¶ THE MOUNT SYLVAN METHODIST CHURCH will hold its annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 8. The guest minister will be a former pastor, the Rev. E. E. Branstetter of South Boston, Va. The minister of Mount Sylvan, Rev. Paul F. Frendt, unites with the congregation in extending an invitation to all former pastors, members and friends to attend the Homecoming fellowship.

• HOMECOMING at Bethel Methodist Church, Route 2, LaGrange, N. C., Oct. 1, the service was at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. John Bryant delivering the sermon. Dinner was served at 12:30 in the church yard. Members, former members and friends were invited to join in the worship and fellowship.

¶ REV. PAUL W. BOONE of Lake Waccamaw, who is president of the North Carolina Conference Emory Club, attended a meeting of the Emory University Alumni Council held last week in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Boone and their children, Elizabeth Ann and Paul, Jr., visited with Mrs. Boone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dize, during his absence.

• DR. M. LEO RIPPY of Lake Junaluska and Nashville, conducted a three days training session for leaders and members of the adult division of the church school at Mount Airy Central, September 24-26. Dr. Rippy preached at the Sunday morning worship service on the subject: "Christian Education—The Great Imperative." Rev. F. C. Smathers is pastor.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES at Grace Methodist Church, Burlington, October 16-20, will launch their United Witness for Christ and His Church program. The Commissions on Education and Missions will join with the Commission on Evangelism on October 22 for the "Knock on Every Door" census. The Visitation program will be held November 25-28. Rev. N. B. Hill, Jr., is pastor of Grace Church.

• PLANS ARE UNDERWAY to observe Homecoming services at the Herman Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 15 and at the Salem Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 22. Both churches are on the Oxford Circuit. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, will speak at the 11:00 o'clock services. Dinner will be served on the grounds. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend.

¶ SHADY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH in Caswell County, of which Rev. T. R. Conway is pastor, will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, October 15. Rev. S. J. Starnes, Editor of the North Carolina CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, will preach the sermon. Mr. Starnes was pastor of the charge when Shady Grove was built in 1928. Following the morning worship luncheon will be served picnic style.

¶ BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE of Atlanta, Ga., will begin revival services at the Davis Street Church, Burlington, next Sunday, October 8. A committee of 100 led by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, will visit members and prospective members in preparation for the revival. Mr. T. A. Plyler, Jr., of Monroe, will lead the singing. Rev. Howard M. McLamb is pastor of the church.

¶ PAGE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH of Biscoe observed its second annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 1. Rev. A. M. Williams of Durham, a beloved former pastor of the church and community, brought the message at the morning worship service at 11:15. A picnic dinner was served at 12:30, and a historical service at 1:45 completed the schedule for the day. Rev. James G. White is pastor at Biscoe.

¶ VANN MASSEY of Ahoskie, president of the Student Government Association of North Carolina Wesleyan College, directed and produced the "Jack Harr Variety Show" to welcome freshmen during Orientation Week at the college. Other students taking prominent parts were Ervin Cullipher of Norfolk, Virginia; Kay Hobbs of Sunbury; Wanda Exum of Smithfield; John Alden of Stoneham, Mass.; and Albert Boone, Jimmy Wheeler, and Bill Garlow of Rocky Mount.

• A CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL will be held at Central Church, Shelby, October 8-12. The courses and teachers are as follows: Working With Kindergarten Children, by Mrs. Senah Pulliam; The Use of the Bible With Children, by Mrs. W. R. Reed; Christian Beliefs for Seniors and Older Youth, by Russell T. Monfort; Guiding Seniors and Older Youth, by Dr. Raymond T. Smith; Guiding Junior Highs, by Mrs. S. D. Newell; Christian Evangelism, by Dr. Arthur Kale; Music in the Church, by Rev. R. W. McCulley; and Your Home Can Be Christian, by Mrs. E. H. Ould.

¶ Revival services will begin at the Jonesboro Heights Methodist Church in Sanford on October 8 and run through October 13. Rev. Vernon Tyson is pastor.

¶ Westover Methodist Church, Raleigh, will observe Home Coming October 8. The worship service will be followed by a covered dish dinner on the lawn.

¶ Dr. Edgar H. Nease, pastor, is preaching each evening this week in revival services in the Big Springs Methodist Church, Charlotte.

¶ DR. C. EDWIN HARWOOD, professor of English at North Carolina Wesleyan College, spoke to the Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club about his recent tour of Europe. The faculty of the college were guests of Kiwanis on this occasion.

¶ Asbury Methodist Church, Durham, will observe Home Coming Day Sunday, October 8. An invitation is extended to former members, former pastors, and friends of Asbury to be present at the 11:00 o'clock service and remain for the days activities. Rev. John T. Maides is pastor.

¶ THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING of the Cokesbury Methodist Church in Stedman, N. C., will be held Sunday, October 8. The day's guest speaker will be Mr. B. James Madlin of India, now a post-graduate student at Duke Divinity School. Both adult and youth choirs will present special music. A basket dinner will be served on the church lawns following the morning worship. Dr. Morris L. Husted is pastor of Cokesbury.

¶ HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL services will be held at First Methodist Church, Hamlet, beginning October 15. At the 11:00 o'clock service, Dr. Eugene C. Few of Gastonia, a former pastor of the Hamlet church, will preach at the Homecoming service. At the evening service the revival will begin with the Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of Long Memorial Church, Roxboro, assisting the pastor, Rev. J. D. A. Autry. Services will continue through Friday evening.

¶ The Hope Mills Methodist Church of Hope Mills, N. C., will observe Home Coming October 8. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to share in the fellowship of the day. Rev. Odell Walker is pastor.

¶ WOODMONT METHODIST CHURCH, Reidsville, is conducting revival services this week, with the Rev. H. Glenn Lanier of High Point, as visiting minister. Song services are being led by Rev. J. L. Trollinger, retired, of Reidsville. Rev. Larry D. Wilkinson, pastor, gives a junior sermon each evening for the children.

¶ MT. BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH, at Harmony, Statesville district, celebrated its 161st anniversary with homecoming services last Sunday. Picnic lunch was served following the morning service. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Key, preached the sermon, which was the beginning of revival services being held throughout the week.

¶ THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY service and meeting of the Trinity Memorial Association will be held at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, October 8, at Trinity Memorial Church, Trinity. Dr. B. G. Childs, Emeritus Professor of Education, of Duke University, will be the speaker. Persons attending are invited to bring a picnic basket and remain for the lunch to be served in the church hut immediately following the service.

¶ DR. TOM A. COLLINS, President of N. C. Wesleyan College will be the guest speaker at the Homecoming of the Wellons Village Methodist Church in Durham, N. C. Dr. Collins preached at the organization service of the church on Sept. 29, 1957 while serving as executive secretary of the Board of Missions. His topic at the Homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 8 will be "Christ the Answer." A covered dish dinner on the grounds will follow the morning worship service. The congregation moved into its new building, 702 Raynor Street, August 6, 1961. For the first four years the congregation met in the basement of the parsonage. Sam D. McMillan, Jr., is pastor.

¶ THE THOMASVILLE DISTRICT Lay Leaders, Men's Club officers and certified lay speakers, will attend a buffet supper at Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Lexington, N. C., Friday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. Mr. Robert Smith, Conference Lay Leader, Mount Airy, N. C. will be our principle speaker. Judge L. Roy Hughes, District Lay Leader, will share "high lights" of the Third National Methodist Men's Conference. John H. Carper, District Superintendent, will present certificates and conduct consecration service.

¶ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, at 7:30, there will be held at Druid Hills Methodist Church, Atlanta, a rally of all people who knew and are interested in the famous Methodist Evangelist, Sam Jones. Dr. Walt Holcomb, son-in-law of Sam Jones, has written a biography of the celebrated preacher. Dr. Holcomb one time traveled with Sam Jones. He will speak on the subject "Sam Jones as I knew Him." The evangelistic rally will commemorate the 114th anniversary of the birth of Sam Jones and the 55th of his sudden death. Favorite hymns of the evangelist will be featured.

Three More Training Schools Are Announced

Three more of the 36 training schools for Christian Workers in the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will open Sunday, October 8, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Conference's Board of Education.

They are the Cleveland County Training School at Shelby, the Marion Area Training School at Marion, and the Laboratory School at Charlotte.

These are schools to train church school teachers and assistants, and other laymen how to bring a better and more meaningful Christian witness to their children and friends. Each of the schools will last for five days. A splendid staff, offering courses in all phases of the educational program, has been provided for each school.

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EDITORIALS

"Knock On Every Door" Program Of Evangelism

North Carolina Methodists are demonstrating what can be accomplished in the fields of Evangelism, Education, Missions, Social Concerns, etc., once people become aware of the needs and put themselves into the program. A great deal of progress has been made in each of these fields in recent years.

Right now a great deal of emphasis is being placed upon the evangelistic program. The Boards of Evangelism in both conferences are very active in preparing for the "Knock on Every Door" program. Conference and district directors of evangelism are developing a challenging appeal. Bishop Paul Hardin of the South Carolina area spoke to a district rally in Winston-Salem Monday night, September 25, in which he called attention to "The Main Business of the Church." He mentioned a number of fine activities in which the church has played an important part, but his conclusion was based upon the statement of Jesus, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Similar evangelistic rallies are being held in other districts. Many churches are holding revival services, preceded by a well organized visitation census to re-activate indifferent members and to discover prospective new members. A little later another visitation will be conducted to win new people to Christ and the church.

One very important fact about this program is that it is all-inclusive. "Knock on Every Door" takes in everybody. And "everybody" includes people of all nationalities, all races, all social levels. Jesus said, Come unto me "all" ye that labor and are heavy laden. There are no distinctions. He was interested in the least and the last of the lost. The church should feel responsibility for every individual within the radius of its influence. Its primary concern should not be to lead them into a particular church, but to win them to the Christian faith. Once the Methodist church majored in the business of winning people to Christ—the high and the low; the rich and the poor; the educated and the unlearned, and it grew by leaps and bounds. We firmly believe that if it recaptures its passion for souls it will again experience a marvelous growth, but best of all it will prove its place in the plan of God to make the world Christian. The "Knock on Every Door" program offers a great opportunity and presents a great challenge.

Bishop Harmon Speaks at Cape May Celebration

(The following is an abbreviated form of an address delivered by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, representing the Bishops of the Southeastern Jurisdiction at Cape May, N. J., September 23, at the unveiling of a marker commemorating the meeting of the commissioners of the Church, North and South in 1876. Also taking part in the program were Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, retired; Bishop Edgar Love of the Central Jurisdiction, and Bishop Fred P. Corson, who presided).

In the glorious company this afternoon of this august and reverend assemblage, when nobody has got anything against anybody else—I hope!—it is almost impossible to realize the antagonisms which underlay the meeting of the small company who came together here these 85 years ago. A great church—The Methodist Episcopal Church—had been divided 32 years before that in a bitter sectional cleavage, and The Methodist Church, like the seamless garment of our Lord, is structurally woven throughout of one piece, so that to rend it is to tear it in its every part. That had happened in 1844.

Then came one of the most dreadful wars ever fought on this planet. Dreadful, not because of unusual ferocity or savagery, though God knows there was enough of that, but because brother was against brother, and state against state, in this nation then moving toward the very apex of a Christian civilization. Men cursed each other in the same mother tongue as they fought their guns, muzzle to muzzle. The two sections of the divided Methodist Church each, heart and soul, proved part and parcel of its own section. Abraham Lincoln thanked officially the Methodists of the North for furnishing more men to his armies than any other church; while in our section there were more Methodists than any other church people taking their places in the South's powerful gray wave.

That war, super-added to a heated separation, really divided the kinsmen—but even before their sons fought, the Methodist fathers had said some most unkind things, to put it mildly, about each other.

I know that we have our faults today, brethren, but I declare, I do not know any of us who are mean enough to talk to and about each other as these sainted—or slanted—brethren of that day did. They were intense partisans. Whatever side they were on, they were on that side, and, to hear them tell it, there was not any other side at all.

In Mississippi, when the church papers of 1845 were filled with heated articles, a resolution was put before the Conference referring to the Northern editors as "unscrupulous." Old Dr. Benjamin Drake moved, as a kindly gesture, that the word "unscrupulous" be omitted from the resolution—but his motion was tabled at once, and "unscrupulous" remained as the adjective the Mississippians wanted applied

to Dr. Thomas Bond and Dr. Charles Elliott of the Northern *Advocates*.

And, as Bishop John M. Moore tells us in his "Long Road to Methodist Union," as late as 1916 Bishop Thomas B. Neely (whom Bishop Edwin Hughes once privately told me was usually considered "the last of the Yankees") stated that the idea that both Methodist Episcopal Churches were branches of the original church was "an evident error." "Both are not branches of the same original stock." Bishop Neely, of course, was insisting at that late day and in spite of the Supreme Court's decision of 1857 that the Southern Church was an off-shoot, a secession. It was to override this opinion that the meeting here at Cape May marked a great forward step. One would think, as a wise old Pennsylvania Methodist once expressed it, that when the trunk of a tree is split, while you can tell the larger side, you cannot tell the older. But the brethren up to 1876 did not see it quite that way.

Indeed, it was the breaking of mental, moral and spiritual fetters when on this spot, men of the South and men of the North met, recognized each other as coordinate branches of a divided trunk, and talked warily of "one far-off, divine event"—Union.

Not that they were ready for it then—either side. Northern soldiers up to that very time had been standing guard at every polling-place in the South, and no one could vote in Alabama, or Mississippi, or South Carolina, or any of the Southern states who had borne arms against the Union. That left out about all the Southern Methodists around. The Capitol building in Jackson, Mississippi, in Baton Rouge, in Columbia, South Carolina, in Montgomery, Alabama was filled with newly-freed slaves who sat in the seats of the legislators and directed the affairs of these proud commonwealths. At the same time, women both South and North were making their way out to graves under which lay brave men who had died in fighting each other. This was the background of the Cape May Conference. Then came here Christian men, divided in certain of their theories of Church government, divided by the hatreds and passions of a great war, but undivided in their allegiance to their common Methodism. They recognized each other as equal. They struck hands, saw each other as brothers, and dreamed again of a seamless united, untorn Church.

So we here today unveil a marker to a great move forward of the human spirit. But it is our part to rejoice in the present, more than to memorialize the past. Whatever the divisions once were, we are of one piece now, if not always of one mind, and in that we can rejoice.

There are some of us who feel that the Union of the Methodist Episcopal Churches in 1939, long after the Cape May Commission had adjourned, but in line with its hopes, pointed the way toward a fuller and fairer Union of Christian Churches than any artificial schemes of Church Union now being proposed can do. Let the divided families in the Christian Church first get themselves together, just as we Methodists have done. Let the Presbyterians, North and South for instance, unite the Presbyterian family; let the Lutherans

go into a closer Lutheranism; let the other families of Christendom first get themselves together—and then they may come in with the rest of us and we can more surely move toward a universal Church.

Meanwhile, we march on united. We have our differences, of course. We do not think alike on social or economic issues, and in the vast turmoil over race we do not always understand each other. Bishop Paul Kern once said that before Methodist Union, all the Southern Methodists thought that all the Northern Methodists were very learned and cultured and filled with all wisdom. He said that all the Northern Methodist thought that all Southern Methodists were pious and evangelistic and very religious. Then he said that we all joined up—and behold, everybody was mistaken! The Northerners were not as smart as we once thought they were, and we were not as good as they thought we were. But like every good marriage, when it settles down, we have learned to make the best of each other, and, thank God, are marching forward happily together.

Not the past, brethren, but the present and the future are in our hands. God has marvellously blessed our Church. He still is ready marvellously to bless us as we do His Will. I pray the riches of God's Grace on Jersey Methodism, under whose auspices this tablet is unveiled; that He will bless Philadelphia Methodism, strong and stalwart through the past years. What Wesley said when he lay dying, we say today as a truth to which we all can witness, "The best of all is—God is with us."

LETTERS

THANKS TO MANY FRIENDS

If I may use this method of saying "thank you" to many friends who wrote me from various places while I was a patient in the hospital I shall be grateful to them and to the papers that publish this little word.

Three weeks have passed since I came home from the hospital and my strength has not yet returned to its normal state. In a week or two more, however, I hope to write a letter to you myself, but I felt that I must let you know at once as to how I appreciate your expressions of love and kindness, and beg you to do the same for your other friends who need your love and sympathy as I did.

Blessings on all and each of you always
W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

Thomas H. Gunn, Reidsville, Receives Music Scholarship

Thomas H. Gunn of Reidsville has been awarded the Presser Scholarship for a second year for study at High Point College. The award is made by the Presser Foundation for the Presser Music Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. The scholarship provides \$200 a semester for a student of music.

A member of the Junior Class, Gunn is studying the organ under Miss Ernestine Fields of the High Point College Fine Arts Department. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gunn of Rt. 6, Reidsville.



Open house for the new Science Hall at Brevard College, pictured above, will be held Friday evening, October 13. First of the seven new buildings in the college expansion program, the building indicates the character of the "new look" of the campus within a few years. Invitations to attend the open house will be received by ministers of all churches in the Western North Carolina Conference, according to President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr. He said, "We want to make the occasion an expression of appreciation to all Methodists in the conference who have been responsible for the first stages of the Development Program." The college Board of Trustees will be in session October 13, and the following day is the annual college Homecoming. "It seemed to be a most appropriate time for the open house," the President said, "and we are hoping that many people from far and near can arrange to attend." President McLarty explained that invitations to the affair will contain all details about the time and program for the open house.

Newlyn Street Class Presented Live Characters in Christmas Story

Newlyn Street Methodist Church of Greensboro did an unusual and very interesting thing just before last Christmas.

The members of the Nelle Benfield Sunday School class made a film of the entire Christmas story and presented it to the congregation at a Sunday evening service just before Christmas. The unusual part about it is the fact that everything about it was live, including the animals—camels, donkeys, sheep, and even the tax collector was a real tax collector in the city of Greensboro. The class was fortunate in being able to borrow the camels from a small circus that was playing in the community just prior to the Christmas season. The sheep were borrowed from a nearby farmer, as were the donkeys. Perhaps the most unusual part about it was the fact the young married couple playing the part of Mary and Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ross, were expecting their first baby, which is in evidence as the young mother rides the donkey. The last part of the film is made after the baby was born, so the real baby plays its part in the closing part of the drama.

It is said this program drew one of the largest congregations the Newlyn Street church has ever had. The class is hoping to present this program again this year, not only to its own congregation, but to carry it to a number of places, such as rest homes, hospitals, Eastern Star, etc., where people are unable to go out to at-

tend such programs. It is also hoped that other classes may be encouraged to present something of a like nature that will be informative and helpful in understanding the Biblical accounts of these historical facts.

Book Reviews

Studies in the Sermon On the Mount

By DR. D. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan, \$4.50.

Some months ago, I had the pleasure of reviewing Dr. Lloyd-Jones' Volume One on the "Great Sermon." As I read the thirty thrilling chapters with which the author concludes this series of studies, I am convinced that I have never read anything on Matthew 5, 6, and 7, that can be compared with Dr. Lloyd-Jones' brilliant and deeply spiritual work.

I have understood that Dr. Lloyd-Jones was a physician specializing in the treatment of heart ailments before he entered the ministry. I think it may be truthfully said that he is still a "heart specialist" in the most important sense of all. Those who have lightly remarked, "The Sermon on the Mount is good enough for me," meaning that a casual acceptance of the ethical principles of the Sermon is all that is necessary, have never entered into the spiritual understanding of the Sermon on the Mount, which is the Gospel in the fullest sense of the word, from beginning to end.

Four wonderful chapters deal with the elements of effective prayer. Indeed, every vital doctrine receives full and careful treatment. To mention only a few of the practical topics dealt with: Earthly and Heavenly Treasure; God or Mammon; Sin's Foul Bondage; Increasing Faith; Worry—Its Cause and Cure; "Judge Not"; The Mote and the Beam; Seeking and Finding; The Golden Rule; Unconscious Hypocrisy; The Signs of Self-Deception.

The minister, the teacher, the Christian reader, who has learned by hard experience that those who feed upon chaff have nothing but chaff to offer to others, will find in this book deep, heart-searching truth—a veritable gold-mine of truth, that may send him often to his knees, but will also send him out with handfuls of blessing for others.

—V. T. CRAWFORD.

Bishop Dawsey and Rev. Clyde Tucker Speaking in W. N. C. Mission Rallies

Bishop Cyrus B. Dawsey, a pioneer missionary to Brazil, and the Rev. Clyde Tucker, the southernmost Protestant missionary in the world, will be the featured speakers in the District World Mission and Witness Rallies to be held throughout the Western North Carolina Conference from October 1 through October 15.

Bishop Dawsey will speak in North Wilkesboro, Gastonia, Charlotte, Salisbury, Bryson City, and Hickory, and the Rev. Tucker will speak in High Point, Lexington, Asheville, Greensboro, Monroe, Marion, and Winston-Salem.

A native of Columbia, S. C., Bishop Dawsey pioneered in opening up the Methodist mission work in the Northwest section of the state of Sao Paulo where there are now over 100 Methodist churches. He served 41 years as missionary and Bishop in Brazil. In 1946, he was elected Bishop and he served the Central Conference in Brazil until 1955.

The Rev. Tucker, a 1952 graduate of the Duke Divinity School has been the only Methodist missionary and minister in the Magellan District in Chile, and he is located 1000 miles south of the nearest Methodist minister. Only twice a year does he have contact with other Methodist ministers. He is pastor of the church in Punta Arenas, the southmost city in the world, and the Porvenir Village church, the southernmost Methodist church in the world, as well as the Natales Church, 165 miles north of Punta Arenas.

Also appearing on the programs at most of the District Mission Rallies will be Dr. E. L. Rice of the United Christian Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan, who will bring a report on his situation, and Alberto Rodriguez, formerly of Havana, Cuba, and now of Statesville, N. C., who will give a report on Cuba Today. Dr. Rice has given significant leadership to the medical work in Pakistan, and he has only been home from the field for about two months. Rodriguez, who left Havana with his family, three weeks ago, was an outstanding leader in his local church and directed the work of a mission church in the suburbs of Havana.

Assisting in these Rallies will be the district superintendents, the District missionary secretaries, and Dr. Horace R. McSwain, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The schedule of the rallies and the principal speaker for each:

Oct. 1, North Wilkesboro District, in First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

Oct. 2, Gastonia District, in First Methodist Church, Gastonia at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

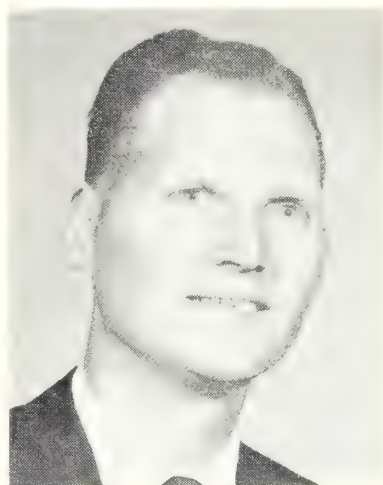
Oct. 3, Charlotte, in Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church, Charlotte at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

Oct. 4, High Point District, in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 5, Salisbury District, in First Meth-



BISHOP CYRUS B. DAWSEY



REV. CLYDE TUCKER

odist Church, Salisbury at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

Oct. 6, Thomasville District, in First Methodist Church, Lexington at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 8, Asheville District, in Central Methodist Church, Asheville at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 9, Waynesville District, in Bryson City Methodist Church, Bryson City at 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

Oct. 10, Statesville District, in First Methodist Church, Hickory at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Bishop Dawsey.

Oct. 11, Winston-Salem District, in Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem at 6:45 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 12, Greensboro District, in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 13, Albemarle District, in Central Methodist Church, Monroe at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

Oct. 15, Marion District, in First Methodist Church, Marion at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. Mr. Tucker.

A dinner will precede the program for rallies in Charlotte, High Point, Bryson City and Winston-Salem.

Church World Service Helps Hurricane Victims

Over 30,000 pounds of emergency relief supplies from the National Council of Churches have reached Houston and are being distributed among victims of the savage onslaught of Hurricane Carla in the Gulf Coast areas of Texas.

Valued at about \$35,000, including processing and transportation from the St. Louis warehouse of the Council's overseas relief agency Church World Service, the shipment consists of blankets, quilts, household goods, and men's, women's and children's clothing.

Contributed by church members of the 35 denominations cooperating in the CWS program of overseas relief, the supplies were diverted from scheduled shipment to the Congo, Greece, and the Philippines in response to appeals for help from the Texas Council of Churches and from the Association of Churches of Greater Houston.

Leaders of Church World Service and its parent organization, the National Council of Churches, assured Texas church leaders and Red Cross officials that additional help will be sent if requested.

A first shipment of 1,000 pounds of blankets left the CWS center in St. Louis early in the week for Edna, Texas, where local churches helped distribute them. The second lot of 30,000 pounds of clothing and bedding reached Houston via cargo truck from the St. Louis depot Wednesday.

Through Church World Service, the National Council's relief agency, 35 Protestant and Orthodox communions relieve the suffering of famine victims and refugees from war and natural disaster in 45 countries and hardship areas of the world with gifts of food, clothing and medicines.

N. C. Motor Carriers Elects New President

A prominent Winston-Salem motor carrier executive took the helm of the state's organized trucking industry when R. Y. Sharpe, president, Pilot Freight Carriers Corp., was elected president of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, at its meeting, last week in Pinehurst.

He succeeds James F. Boone, vice-president, A. G. Boone Co., Charlotte, who returned to the Board of Directors, during their 32nd Anniversary Convention.

Other key NCMCA officers include: First vice-president, Cecil Parsons, General Manager, G & H Transit Co., Charlotte; second vice-president, John M. Akers, president, Akers Motor Lines, Inc., Gastonia; and J. T. Outlaw, Raleigh, executive-president and treasurer. They were installed by State Treasurer Edwin Gill of Raleigh.

Sharing speaking honors at the four-day meeting which attracted some 500 delegates, were: Dr. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, and William A. Bresnahan, assistant managing director of the American Trucking Association, Washington, D. C. Dr. Edwards advised "Make Tomorrow Better than Today," and Mr. Bresnahan delivered a stirring talk on "Wheels of Progress."

W.N.C. Methodist Youth Caravan To Scandinavia Makes Report

By G. W. BUMGARNER

The Methodist Youth Caravan to Scandinavia, sponsored by the Boards of Missions and Education of the W.N.C. Conference, climaxed its work by attending the opening of the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, on August 17 and 18. On August 18 Eleanor Dover, Lee Pollock, Edward Peurifoy, Harris Badgett, Martha Rose Lambeth, Harriet Austin, and Janet Jordan, Youth members of the team, and Mrs. G. W. Bumgarner, assistant counsellor, boarded a plane for New York and home. Oscar Smith, youth member, and Rev. George W. Bumgarner, counsellor, remained in Oslo, being official delegates to the World Methodist Conference. We would like to give a brief report to all who might be interested in the work of the Caravan.

The Caravan experience, which began at Vejle, Denmark on July 10, was beneficial to all concerned. Bishop Odd Hagen of the Northern Europe Area, The Methodist Church, has written to us, saying: "Thank you for coming with your group to this part of the world. You all did an excellent job—and I hope you brought some blessings with you back to the U. S. A.!" We were glad to get this word of appreciation since Bishop Hagen was with us on several occasions and kept close contact with our work.

It was the team spirit which made our summer truly a fine one. This spirit is expressed by one of the team members when writing for the team just before reaching Scandinavia: "We are anxious to get to Scandinavia and to begin our work. We have become one and not several friendships. We are unified in thought and spirit and with God's help are determined to successfully complete the job we came to do." Such a spirit as this grew out of our meetings for preparation during nine days aboard ship and the sixteen days of sightseeing in Europe just prior to beginning the Caravan.

During the week of July 10-17 while in Denmark some of us fully experienced what it means to be a foreigner. We were for the first time in homes where no one could speak English. Christian people soon learn to communicate, however. Moreover, we were never far from an interpreter. We always seemed to have someone to help us, especially among the young people, since they all study English in schools.

Our second evening in Vejle, Denmark we experienced a type of gathering which was to be characteristic of many places in the four countries of Northern Europe over the following five weeks. We met in a social room of the church, seated about tables, with the team members scattered as much as possible. The meeting opened by a devotional of Danish hymns, scripture and prayer. Then we were introduced to the typical open-face sandwiches, those famous pastries and coffee. Spontaneous discussions took place wherever members of the team sat. There was an eager interchange of questions about the thoughts of young people in the two regions of the world represented.

Only the lateness of the hour stopped such discussions. The members of the Caravan felt that perhaps these periods were the most fruitful of all. No matter how late the hour, however, a message was usually expected from the counsellor. There were times, also, when these eager people of Northern Europe would ask us to show slides on the colleges of North Carolina or of the town and country churches and scenes of Western North Carolina. Thus we were often at these meetings until 10 p.m.

Frequently the program for the evening would be held in the sanctuary. If we had two

evenings in a town one would be of this type previously described and one would be in the sanctuary for the whole congregation. But at times with only one evening in a town the program would be a church service. The pattern for these services in all the countries was much the same. The pastor or the national youth director who was traveling with us would open the service with hymns, scripture and prayer in the native language. After this the team would sing two numbers from "Go Sing it on the Mountain." Two of our team would give their witness. Sometimes this would be followed by young people of the country giving a witness. Invariably the counsellor of the Caravan would be expected to preach. My message was then followed at times by an appeal to the congregation by the pastor or leader.

Sometimes the services would be followed by refreshments. And at such times we might be called upon to sing some more spirituals. The reception of our singing was always a surprise to us because we never thought of ourselves as a choir. The team took these lengthy evenings in stride. We felt that we might not pass this way again. So we tried to give our best everywhere.

Some of our richest experiences came while camping. July 25-28 we camped near Tampere, Finland. This was truly a sharing experience for we helped to raise the tents and we shared in planning the program and battled the elements together. There were about twenty-five people from Finland. Half of them were from Swedish-speaking churches, the other half from Finnish-speaking churches. This required quite a bit of interpretation when we had a word which everyone needed to understand. We had none of the facilities of civilization. The rain fell almost continually and the nights were bone-chilling. But in the facing of the elements and in the sharing together we reached new understanding and appreciation of one another and new spiritual heights.

After some days at Tampere and Helsinki we sailed again for Stockholm and continued on across Sweden to Gothenberg where we spent two delightful days of rest at the Methodist Seminary for all Scandinavia. It is called Overas. From there we went to Camp Oja where we encountered a camping situation which was quite a contrast to the one in Finland. At Oja we found 450 campers. They came from all over Sweden and from the Swedish-speaking churches of Finland. They were camping by districts. Some of the program was done by districts; some of it with the whole camp coming together. There were juniors, junior highs and seniors. There was one area set aside just for scouts.

The Caravan was scattered out among the districts but we were not really integrated into the life of the camp until we presented the "American Hour." In that hour we pantomimed scenes of early American Methodist history like the one of Barbara Heck in New York and the Christmas Conference at Baltimore with someone reading a script in Swedish. We led them in singing songs they knew and we sang other songs, and spirituals. We led them in group games. After this hour we were all mobbed for autographs and accepted as a part of the camp.

One of the most inspiring scenes of the summer was Sunday morning of August 6 at Camp Oja when 35 of the campers made decisions for Christ. We were told that many of the new members in Scandinavia are won through the various camps. There was certainly an excellent spiritual climate in the camps in which

we shared. It was a moving experience to the members of the Caravan to see young and old so ready to witness to their experience of Christ. Whatever our impact may have been upon their lives ours will never be the same.

We are grateful to the leaders in all the countries who planned for us for months before we came, who met us as we entered their country, who travelled with us for days and acted as interpreter, guide, agent, counsellor and friend. Such a person was Rev. Eric Kyst of Vejle, Denmark. He met our train and patiently guided us through our first days of the Caravan and sent us on in confidence. When we arrived at Malmo, Sweden, Rev. Earl Hellberg, Secretary of Youth Work for Sweden, met us and was with us every step for a week in Sweden. He is the one who coordinated our whole schedule for Scandinavia. He supported us in every way possible and when the plane left Oslo he was there to see the team off.

In Stockholm, Sweden we met a radiant young lady named Brigitta Alberg. Many people in North Carolina will remember her as she caravaned in North Carolina and had a near-fatal accident in Greensboro. Plastic surgery brought her attractive features. Brigitta will complete her work in medical school soon. She and her father and sister never tired of doing things for us.

In Finland our main interpreter and guide was Miss Liisa Kajala who was the counsellor for the last Scandinavian Caravan to W.N.C. She is still a member of the state church but works constantly for the Methodists. Others who meant much to our work in Finland were Rev. Eric Hellsten, youth director for the Swedish-speaking churches of Finland, and Mrs. Herman Kohvakka of the church in Tampere, and Rev. and Mrs. Axel Berg of Turku who looked out for us at the port when arriving and when leaving Finland.

In Norway, the Rev. Reidar Ekeberg, Secretary of Youth Work for Norway, spent the whole week with us. He led us through a week-end experience at the Sollokka Youth Center near Sandefjord, Norway, and several days among the churches. When we reached Oslo, where his office is in Central Church, he enabled us to experience the opening sessions of the World Methodist Conference to the best advantage.

Everywhere we went in the four countries there were groups of people who met us and gave us a hearty welcome. And when we left they waved to us until we were out of sight. When we sailed between countries they waved to us until we could not distinguish one from the other. Through these wonderful people we experienced some of the rich benefits which are derived by being fellow Christians. We thought we had seen a lot when we preceded the Caravan with sixteen days of sight-seeing in Italy, Switzerland, France, England and Holland. But in almost every town in Scandinavia which we visited the people took us to view scenes and historical sites and buildings which we will never forget. We shall always be intrigued by the stories of the vikings, the runic stones, castles, manor houses and old cathedrals. Nor shall we soon forget the rugged beauty of mountains and fjords, and lakes and seas, the prevalence of flowers and the wonderful forests.

As a token of our feeling about the Methodist people in these tiny kingdoms of Europe—people so much like ourselves—the Caravan has given mission specials totalling \$215 for the youth work in the four countries. Mrs. Bumgarner and I hope to receive enough money, as we share the story in various places, to help build a cabin at the Sollokka Youth Center. This would amount to \$400. There are a number of projects in Scandinavia which are approved for Advance Mission Specials. The Scandinavian nations are nominally Lutheran, but the Reformation is still an unfinished one. The Methodist Church will be one of the main factors in completing the Reformation.

Impressions Gathered From Rome, Egypt, and the Holy Land

By CECIL G. HEFNER

On the night of July 16 Rev. Sherrill Biggers of Spindale and I left for New York City to join the Churchmen's Tour conducted by Dr. Paul Worley of Emory University. On this tour were some twenty-five other ministers, the wives of some of them, several laymen, including Ronald Stone, a fine young layman from Charlotte.

We left Idlewild Airport at 8:45 p.m. by TWA Super Jet for Rome. Flying time to Rome was about nine hours. In a short time the pilot informed us that we were flying at an altitude of 33,000 feet at a speed of 600 miles an hour. The temperature outside the plane was 58 degrees below zero.

It is now 1 a.m. and already the eastern sky is getting light but in the west it is still dark. Far below is the ocean but we cannot see it now. There are clouds below like great snow-capped mountains. Now it is 2 a.m. and the sun is beginning to come up on the horizon far away, reaching its fingers of light out into the night and pushing aside the darkness. What a sight to behold!

We Reach Rome

Rome, sometimes called the Eternal City, goes back to the 8th century B. C. It is an imposing city, built on Seven Hills, with a population of over two million people. There are over 2000 Roman Catholic churches, many of which are hundreds of years old. These domes of the churches tend to dominate the skyline of Rome. Towering above all the churches is St. Peter's, said to be the largest church in the world.

Vatican City is a state in itself. There are 113 acres in Vatican City and Pope John 23 is the sovereign ruler. The Vatican is free from Italy and is a sovereign state in itself. The colorful gardens, fountains, the imposing buildings, and the magnificent collection of paintings and other art works which go to make up the Vatican City are beyond description.

Rome is peculiarly interesting to the Christian because of its history. It was at Rome that the Christians came in the middle of the first century. It was here that St. Paul and Peter came later, the former executed by beheading, and the latter by crucifixion. According to tradition Peter requested that he be crucified with his head down because he felt unworthy to be crucified like his Lord.

We visited the Coliseum where the Romans came to be amused at the expense of the Christians and others. It was here that the Christians died for their faith. They were made to fight the wild beasts until they were exhausted and torn to pieces. The Coliseum is so tremendous that it beggars description. It was built by the slaves over many years.

The catacombs under Rome give the church one of its greatest sources of Christian testimony. These catacombs were the burying places of the Christians for two or three hundred years and the place of refuge for many during the terrible persecutions. The monogram of Christ, "P X," which appears over many graves, has been interpreted as *Passus Pro Christo*, "suffered for Christ." So the story could go on and on, and even today the brave witness of those early Christians inspire all of us to remain steadfast.

From Rome to Egypt

Our flight from Rome to Cairo was very beautiful. Most of the time we could see the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea. When we arrived at Cairo we soon discovered they were having a great celebration of their ninth year of independence. It seemed that every-

body was on the street this Sunday night and it was difficult for our bus to make its way through the great mass of people on the streets.

When we came to Egypt—the gateway to Africa—we felt that we were in another world. The people with their strange customs, their long flowing dresses and turbans, give Cairo a look you don't see in other places. Down the street we see camel caravans going to market, donkeys carrying heavy packs and loads that ought to stagger them but don't. Here in this city we have the feeling that we are in another culture, and we are. On the Nile River we see great flag barges carrying stone with fan-like sails to propel these barges as in the days of Moses. All over this great city of Cairo we see Mosques, some two thousand of them. By some of these magnificent and elaborate Mosques we see slums that almost are unbelievable.

The old Pyramids built some 4000 years ago by slaves are most intriguing. The immensity of them made us wonder how they could ever be built. We were told that in one pyramid there is enough stone to build stone houses for 120,000 people. This pyramid is thirteen acres large at its base and is about 500 feet high. Every stone had to be cut and placed, some of them weighing fifty tons. It took 100,000 slaves working continuously for thirty years to build the pyramids.

We Go from Rome to Damascus

In the old city of Damascus we felt the pulse-beat of Bible times. I was asked to lead the group in a devotional service in the home where Ananias came to Paul and baptized him. We went down into a house below the street level and there I read from the Book of Acts 9:1-20. It was from this house that Paul went forth on his historic preaching mission. It was a moving experience to lead the devotional service and we felt again the presence of God.

Damascus is said by some scholars to have been in existence since 6000 B. C. It is called the oldest living city in the world. There has been life there all these many years. Up and down the streets and roads we see camel and donkey caravans. These people live on so little and have so little land that can be tilled. The country is mountainous and rocky, and the mountains look as though they have been stripped and peeled of all vegetation and trees.

It was here in Damascus long ago that St. Paul was let down from the wall and escaped the plot of those who would put him to death. The old wall still stands in a wonderful state of preservation. This is a strange city with peculiar and weird customs, and many of the people live as they did two thousand years ago.

From Damascus to Jerusalem

It is now Sunday morning in Damascus but in North Carolina it is Saturday night and you are just going to bed. The time difference is eight hours. As we leave this ancient city and make our way down to Amman we see many interesting sights. The people are in the fields working though it is Sunday. Let us remember that Friday is Sunday for the Moslems. Down the road we see caravans of donkeys and camel trains moving heavy loads. Out in the fields they are beating the freshly cut wheat and gathering it very much the same way they did in the time of Ruth and Naomi. Little children and donkeys are walking on the wheat and the grain goes to the bottom where it is picked up by a sieve. In many cases we see men riding the donkeys and the women walking. It is their custom and custom does not change easily.

Along the way we see hundreds of Bedouin tents, in which these Nomadic people live and who follow the grass with their herds.

The hills are barren and so rocky that we wonder how life can be sustained. The Bedouins live in tents made out of sheep skins as the people did in the days of Abraham. The Bedouins are Arabs who move across the fields and valleys and hills hunting grass and water.

Now we see Mt. Nebo in the distance—a large mountain, where Moses stood and looked over into the Promised Land, the land God promised to the Israelites. But Moses never interest to Christians as does Jerusalem. It was founded in prehistoric times. It is first mentioned in the Bible under the name of "Salem," the city of Melchisedek, "priest of the most high God." King David captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it his capital. It was David's son, Solomon, who built the great temple upon Mt. Moriah, the place where Abraham is now buried and where he was willing to offer Isaac in sacrifice. Time and time again the city has been sacked and laid waste. If the stones could speak what a story they would tell!

The Garden of Gethsemane

In the Garden of Gethsemane we sat down and had prayer and quiet meditation. The same olive trees which were there during Jesus' ministry are still there. Interestingly enough, olive trees do not die but when the old shoot dies a new one appears. It was here that he left his disciples to wait, and on his return found them sleeping and made the remark, "Could ye not watch one hour?"

The Via Delorosa

Every Friday at 3 p.m. pilgrims and tourists retrace the steps of Jesus and stop to pray at each of the fourteen stations along the road our Lord walked on the day of the Crucifixion. Each station symbolizes some special event in those last hours of Jesus' life as he made his way to Calvary.

The Garden of the Tomb

Perhaps no shrine has more interest to the pilgrim than the Garden of the Tomb. It is preserved in its natural setting even today and one has the feeling that surely here is where Jesus was buried and here on the third day came forth from the grove. The tomb has been cut out of rock and one has to stoop to enter it. At this tomb it seemed that we could easily put ourselves back to the time when the angel spoke the words, "He is not here; He is risen."

We Go to Bethlehem

As long as I live I shall not forget the visit to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. This church stands on the traditional site of Jesus' birth. The first church of the nativity was built at the time of Constantine about 326 A. D. This great church stood for about 200 years and was destroyed. The church was rebuilt during Justinian's reign and stands today. To be sure scholars cannot be absolutely sure that this was the spot of Jesus' birth, but according to the best evidence the place where the church stands is the spot where the shepherds and wise men came long ago to see the Christ Child. As we walked down into the cave we felt that we were standing on holy ground, and once again God seemed to speak to those who come with an humble mind and heart.

In the late evening we went to the Shepherd's Field where the angels brought the tidings of Christ's birth to the shepherds as they watched the flocks by night. We had a special service here and sang Christmas carols. It was a moving experience to sit under the sky and watch the appearance of the stars. As in long, long ago the shepherds tend their flock near Shepherd's Field.

As we left we walked quietly to our cars. It seemed that once again God had spoken to a little group of pilgrims as He spoke to the humble shepherds of long ago.

Some Final Reflections

Space does not permit me to tell about the went into this land. It remained for his suc-

North Carolina Wesleyan College Has Enrolled 232 Students

North Carolina Wesleyan College has enrolled a total of 232 students for the academic year 1961-62, according to Ronald Sherron, Director of Admissions.

This record enrollment is accounted for by 198 freshmen and sophomores in the college and 34 students in the Evening School.

The 198 students represent 138 new students and 60 students returning from the first year of Wesleyan. These come from 12 states mostly along the Atlantic coastline.

North Carolina leads with 155 students, followed by Virginia 24, Maryland 4, New York and Pennsylvania 3, Connecticut and New Jersey 2, and one each from Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island.

Most of the students report a church affiliation. The Methodist Church leads with 103 students followed by 58 members of the Baptist Church. There are 15 Episcopalians, 10 Presbyterians, 4 members of the Christian Church, and 12 belonging to other churches.

One-third of the entering students are undecided as to a vocational goal, but most expressed their preference. Teaching attracted 24, business careers 12, the ministry and religious education 12 to lead the choices expressed. Other careers attracting a following were Law 8, Medicine 7, Social Work 6, Engineering 5, Scientific endeavors 4, Accounting and Journalism 3 each, and numerous others such as coaching, library science, political science, art and drama.

Erection of Men's Dormitory Begun at Louisburg College

Construction on a 96-bed men's dormitory at Louisburg College has begun with completion date set for August 1962.

To be erected at a total cost of \$325,000, contracts have been awarded to the following firms: General Construction, James M. Thompson Co., Raleigh, \$229,200; Plumbing, Dixie Plumbing Co., Raleigh, \$25,382; Heating, Bolting Air Conditioning & Heating Co., Raleigh, \$25,730; Electrical, Davis Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Greenville, S. C., \$12,100.

Architects are Harles, Edwards and Associate of Rocky Mount.

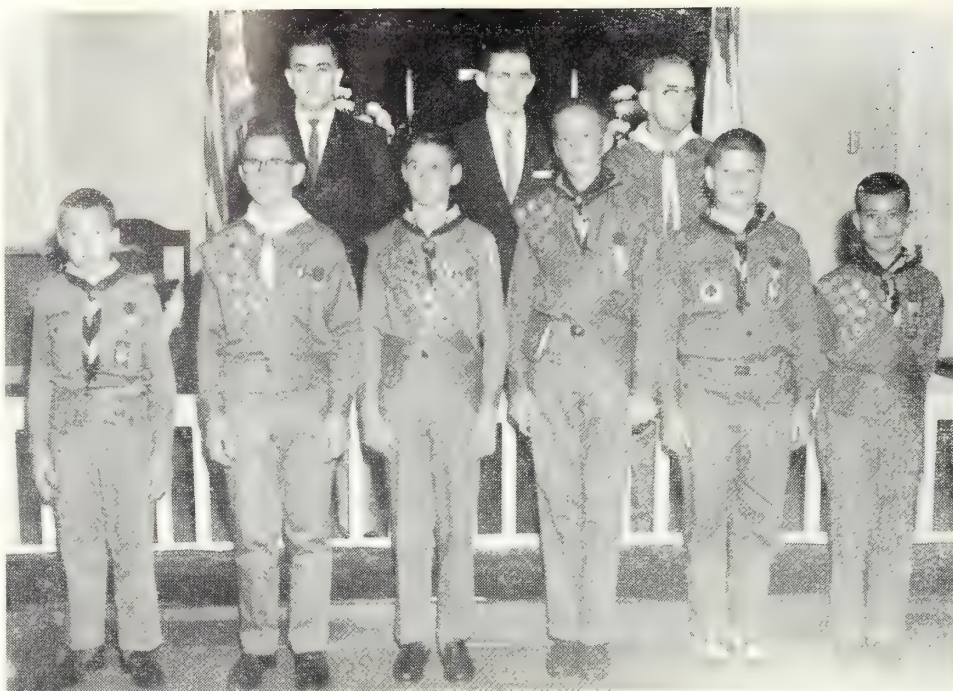
Erection of the building is being made possible by a loan of \$290,000 from the Housing and Home Finance Agency of Atlanta, Georgia, with the college providing the balance.

The building, to be ready for the 1962-63 academic year, will be modern in every respect. The furniture is built in.

Appointment

Bishop Paul N. Garber has authorized the appointment of the Reverend Douglas Richard Woodworth, Supply, as pastor of the Grimesland Charge, New Bern District, effective October 1, 1961, succeeding the Reverend Lewis P. Ipock.

A. JARVIS HOBBS
District Superintendent



First row, left to right: Scouts Glenn Hood, Freddie Holloway, Steve Aiken, Johnny Spears, Russ Bradley, and Jeffrey Simmons. Second row, left to right: Richard Walters, District Scout Executive; the Rev. C. F. Grill, Pastor; and Fred Holloway, Scoutmaster.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." —EPH. 4:23

If you look backward while circumstances force you forward you run against something and you also get old. The biggest compliment paid Methusaleh was that he was old. I know he lived because some hunters flushed up a gang of his descendants.

The only testimony that many people have is that they were saved forty years ago. If you graze around that stake the rope will get shorter and the grass scarcer and your horns will stick in the ground. I buried a man who lived like that and they wrote "At Rest" on his coffin. If he had been renewed in his spirit day by day he would have had "at rest" written on his forehead.

The archeologists found a petrified tree with birds on the limbs singing. They knew the birds were singing because the songs were petrified. That is what happens to our songs unless we keep our religion up to date.

Methodist College Has A Capacity Enrollment

Methodist College has opened for the second year's work with a total enrollment of 314. All dormitory space is taken. The college had to reject a few acceptable students whom it would have liked to serve for lack of room. It has 76% more full-time freshmen than it had this time last year.

The new college has a full complement of qualified and dedicated teachers and the school year has opened in a fine way. Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president, says they are encouraged to believe that considerable progress has been made.

Lillington Church Presents 'God and Country Awards'

Six First Class Boy Scouts received the "God and Country Award" at the Lillington Methodist Church on September 17. This was as large a group as had ever received the award in the Oconeechee Council. It was the culmination of over a year of work on the part of the Scouts. Letters of congratulations were received from the Youth Division of the General Board of Education. The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Grill, congratulated each boy and the mothers pinned on the awards. Each Scout had a part in conducting the service.

Scouts receiving the awards were: Glenn Hood, Freddie Holloway, Steve Aiken, Johnny Spears, Russ Bradley, and Jeffrey Simmons. The Scout Executive, Richard Walters, was also present for the ceremony. Scouts were presented for the awards by Fred Holloway, Scoutmaster of Troop 710 and Andy Jackson, Scoutmaster of Troop 61.

Bishop Lord Opposes U. S. Resumption Nuclear Tests

Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord Washington, D. C., has made a statement opposing President Kennedy's decision to resume underground atomic bomb testing. It has been reported. The bishop, in a statement released by his office, said the United States will now present the "image of an America armed to the teeth" to defend by military might moral and spiritual values which cannot be defended militarily.

"How can we make the American people understand that while they must oppose the ideology of Marxist communism, victory is neither possible nor should it be sought by military means?" Bishop Lord asked.



New Parsonage, First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro

First Methodist Church, North Wilkesboro, held Open House Sunday afternoon, September 24, from two to five o'clock at the church's beautiful new parsonage. The imposing colonial structure is attractively located on a spacious lot just north of the church on E Street. The building was designed by Clauss Moberg of North Wilkesboro.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chairman of board of trustees, and Mrs. Hubbard; Robert Morrow, chairman of official board, and Mrs. Morrow; Richard Johnson, chairman of building committee, and Mrs. Johnston alternated in welcoming the callers at the door and presenting them to the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Stamey; and the district superintendent and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Herman F. Duncan.

The guests were directed through the home by the furnishings committee: Mrs. J. H. Whicker, Jr., chairman; Mrs. W. C. Prevette, co-chairman; Mrs. J. M. Crawford, Mrs. Harry Baldwin, Mrs. W. F. Owens, Jr., Mrs. William C. Marlow, and Mrs. Ivan Moore.

Alternating in registering guests in the den were Dr. W. K. Newton, member of building committee, and Mrs. Newton, Don Culler, member of building committee, and Mrs. Culler; Mrs. Paul Jones, president of Woman's Society of Christian Service, and Mr. Jones.

Refreshments were served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Alternating at the punch bowl were Mrs. A. B. Johnston, Mrs. Mary Moore Hix, Mrs. Rhea Gardner, Mrs. William Carrington, and Mrs. Jack Swofford.

Through the spacious front door, visitors entered the entrance hall which is finished in rich cherry panelling. The living and dining rooms are most attractive with traditional furnishings including green wall-to-wall carpet and drapes. The family den is panelled with a large fireplace and built-in bookcases. The guest bedroom and ceramic tile bath is downstairs. The kitchen is beautifully designed with modern appliances and birch cabinets. There is an attractive breakfast room, a utility room and a storage room and a double garage with ample storage space downstairs. Upstairs there are four bedrooms all furnished with new furniture.

This gold medallion home is heated and cooled by two weathertron units. It is one of the finest parsonage homes in the Western North Carolina Conference.

District Mission Rally To Be Held At Lexington

Thomasville district pastors and church leaders are invited to attend a District Mission rally at First Methodist Church, Lexington, 7:30, Friday, October 6. The program will include:

"A Report on Cuba Today," by Alberto Rodriguez, a Cuban Methodist layman, just escaped from Cuba to North Carolina.

"A Report on United Christian Hospital, Pakistan," our conference project, by Dr. E. L. Rice, medical missionary to Pakistan from our conference and the hospital's director.

"A Report on Latin-America," by Clyde Tucker, a North Carolinian by adoption, who serves at the southern tip of South America in Chile. Latin-America is the subject of this year's church-wide study.

This will be a panoramic view of Methodism's World Parish. It is an opportunity for every Methodist. Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., is District Director of Missions, and Rev. John H. Carper, is District Superintendent.

A Workshop for Local Church Leaders will be held October 15, 2:45-5:25 p.m., at Central Methodist Church, Denton, for chairmen of official boards, church school superintendents, elective stewards, chairmen of the five commissions, chairmen of local boards of trustees, presidents of WSCS, presidents of Methodist Men, lay speakers. Led by John H. Carper, District Superintendent.

The key note address, "The Purpose of the Church," will be given by Judge L. Roy Hughes.

Discussion, "How the Church Carries Out Its Purpose," led by Garland R. Stafford.

Preparing for the meeting of the official board, Group meetings: Commission on Membership and Evangelism, resource person, Herbert Penry, Thomasville; Education, resource person, Barrett Wilson, Thomasville; Missions, resource person, Orion Hutchinson, Thomasville; Stewardship and Finance, resource person, Arthur Pearce, Linwood; Christian Social Concerns, resource person, Fletcher Andrews, Advance; Trustee of Church Property, resource

person, Archie Sink, Lexington; Judge L. Roy Hughes, Thomasville; Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretaries of Official Boards, resource persons, John H. Carper and R. L. Johnson, Denton.

4:00 Break for refreshments.

4:10 Meeting of the Official Board (This would be roll playing of a typical meeting of the Official Board).

How We Get Apportionments, led by Herbert Wayne, chairman Committee on World Service and Finance, Charlotte; and Robert Smith, Conference Lay Leader.

Making a Church Budget, led by Arthur Pearce and the District Superintendent.

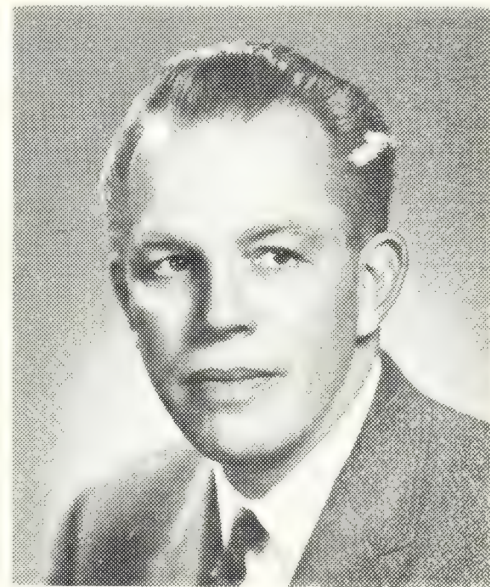
5:25 Adjournment.

Dr. H. Grady Hardin To Preach In Charlotte

Dr. H. Grady Hardin, Jr., of the Perkins School of Theology in Dallas Texas will lead the Festival of Faith at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, October 8-13, according to an announcement by the Rev. Philip L. Shore, Jr., pastor of the church.

Dr. Hardin is the son of a clergyman who once served one of the two churches which merged to become First Methodist church. The late Dr. Hardin was pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church, which merged with Trinity to become the present downtown Methodist congregation.

Dr. Hardin, Jr., who is a former Tar Heel clergyman, will deliver seven sermons at the church, in addition to giving four other



talks during the special religious emphasis week. His theme will be "Faith for the Time Being."

Dr. Hardin is a graduate of Duke University. He joined the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in 1937 and served as pastor in Mount Airy (1937-40), Centenary in Winston-Salem where he was associate pastor (1940-42) and Black Mountain (1942-47).

From 1947-49 he was associate pastor of First Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. Then he became pastor of the new Chapelwood Methodist Church in Houston and served from 1949-57.

In 1957 he was named professor of worship and preaching at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.



Woman's Activities



New Board Is Elected For Brooks-Howell Home

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville, vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, was elected chairman of the board of Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville at a meeting held at the home this month.

Mrs. Frutchey succeeds Mrs. Rupert Crowell who has served as chairman since the establishment of the home in 1957. She has served as vice-chairman of the board during this time. Her term of office is for three years.

Mrs. Mack Brown of Candler was elected vice-chairman. She has served as chairman of the furnishings committee of the home since 1957.

Mrs. J. H. Bancroft of Asheville was re-elected as secretary of the Board and Mrs. E. D. Chandler was re-elected as treasurer. Mrs. Chandler also is serving as chairman of the building committee for the new \$768,000 home.

It was voted at a previous meeting of the board that the present officers remain in place until after the dedication service of the new home, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th.

The board is made up of a representative from each Methodist Church in the city of Asheville, the Conference officers residing within the district and fifteen members at large, each serving a three-year term.

Public Relations Workshop

A workshop in public relations was held at the new Methodist Building in Statesville on September 21st for the chairman of public relations in each of the 13 districts of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the conference, spoke to the group on, "The Outlook of the Woman's Society Today." Mrs. King stressed the importance of having vision and a feeling of dedication in Woman's Society work. She said in part, "Assuming a role of responsible membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service demands time for study and service, work and worship, love and loyalty to the Lord of all."

The Rev. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke on the present status of missionaries in the foreign field and on the trends of our church in these days of change.

Mrs. John Wright of Weaverville, conference chairman of public relations, conducted the workshop, giving techniques of gathering news and preparing copy and of

the mechanics of good public relations. Each district chairman presented questions and problems in the round table discussion.

Literature from Methodist Information was presented to the group.

District Mission Study Seminars Held

Albemarle—120 women attended the seminar of the Albemarle district held at the Ansonville Methodist Church on Sept. 5th.

Mrs. Tom Little of Wadesboro, secretary missionary education, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. George Moore of Albemarle gave a preview of the study plans for 1961-62. Mrs. L. H. Lawing discussed, "Churches for New Times," Mrs. Paul Allred told of, "The Christian and Responsible Citizenship," Mrs. G. N. Smith, Jr. outlined the study of, "Christian Missions in Latin America," and Mrs. K. L. Young reviewed the Bible study book, "The Meaning of Suffering."

Mrs. Roger Duval of Waxhaw told of the new program material.

Asheville—The Asheville district had its seminar at Trinity Church, West Asheville, on September 21st with 132 women attending.

Mrs. Harold Siniard planned the day to begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. with a sack lunch at the noon hour.

The speakers included Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, program material; Miss Jennie Ball of Brooks-Howell Home, "Churches for New Times"; Mrs. Ray Young and the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., the study of, "Christian Missions in Latin America"; Mrs. Raymond Bell of Trinity Church, the study, "Christian and Responsible Citizenship"; and Mrs. C. G. Norton of Hendersonville, the Bible study.

Greensboro—The Greensboro district had its seminars in two sub-district meetings, one at Grace Church, Greensboro, on Sept 7th and the other at Spray Methodist Church on Sept. 14th.

The meeting at Grace Church was attended by 133 women. The Rev. Charles Shannon, pastor of the host church, presented the meditation. Mrs. J. C. Hardin of Greensboro, district secretary, mission education, introduced the speakers. These were Mrs. Arthur Williams, Bible study, Mrs. Thomas A. Summey, Jr., "Edge of the Edge," Mrs. Orell Lineberger, "Latin America," and Mrs. W. A. Bales, "Christian Citizenship."

A skit on literature and program material was presented.

There were 76 women at the seminar held at Spray. The same program was pre-

sented. The Rev. James Allen, host pastor, presented the meditation.

Statesville—The Statesville women divided their group into four classes at their seminar, the groups following a schedule of going to the teacher's classroom for a 30-minute period for the studies. Mrs. Carl King, conference president, presented the study on, "Under Orders," Mrs. Garland Stafford, conference secretary, missionary personnel, discussed, "Edge of the Edge," Mrs. Paul Henkel reviewed, "The Land of El Dorado," and Mrs. Goldie Bowen gave a resume of the Bible study.

Mrs. Paul Henkel was in charge of the program. Others taking part were Mrs. W. E. Marlow, district president, the Rev. J. J. Holmes, host pastor, Mrs. L. M. Rash, Mrs. C. E. Bruce, Mrs. H. S. McIntyre, Mrs. R. K. Courtney.

There were 158 women present for the seminar which was held at First Methodist Church, Lenoir.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Has Five Projects

The annual observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild is designed for their enrichment of the spiritual life and to acquaint them with certain Woman's Division of Christian Service projects to which their offerings during the observance will be directed needs for which the Woman's Division is unable to fully meet through pledge giving alone.

The 1961 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial gifts will be used in five areas of work. These are the Deaconess Retirement Fund, Christian Libraries Around the World, Student Centers and Hostels in Argentina, Revolving Fund for Evangelical Bookstore in Latin America, and Medical Work in Bolivia.

This year marks the twenty-first anniversary of the unification of all deaconess groups. It is particularly appropriate, therefore, that the Deaconess Retirement Fund be included among the beneficiaries of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Since 1940 the matter of deaconess salaries has been under constant scrutiny by the Commission of Deaconess Work. Along with that study has been the no less important matter of deaconess pensions. Improved benefits in pensions went into effect June 1, 1961. A large part of the Woman's Division contributions to this cause will come from the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings.

Latin America has a high rate of illiteracy. In spite of the great advances they have made, government agencies and evangelical literacy teams cannot keep pace with the population which has doubled in the last 25 years. The number of new literates is growing; they must be nourished. How shall they read without books?

The lack of public libraries and trained

leadership is a continuing problem of over-eas libraries. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings this year will help supply more of both needs.

In the student centers and hostels the students away from home are under the tutelage of responsible persons who desire to influence the students' conduct throughout the entire day. The students are surrounded by order and discipline; they can engage in wholesome sports and extra-curricular cultural activities and can enjoy good fellowship. Among the foreign student centers and hostels supported by the Methodists are two in Argentina which will benefit from the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. They are Colegio (Ko-Lay-Hee-Oh) Ward near Buenos Aires, and Colegio Americano in Rosario.

Despite the fact that the Evangelical Bookstore in Latin America has a vitally important and diversified role in the church's program, this area of missionary endeavor has been sadly neglected. There is a need for teaching materials for church schools, evangelical literature for the new converts, books for the new "literate" and reading materials for children, the leadership of the church and educated laymen. The establishment of additional distribution centers and trained leadership are dependent in a large measure upon the 1961 Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings.

The need for medical work in Bolivia is also urgent. The Methodist church in Bolivia is seeking to establish new medical outposts in areas that have thus far been denied such services. Nurses are being trained in the Nurses' Training School at Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital at La Paz, a project which the WDCS helps to support. The Woman's Division also sent a mobile clinic to Bolivia which will be used by the church in the extensive campaign of preventive medicine. These are significant contributions, but much more remains to be done. The Week of Prayer and Self-Denial offerings this year will aid this cause.

J. S. Bataan Hospital Adds Wing

Dedication of the south wing of Bataan Memorial Hospital last June marked the completion of expansion plans for the well-equipped modern institution in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The new five-story wing was built at a cost of \$800,000 in a two-phase program which began in 1958. The new wing adds a total of 105 beds to the hospital, according to Administrator Maurice B. Shaw. Each floor has its own waiting room, an auxiliary kitchen unit and nurse stations. The new unit also houses administrative offices, expanded pediatric and nursery space, a new pharmacy area and occupational therapy facilities.

A project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the division was represented at the dedication by Mrs. W. L. Cryman, vice-president, and Miss Emma Morris, executive secretary for social welfare and medical work. Dr. G. Lemuel Henn, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Albuquerque, officiated at the dedication ceremonies. —*The Methodist Woman*.

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He who refuses to be disciplined in the fight may have a lot of court cost to pay later on.

Miss Thorne To Work With Rural Churches in Denton Area

Miss Carolyn Thorne began her work this month as a Rural Church and Community Worker with the Denton Area Group Ministry.

She will serve as a resource person to assist wherever she is needed. She will work directly with eight churches in the area and will add five other churches as her time and schedule permits. Her main



MISS CAROLYN THORNE

work will be with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, the Methodist Fellowships in the local churches and in the sub-districts. She will also assist Sunday School teachers in each of her churches.

Miss Thorne is a native of Columbus, Ohio. She was graduated from Asbury College at Wilmore, Ky., and taught religious education in the public schools of Ohio for a year. After a period of graduate study at Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tenn., she went to Brussels, Belgium to study French, taking the courses prescribed by the government for workers who would teach in the Congo.

She spent two years in the Congo at Mulungwish, situated 100 miles north of Elisabethville in the Katanga province. She taught French, religion, pedagogy psychology and supervised the student teachers in the teacher-training school there. She also served as principal of the Preparatory School (grades 6 and 7) and worked with the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Miss Thorne is a deaconess in the Methodist Church.

Five ministerial students from Pfeiffer College will assist the five ministers in the 24 churches included in the Denton Area Group Ministry.

Aurora Methodist Church Will Celebrate Centennial

The Aurora Methodist Church will observe its Centennial on October 29, at the 11:00 o'clock service. The Rev. Parker H. Hager, the minister, will be in charge of the service.

An invitation is extended to all ministers who have served the Aurora charge, and all friends of the church, to attend this service. A picnic lunch will be served on the grounds, following the worship hour.

Dr. Harry Denman to Lead Evangelistic Mission in Korea

Thirteen U. S. Methodists will be leaders for a Methodist evangelistic mission in Korea October 8-22.

Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, will lead the group. It will be the fifth such mission he has led to Korea.

The first half of the mission will be in the public, private, and church-operated schools of Seoul. The second half will be at Methodist-related Ewha University in Seoul, largest women's university in the world.

U. S. participants in addition to Dr. Denman will be the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, Mrs. C. Lloyd Daugherty, and the Rev. Howard Ellis, all of Nashville; the Rev. G. Eugene Durham, Palmyra, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Grant, Memphis, Tenn.; the Rev. Lloyd Gustafson, Park Ridge, Ill.; the Rev. Dr. Walter Kerr, Tyler, Texas; A. S. Mertz, Webster, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. Leonard D. Peale, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, West Columbia, S. C.

Emory University Begins Its 125th Year of Service

A colorful academic procession began Emory University's fall convocation Wednesday morning, September 27, as the university entered its 125th year.

President S. Walter Martin reminded the gathering that Emory College at Oxford, Ga., was chartered Dec. 10, 1836. "In the intervening years," he said, "the struggling little college in a frontier village has become a major privately-endowed university."

Turning to unsettled world affairs, the president addressed his remarks to students: "The world did not fall apart in 1939 nor in 1941, nor will it in 1961. The torment of indecision is upon some of us, I know. However, the wisest and most practical thing a student can do in 1961 is to apply himself to the serious business of preparing himself for the future."

"The job which challenges America's colleges is to awaken in the entire nation a new awareness, a new respect for the integrity of knowledge, a new dedication to the spirit of excellence."

Methodists Told Communists Failed in Infiltrating Clergy

The Communist Party has had virtually no success in infiltrating America's Protestant clergy, 500 Methodist ministers were told at the 20th School of the Prophets recently at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

"No more than two dozen out of the 345,000 Protestant ministers (active or otherwise) have consistently followed the party line," said the Rev. Dr. Ralph Lord Roy, pastor of Grace Methodist Church in New York. He is author of a book, "Communism and the Churches."

"Communism never has made a major attempt to infiltrate the church," Dr. Roy said.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



A PICNIC FOR MARY

By ANNIE WINBURNE

The rain had been falling all morning. Carolyn and Tommy were standing by the large window in the living room looking sorrowfully out into the street. How they did want to go on that picnic!

"Mother," said Carolyn, "Miss King had planned such a good time for us. We were going out to Moore's creek and play games, and then spread our lunch. In the afternoon we were going to climb the hill and look on the valley. Miss King was going to tell us about the birds, trees and flowers, and we were going to learn their names. Then we were going to gather some pretty stones to take to Mary who is in our class. You know she broke her leg and has to stay in bed. But now our plans are all spoiled!"

"Carolyn," said Tommy, "maybe we can go another time, and I hope I can go along then."

Tommy was only five years old, and felt quite important because he had been invited to go with Carolyn's class from the Primary Department of their Sunday School.

"Oh dear, what can we do to pass away the time today," said Carolyn. "And just think, Mother had our picnic basket all packed, too. Oh well, I believe I'll cut out some more pictures for the scrapbooks we are making at Sunday School for the children at the Migrant Center. Tommy, you can help find them in these magazines, and I'll cut them out."

They were soon at work and found many nice pictures. The time passed very quickly.

Presently Mother came into the room and said, "Children, had you noticed that the rain has almost stopped? I wonder if you wouldn't like to go on the picnic now?"

"Picnic!" said Carolyn. "Why Mother, it's too late to go now, and besides it's still raining some, and we couldn't spread our lunch, and we couldn't gather up the pretty rocks in the rain."

"And how could we go, Mother? There's no car to take us," said Tommy.

"Carolyn," said Mother, "I believe you said that a part of the picnic was to be the visit to Mary who has to stay in bed on account of her broken leg. I was just thinking how nice it would be if

you and Tommy would put on your rain-coats, caps and goloshes, and take Mary that bowl of flowers that we have watched growing. Tommy can carry it, and the rain won't hurt the flowers. Your lunch basket is still on the kitchen table, just as I had packed it. You can carry your little umbrella to protect it. You can tell Mary about what the class is doing, and she can enjoy the picnic, too."

"Oh, Mother!" exclaimed Carolyn, "that will be fine! I do love to splash in the rain. And if Mary's mother will fix a table by Mary's bed we can spread the lunch, and Mary will feel almost like she has been on a real picnic. I'm going to call Miss King and ask her to come, too."

Soon two happy youngsters were on their way to a different kind of a picnic, and for a while a little girl in bed forgot all about the hurt of a broken leg.

The Love of God

*The love of God is reaching down
To heed the prayers of all around.
If you are discouraged, unhappy, or blue;
If your family or friends turn their backs
to you—*

*Well, don't be discouraged, unhappy, or
blue,*

For the love of God will come to you.

By DONNA SHORES—Age 14
Methodist Home for Children
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Be Your Best

A king went into his garden one morning and found everything withered and dying.

He asked an oak tree that stood near the gate what the trouble was. He found that the tree was sick of life and determined to die, because it was not tall and beautiful like the pine. The pine was all out of heart because it could not bear grapes like the vine. The vine was going to throw its life away because it could not stand erect and have as fine fruit as the pomegranate; and so on throughout the garden.

Coming to the heart's-ease, he found its bright little face lifted, as full of cheerfulness as ever. Said the king, "Oh, little heart's-ease, I am glad to find the brave flower in the midst of

all this discouragement. You don't seem one bit disheartened."

"No, your majesty," replied the little blossom. "I know I am of small account, but decided you wanted a heart's-ease when you planted me. I truly do not want to be anything else—I just want to be the best heart's-ease that ever I can."

—Selected

What's the Difference?

The chief difference between a gum chewing human and a cud-chewing cow is the thoughtful expression on the face of the cow.

Chuckles

The teacher was surprised to see that a small boy remained idle all through recess, and asked him why he didn't play.

"Cause," he said slowly, "playin' makes recess pass too quickly, an' I want it to l-a-s-t!"

Mother (to young son returning from a party): "Tommy, I hope you didn't ask for a second piece of cake."

Tommy: "No, Mom. I just asked Mrs. Smith for the recipe so you could make some like it. And she gave me two more pieces."

Little Bob: "Baa, baa, black sheep have you any wool?"

Black Sheep: "What do you think this is—Nylon?"

Sonny: "Mother, we're going to play elephants at the zoo, and we want you to help us."

Mother: "What on earth can I do?"

Sonny: "You can be the lady who gives them peanuts and candy."

Bible Quiz

Give the names of the other person with whom these are associated in the Bible.

Adam and———; Cain and———

David and———; Mary and———

James and———; Paul and———

Ananias and———; Ruth and———

Elijah and———; Aquila and———

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Elijah—I Kings 17:1-6
2. Joseph—Matthew 2:12-13
3. Solomon—Proverbs 20:1
4. Paul—Acts 16:9
5. Lot's Wife—Genesis 19:23-26

Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 15

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Background Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20, 38-48; John 16:12-15.

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20, 38-48.

With this lesson we begin the second unit in our series of three under the general topic of Christian Growth. There will be four lessons, beginning with this one, on "Areas of Growth." The first of these is Growth in the Knowledge of God.

There are those who say it is impossible for man to know God because God represents a different order of being from man. In Psalm 50, verse 21, we read: "You thought I was one like yourself." This tendency to attribute to God our own characteristics has, of course, been a longstanding weakness of man. But, nevertheless, it has been on the basic affirmations of the Judeo-Christian faith that man, with all his limitations, can have fellowship with his Creator. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote: "Lord of all being, throned afar, Thy glory flames in sun and star. Center and soul of every sphere, yet to each loving heart, how near!"

In our first Scripture selection we find Jesus assuring his disciples that it was not his purpose to break down the bridges of the law and the Prophets by which generations of Jews had found their way to God. On the contrary, these means of knowing God were to be taken more seriously than ever. The heart of the matter is righteousness, one of the principal attributes of God. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Now the Scribes and Pharisees represented the "best people" and yet Jesus is telling his disciples they must be even better! All the rest of our lesson Scripture tells why.

Jesus sets forth in these verses the principle of inwardness. This means that true righteousness does not consist only of adherence to certain rules and regulations of the religious life; rather its essence is to be found in an inner spirit, or attitude, which colors all our relationships with others. If we have this spirit he will go beyond what is required, thus not only fulfilling the letter of the law, but going on to its full implications, which means a real concern for the other person because God wills it so. Consider Jesus' reason for our loving the enemy—"so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven." All of which seems to suggest that the life of true righteousness is one which "becomes" the child of God

because it's the way his Father would have him live. "For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

Next there occurs a verse which can be said to be descriptive of "club morality," that is, the code we use in our dealings with close friends and associates, while using quite another code for those "outside our circle." Jesus is saying there is no special merit in that part of morality. It is just what is to be expected. We have all heard the expression "There is honor among thieves." The writer recalls having read of a trial which concerned prisoners who had been involved in a riot. When one man was asked why he would not testify as to what he had seen, he replied: "It's contrary to prison ethics!"

To grow in our knowledge of God means to see things more nearly as God sees them. This will mean increasing our area of con-

cern for God's children, whoever they are and wherever they may be. In an earlier lesson we quoted a remark made by Dr. Wright Spears, president of Columbia College, to the effect that "We are never any nearer to God than we are to the person for whom we care least." This way of looking at the matter brings us up sharp. It reminds us of our sins of self-centeredness. "The love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind" sings the poet. How broad that love is we may not fully know, but we have in the life, the teachings, the death and the resurrection of our Lord some insight into not only the breadth, but also the depth of God's concern for sinful humanity. Our concerns are conditioned by our own interests. God's love seems to be unconditioned. To the extent to which our love can be freed from these natural human limitations we are growing in our knowledge of God.

National Youth School of Moral Concerns Held in Kansas City

Miss Bruce Anne Parcell, of Broad Street Church, Statesville, and Miss Myra Armstrong, Bethel Church, Asheville, represented our Western North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship at the National Youth School of Moral Concerns, August 21-27, at Kansas City, Mo. Both are Conference Citizenship chairmen and their expenses in attending the school were paid by the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, Rev. Ray F. Swink, chairman. A brief report of their experiences at the school follows. (See the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* for September 7, page 9, for a pictorial report).

From the day that our applications were sent in until the day the School of Moral Concerns started great interest and excitement had built up within us. Our expectations were completely fulfilled by the excellent leadership provided by the school for us to question, to learn from, and to understand.

The majority of the leaders were from the General Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C. The two concerns which we studied most were the effect of alcohol on the body and the role of sex in Christian living. Each of these concerns is a growing problem in our world today. To help us understand these problems better, we began our study with the question, "Who am I?"

During our study of alcohol we discussed its effects on the human body and behavior, its effects on society, and its effects on one's closest friends, mainly his family. In answering these questions we studied what the Bible and the Church say about drinking. The question, "Who is an alcoholic?" was very confusing to many of us until it was explained more fully by Dr. Thomas Shipp, pastor of Lovely Lane Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. First, there is the alcoholic who cannot control his drinking. He drinks because he has to and cannot stop even if he really wants to do so. Second, there is the drunkard who drinks only because he wants to and could stop if he wanted. Third, there is the social drinker who drinks occasionally. A Japanese proverb says, "First a man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and lastly the drink takes the man." How very true this proverb proves to be!

Now that we are more fully aware of the alcoholic problem and the damage caused by it, we feel it our duty to help those who are under the influence of alcohol. This is a challenge to all of us for now we have an increased understanding of the alcoholic sickness that so many of our fellow Americans are a part of. Those who are able to abstain are those who must help the alcoholic find freedom from his weakness.

To begin the second phase of our study, the role of sex in Christian living, we were given

a "Sex Knowledge Inventory" test and heard a lecture of Physiology and Sex by Dr. Lester Keyser of Dallas, Texas. We then discussed the influences of our society on sexual behavior, and the stand the church and the Bible take concerning the role of sex in life. With this excellent background we discussed Christian love and came to a better understanding of why this love should be expressed only in marriage, sanctioned by God. We found that "to love somebody is not just a strong feeling—it is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise."

During all our studies reaction groups were held twice daily. These groups were where we discussed the lectures, shared our problems from "back home," and tried to find answers to some of our most pressing questions. The groups proved to be quite helpful and became a favorite part of our day.

All of our time was not spent in serious study, however. Each night there was an hour provided for fellowship, during which we danced, talked and sang.

We always ended each day in dorm groups, again discussing what we learned during the day, this time with our room mates. Everyone seemed very eager to share with the group.

Although the knowledge and understanding which we gained were vastly important, we found something else that will stay with us long after the knowledge has dimmed. Call it fellowship, call it spiritual enrichment, call it whatever you like. It really can't be expressed in words. It was the feeling of oneness we had with this group of teen-agers from every section of the United States. We were convened for one common purpose, and God was present in all our activities. We all sensed that we had experienced something of great importance to our lives. As we prepared to leave we knew a trace of sadness at watching new friends go, but we carried home with us some of the spirit of the week, which will make our lives better, but never again the same.

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Kitty Hawk Charge Has Made Fine Progress

The Kitty Hawk charge is made up of three churches: Kitty Hawk with 256 members; Grace with 50 members; and Colington with 78 members.

Kitty Hawk Methodist Church has made extremely good progress during the year. Its membership has increased from 245 to 256. They assumed full support of the minister of the charge. They increased their benevolence gifts over \$200, while assuming also necessary connectional expenses. During the year they developed and dedicated a junior choir for which they purchased 15 new blue choir robes. A new Hammond Organ was purchased for the church sanctuary. Books on the Bible have been purchased for the church school. The Interpreters Bible is being purchased for use in the church school. A new parsonage fund was established and around \$700 has been donated to the new cause. Church worship services have been increased to every Sunday morning and night. Prayer meetings have been increased to once every week. A new M.Y.F. has been developed. Special Adult Fellowship studies and Junior Studies have been carried. A full week was dedicated to understanding World Service in the church. Filmstrips and a film was used in the World Service project. Church School Rally day was given special emphasis through the Sunday School, Worship Service, and a covered-dish supper. The film on The Life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer was also one of the main inspirations of Church School Rally Day.

The Grace and Colington Methodist churches have done great work during the past year. They now have two Sunday morning services each month, which is a hundred per cent increase over last year. Their service attendance to each service has nearly doubled. They are giving more to missions and looking to a great year for their Lord. Rev. C. W. Guthrie, a retired Methodist minister, is doing great work with the churches as assistant pastor. Rev. Horace Lee McLaurin is pastor of Kitty Hawk charge.

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In Memoriam

A Tribute To Mrs. S. A. Peeler

Mrs. Mattie Stamey Peeler who died August 11, 1961 was a member of the Kadesh Methodist Church on the Belwood charge, in Cleveland County.

Miss Mattie as she was known to all her friends in the church and community was the daughter of a Methodist minister and a devoted wife and mother. Having been raised in a parsonage she understood the problems faced by a minister. No matter who her pastor was at all times she gave to him her encouragement and devotion. She worked zealously for her church. Even though she was confined to her home due to her illness she capably carried on the work of an office in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She believed in and worked for missions both at home and abroad.

We will miss her spirit of friendliness and her Christian influence. We wish to express to her family our love and remembrance of her and pray that we may carry on as she would have us do.

MRS. WILLIAM A. DIXON, President
MRS. LATHAM WILSON, Secretary
Woman's Society of Christian Service.

American Bible Society Makes An Emergency Appeal

The American Bible Society is making an appeal for \$250,000 to meet emergency needs for Bibles in Indonesia, prior to an embargo against their importation to that country which takes effect December 23, according to Dr. Robert T. Taylor, Executive Secretary.

The Indonesian government has placed an embargo on all books published in locally-used languages in an effort to strengthen the economy in that country, Dr. Taylor reports. Effective December 23, when a two-year moratorium on the embargo expires, it will apply to Scriptures.

Local Indonesian churches and mission stations of American churches have requested supplies of Bibles prior to the effective date to take care of their needs. The emergency funds will be used to provide 50,000 Bibles in the Toba Batak language and 30,000 in Javanese, and to help the Netherlands Bible Society supply 100,000 Bibles in the Indonesian language.

If the entire \$250,000 is raised, the Society will also send paper and binding materials for the printing of Gospels and New Testaments in Indonesia. There is insufficient printing equipment there for the printing of whole Bibles, however, and this is likely to be the situation for some time to come, Dr. Taylor says.

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Teenagers Respond To Radio Appeal

A dime dropped out of the letter the Rev. William F. Mathys, Anderson, Ind., was opening. The note inside said: "I hope this will help. I know how expensive it is to rebuild a church. Our synagogue burned down recently."

It was from a teenage rock 'n' roll fan—as were about 1,170 letters that poured into the office of burned-out First Methodist Church, Anderson. Each contained at least a dime and one held a \$10 bill.

The response came after Dick Biondi, a disc jockey at station WLS, Chicago, asked his young listeners to send a dime each to help rebuild the church. The letters came from 21 states and indicated that Catholic and Jewish youngsters had joined Protestants in contribution.

First Church already has raised a large amount toward rebuilding so it decided to earmark the teenagers' contributions for youth activities.

OPPORTUNITIES

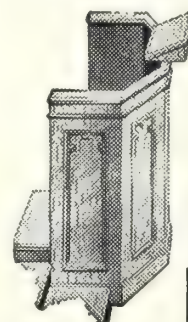
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Dr. Ralph W. Sockman to Retire December 31. After Serving Forty-four Years as Minister of Christ Methodist Church, New York City.

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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ THE CUMBERLAND Sub-District Christian Workers School will be held at Hay Street Church, Fayetteville, October 23-27.

¶ REV. THOMAS A. COLLINS, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College, preached for the First Universalist Church, Rocky Mount, on Sunday, October 1, 1961.

¶ REV. Z. G. NORTON of Winston-Salem is assisting Rev. J. J. Powell in revival services at Calvary Church, Greensboro, this week.

¶ THE REV. GRAHAM S. EUBANK, Superintendent of the Raleigh District, has moved into a new District parsonage. The address is 2234 Wheeler Road, Raleigh.

¶ DR. EDMOND PERRY, associate professor and chairman, Department of History of Religions, Northwestern University, will be the preacher for the Finch Preaching Mission at Memorial Church, Thomasville, November 5-9.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College was the inspirational speaker for the Elizabeth City District Youth Rally Meeting at Edenton Methodist Church, Saturday, September 30, 1961.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Hendersonville, will hold revival services beginning Sunday October 15 and running through the 20th. Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, District Superintendent of Asheville, will preach each evening at 7:30. Rev. A. J. Cox is pastor at Hendersonville.

¶ CAMP SUTTON CHURCH, Monroe, recently organized, will be supplied by Mr. T. A. Plyler, Jr. on a part time basis. Mr. Plyler is the son of the late Rev. T. A. Plyler, member of the Western North Carolina Conference. He is presently teacher of the Fellowship Bible Class in Central Church, Monroe.

¶ REV. EARL A. COOK, pastor of the Friendship Methodist Church in the Salisbury District, who also operates a printing plant in connection with his church work, has installed a linotype machine recently. This enables him to print his bulletin and other religious literature. He says it is the fulfillment of a long-cherished dream.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH of Rocky Mount and Dr. James R. Hailey, director of Student Life of North Carolina Wesleyan College, planned a car caravan to church Sunday, September 17 and more than 65 Wesleyan students attended. Sunday, Sept. 24, they attended church and returned in the evening for the Church Fellowship Supper.

¶ PELHAM METHODIST CHURCH in Caswell County will observe Homecoming Day Sunday, October 15. Bringing the message will be Rev. Roy L. Grant, a former pastor, who is now pastor of Trinity Church, Lexington. The congregation will also observe its traditional Loyalty Day at this time. Following the services a picnic dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is pastor at Pelham.

¶ REV. W. A. SEAWELL, pastor of Carr Methodist Church, Durham, is holding revival services this week at 7:30 each evening. In preparation for the meeting a 24-hour prayer vigil was held from 7:30 Saturday evening to 7:30 Sunday evening.

¶ SENATOR SAM J. ERVIN, JR., was the principal speaker at a public meeting in Memorial Auditorium at High Point College October 11. The meeting was sponsored by the Young Democrats Club of High Point College.

¶ LOVE'S CHAPEL, Winston-Salem District, will observe Church School and Church Attendance crusade October 15-November 12. The closing date will mark the observance of Church School Rally Day. Rev. R. P. Crawley is the pastor.

¶ REV. L. E. MABRY and his people will observe Laymen's Day at Calvary Church, Asheboro, Sunday, October 15. Mr. Grady Cox, church lay leader, will be in charge, and will bring a visiting layman for each of the worship services.

¶ REV. M. R. CHAMBERS of Durham, preached at the Mount Bethel Church, Bahama Sunday, October 1. He is a former pastor of the church. Mr. Chambers is making a Conference-wide study of individual churches, and his findings will be published for use by the several boards of the conference for future use in planning the work.

¶ REV. RAY F. SWINK, pastor of First Methodist Church, Granite Falls, conducted a series of workshops in Tupelo, Mississippi, last week. He was representing the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church. In his absence, Mr. E. M. Dudley, district lay leader of Statesville district, spoke at the Layman's Day service.

¶ HOMECOMING DAY at Camp Ground Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Sunday, Oct. 15. Rev. R. S. Harrison, a former pastor, will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. Picnic dinner will be served. A cordial invitation to former members and pastors and all friends of this historic church, in its second century of service. Rev. M. W. Maness is pastor.

¶ RON WACHS, executive secretary of the High Point College Alumni Association, will speak at a Laymen's Day service at Asheboro's Central Methodist Church Oct. 15, at 11:00 a.m. Wachs is a 1960 graduate of High Point College and has studied for one year at Boston University. He became executive secretary of the High Point College Alumni Association last July 1.

¶ NORTH CAROLINA Wesleyan College was host to members of the World Service and Finance Commission of The Methodist Church on Wednesday, September 27. Members making the study were Bill Price, chairman, from Burlington, A. C. Edwards of Hookerton, M. J. Cowell of Raleigh, Rev. H. M. McLamb of Burlington, Rev. R. G. Dawson of Wilson, Rev. Arthur Thompson of Roxboro, and Rev. Charles Mercer of Smithfield.

¶ HARRIS CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH, near Dabney, Vance County, held its annual Homecoming Day last Sunday, Oct. 8. After the service a picnic lunch was served those attending.

¶ ENGLISH CHAPEL in the Asheville district observed its 101st anniversary with homecoming services last Sunday, October 8. This is one of the oldest churches in the Western North Carolina Conference and the second oldest in Transylvania County.

¶ OPEN HOUSE for the members of the Badin Methodist Church was held at the new parsonage Sunday afternoon, October 1, by Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Yarborough. Approximately 100 members called between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 o'clock.

¶ THE FIRST ORGAN recital of the year sponsored by the Brevard Methodist Church and Brevard College was held Sunday, Oct. 8 in the Methodist Church, featuring Dr. Richard Peck, organist and choirmaster of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte.

¶ Dr. Jack W. Moore, dean of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount, spoke on "Christian Beliefs" to the Greenville Young Adult Fellowship on Thursday, October 5. The meeting was held at the Grifton Methodist Church.

¶ Ahoskie Methodist church observed Layman's Day last Sunday. Mr. Hal Furr, Lay Leader of Parker's church in Gates County was the speaker for the 11:00 o'clock worship service. He is a member of the faculty of Suffolk High School.

¶ Rev. Robert F. Nay, pastor of the Camp Ground charge in Albemarle district has been called into the Chaplaincy, and will report to Fort Gordon October 11 for twelve months active duty. His new address is 3012 Acorn Road, Augusta, Ga.

¶ THE BLUE RIDGE Broadcasting Corporation, a non-profit corporation, headed by Dr. Billy Graham, has been granted a permit by the Federal Communications Commission to build and operate a 10,000-watt radio station at Black Mountain, N. C., according to information in the daily press.

¶ RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK is being observed at Louisburg College this week with Dr. Thomas A. Langford, assistant professor in the Department of Religion at Duke University as the speaker. Rev. Wade Goldston is director of religious activities at Louisburg.

¶ FIRST CHURCH, Lexington, has adopted a missionary family, the Jack Smiths of Kahuku, Hawaii. Rev. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Duke Divinity School, as well as having attended Brevard and Catawba colleges. His wife is a registered nurse. They have four children. First Church also supports a clergyman in Belgium.

¶ A program of church attendance evangelism is being carried on during the months of September and October by the membership of First Methodist church in Newton. Under the "Pack a Pew" plan section leaders and pew captains have filled the sanctuary for a series of services on Sunday night that have proven to be very helpful to the great numbers of people who are in attendance.

¶ Revival services will begin at the Transou Methodist church on the Nathan's Creek charge on Sunday, October 15, at 7:15, and run through Friday, October 20. Rev. James Pritchard of the Todd Charge will assist the pastor, Rev. P. E. Bingham. The public is cordially invited to attend.

¶ Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, district superintendent of the Statesville district, will assist Rev. Horwood P. Myers in revival services at Leaksville beginning next Sunday October 15. Dr. Carroll is a former pastor of the Leaksville church. Mr. Kenneth Fansler, minister of music at Christ church, Greensboro, will direct the musical program.

¶ ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH, Carolina Beach, will be celebrating its 18th Anniversary on Homecoming Day, October 15. The guest minister will be the Rev. John Pearsall, a former pastor of St. Paul's. The Rev. Mr. Pearsall is now pastor of Robersonville Methodist Church, Robersonville. The present pastor, Douglas L. Byrd, joins with the congregation in extending an invitation to all former pastors, former and present members, and friends of St. Paul's to this Annual Homecoming Day.

Mark Joint Anniversary

A unique ceremony in Aurora, Ill., Sept. 24 honored a father and son, each of whom had completed 50 years in the Methodist ministry. Both Rev. Charles H. Draper, associate pastor of Aurora's Wesley Church, and his father, Rev. George B. Draper, retired, age 88, received their local preacher's licences on the same day, Sept. 29, 1910. They were then residents of Missouri. The son served pastorates in New England and transferred to Rock River Conference in 1926. The father served the last 10 years of his active ministry in Rock River. His earlier service was in Missouri.

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Betsy Diane Sharp Of Wilson Becomes 10,000,000th Methodist

Betsy Diane Sharp, 10-year-old Wilson, N. C., girl, is reported to be the 10,000,000th Methodist.

Her identity was traced by *Together*, Methodist monthly family magazine, on the



basis of annual conference membership reports to the Rev. Frank E. Shuler, Jr., director of the Department of Research

and Statistics in the denominations's Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dalton Sharp, Betsy Diane joined the church last March 26, but her identity as the 10-millionth Methodist was not possible until the statistical summary had been completed.

Miss Sharp's picture and a story about the honor which has come her way appear in the current (November) issue of *Together*.

Methodist Churches Will Observe Laymen's Day

Laymen's Day will be observed Sunday, Oct. 15, in Methodist churches throughout America.

In calling upon churches generally to cooperate in observing the special day, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, had this to say:

"Laymen's Day ought to be a time to discover new men and new voices. By giving men an opportunity to take part, churches are bringing out hidden talents in laymen who had been on the fringes. Many of these men are becoming new men in Christ."

Methodist churches observe Laymen's Day in company with several other Protestant denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches and its Department of United Church Men.

Theme of the day's program in Methodist churches will be: "You Shall Be My Witnesses."

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With the splendid response to our Subscription Campaign

However, we have not heard from all by any means. Again, we ask each pastor to take a little time and solicit his people and get their subscriptions. Pastors who have done so say it takes only a very little effort on the part of the preacher to get them. It is not enough just to announce it. Personal solicitation will do it.

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YOU CAN GET MORE!

We add the following to the list we published last week of those who have sent new subscriptions:

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Wendell	5	Coleridge	16
Calvary—Littleton Circuit	15	Mount Harmony—Marion	1
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Windsor	1	Pine Grove—Clemmons	1
Bolton	1	Maple Springs	1
Elizabethtown	6		

Increase in Crime in North Carolina

According to recent figures released in Washington, North Carolina had 57 more murders in 1960 than in 1959. The FBI report showed that 458 murders occurred in North Carolina for 1960 as compared to 401 in 1959. The report also showed the rate in other categories was up, including robberies, burglaries, and auto thefts. Naturally these crimes showed the greatest number in the more thickly populated areas of the large cities, such as Raleigh, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro-High Point, Asheville. The state showed 163 more burglaries than in the previous year with a total of 11,763. Also car thefts were up 330 over the previous year with a total of 3,561. These figures are typical of the crime rate in other categories.

This is certainly cause for alarm. Our crime rate should be decreasing rather than on the increase. It is a challenge to the Christian forces of the state as well as to the civil authorities. Why we will insist on trying to get away with crime is not easily understood when we realize that it is still true "Be sure your sin will find you out." Our officers seem to be doing a good job in apprehending criminals. Very few crimes go unsolved, and yet this doesn't seem to be as much of a deterrent as it should.

Of course we know these crimes occur mostly among people who leave the element of religion out of life. And we wonder if the church and Christian people have failed to measure up to their full responsibility in this respect. We need to continue to teach the principles of Christianity to the people who are in the church, but we need also to win others to the Christian faith and practice. "The harvest truly is plenteous." Here is the challenge to evangelistic effort on the part of everyone. Brethren, let's dedicate ourselves anew to the task.

Layman's Day, October 15

October 15 is officially designated by the Methodist Church as Layman's Day. Many churches will be observing it at that time, others will perhaps find it more convenient at a different date. The important thing is not when it is observed, but that it be observed. It furnishes a fine opportunity for the laymen to be used in the service, and for them to say to their fellow-church members something that may carry more weight than if the preacher said it.

Methodist National Lay Committee to Meet Nov. 2-4

A meeting of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism will be held November 2-4 at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

The committee is promoting the establishment of units of "The Twelve" in Methodist churches, and primary attention at the Purdue meeting will be given to this program.

Groups of "The Twelve" get their name from the number of Jesus' disciples. Twelve is considered ideal for the number of persons in the groups, but their size ranges from about eight to 16. Group members pray, meditate, study, and witness for Christ.

The National Lay Committee on Evangelism is affiliated with the General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church.

Among the speakers for the national committee meeting will be the Rev. Dr. Lynn J. Radcliffe, Madison, N. J., a retired Methodist minister who is a prayer leader; the Rev. Dr. Truman W. Potter, pastor of Christ Church (Methodist), Charleston, W. Va.; Walter F. Anderson, Raleigh, N. C., head of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation; and three Nashvillians, Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism; the Rev. Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, director of the board's Department of Spiritual Life; and Harold Rogers, director of promotion for *The Upper Room*.

Chairman of the National Lay Committee on Evangelism is Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., a business executive and past president of Rotary International.

Bishop Paul Hardin to Speak At Matthews Home Coming

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., presiding Bishop of the Columbia, S. C., Area of the Methodist church, will be the Home Coming preacher at the Matthews Methodist Church Sunday, October 22. Bishop Hardin is a former pastor of the Matthews church, having served there during the years 1927-1929. He also served a number of other churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. Just prior to being elected to the Episcopate last year he was the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

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"The church must take a divided world with the greatest seriousness. The weight of this responsibility may be judged by the necessity of the church to confront a world with which it is too largely conformed. At the same time the church must not remove itself from the world. It must be identified with the world's need of reconciliation, without being identified with the world's enmity."

—Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston, Mass.

Dear Brother Starnes:

Enclosed are new subscribers to the N. C. *Christian Advocate*. In your letter you asked for six new subscribers. Why stop at six? My aim was set for twelve and fifteen were secured. These are from Weaver's Chapel and Corinth churches. Calvary is and has been 100 per cent for several years.

I feel very strong toward this *Advocate* and wish for you every success. Thanks.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR W. WINSTEAD

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Mr. Editor:

We are living in serious times. Discord and unrest seem to exist in the world and the possibility of another war more disastrous than ever seems eminent. Nations are mobilizing their soldiers and implements of war depending on the power of force to settle their disputes when we have the divine affirmation from the Bible, "They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword." We read in the divine record "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord." We want to stake the power of penitence and prayer and our dependence on God against the power of man's wisdom and might. We read in the Bible "Man ought always to pray and not to faint." Also, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" and also "Call upon me in time of trouble and I will answer you." The poet has well said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." We must conclude that there is great power in prayer. Let the clergy set aside their peace-time sermons of contentment and being aware of the dangerous time we live in, lead their members into penitence and prayer that the world may be saved from another disastrous war and that nations may learn to live peaceably together.

There rest today 'neath the poppy covered fields of Europe millions of fine young men victims of former wars cut down in the prime of life. We deplore war as the supreme tragedy of the ages. May the day come when "peace on earth good will to men" may be a reality. We are facing stormy times. Let us take to heart the hymn:

"From every stormy wind that blows
From every swelling tide of woes
There is a calm, a sure retreat
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

"Rise up O men of God
Have done with lesser things
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of Kings."

ROLAND COVINGTON

Raeford, N. C.

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Editor, N. C. *CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

The September 22 *Raleigh News and Observer* carried a page one news story about the meeting of Secretary of State Dean Rusk with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to discuss the Berlin crisis. Secretary Rusk had invited Gromyko to a luncheon to launch their talks on Berlin. The sentence that caught my eye was this: "The luncheon began, after a photographic session and a round of cocktails, at 1:30 p.m. and ran for about an hour." Is this what we want—the peace of the world discussed over cocktails? Let us North Carolina Methodists flood the President of the United States with protests, asserting that we demand that such grave world crises be deliberated by United States representatives whose minds are

clear. Here is where the Commission on Christian Social Concerns can assist every minister.

Yours for peace,

ROBERT S. PULLMAN, Minister

Bethany Methodist Church
Wanchase, North Carolina

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Dear Brother Starnes:

First, I'd like to thank you for the N. C. **Christian Advocate** and all that it has meant to my wife and me since we've been in training for the mission field, and wish to congratulate you on your excellent coverage of the mission program of the church.

It is a thrilling experience now to have dreams come true and be in Brazil in language training as a missionary of the Methodist Church. We were on shipboard when the announcement of President Quadros' resignation came about, and very much had pointed out to us the uncertainty of the world situation as the ports were closed at Rio de Janeiro and Santos with the strike, etc. Yet, it is a wonderful feeling to know that the Christ who is the Lord of our personal lives is also Lord of history, and to know that He who has called us thus far in His service is with us. We were able to land in Rio and were met at the dock by the lovely, consecrated daughter of the Bishop who had commissioned us in Goldsboro just two months before, Sarah Dawsey, head of Bennett College, that excellent Methodist School in Rio. We stayed there overnight, and visited the "People's Institute," that wonderful institution that ministers to over a thousand youngsters in school and church on the edge of the favelas (slums). This work of the Methodist Church is so well received by the community that it is supported not only by the Methodist Church but receives contributions from people all across Rio de Janeiro who are proud of the program carried on there. (A psychologist gives time each week to the Institute in counseling some of the troubled youngsters from these slums.)

When we landed in Santos and unloaded our trunks for our new life in Brazil, we were met by Lewistine McCoy, our field treasurer and dedicated jack of all trades, who knows all the procedures of customs and the like, and is God-sent to green missionaries. (Incidentally, he wrote the excellent pamphlet called, "Brazil, Land of Tomorrow" which any of you pastors can get for your congregation free from the Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Dr., New York 27, N. Y. We were also met by Bill Garrison, and later by Cy Dawsey, both of whom graduated from Duke and served in the N. C. Conference.

We are now settled in our new home in Campinas, and in our second week of language school. Our home is right at the heart of town across from the large public market, a tremendous thing from which most of this city of 250,000 are fed. (Carts and buggies pulled by horses leave in front of our house loaded with fresh produce every morning except Monday around 5:30 a.m.) All our neighbors speak Portuguese, and thus we have to learn the language to buy bread and keep house. Our boys (8 and 11) are enrolled in Portuguese speaking schools for their last quarter (their "summer" vacation begins in December) and are making their parents proud of their adjustment. I leave for school at 7:30 each morning, riding the second-hand bike I bought or riding the bus with my oldest son, who takes special tutoring in the morning in Portuguese, as well, his school which begins at 12:30 and lasts through 5:00 p.m. June goes to school in the afternoon while I babysit with our daughter. Our fellow Methodist missionaries have been wonderful to us, helping us shop and set up housekeeping, etc., and we have many friends of all denominations at our interdenominational language school.

The church here is an inspiration, and though we don't catch but a few of the words

from the pulpit, we've found that this church, still in debt for its education building and parsonage, has borrowed money in faith to purchase three new lots for the sites of three new Methodist churches well located around the city, and this church has less than 500 members. The evening service is the large service here, and the offerings three out of four Sunday nights go to the mission program of the Brazilian Methodist Church all across Brazil with all of its Methodist churches taking these offerings. Thus you can see how money invested in the mission program here is wisely invested for the Lord, for the Methodist Church here indeed is reaching out into fields white unto the harvest, and is probably growing more rapidly than any other part of the Methodist Church around the world. We also attend an English service (after Portuguese Sunday School) which meets in the chapel of the language school and serves a large and growing English speaking business community of Campinas, and we language students take turns in leading the worship service.

We remember with thanksgiving to God all of our friends in North Carolina, but continue to pray that the N. C. Conference of the church will lead out in missions as it has in church extension and education. And the church has so much to do, as the **Advocate** well pointed out in quoting C. L. Spottwood of the Philippines in the August 10th copy, that the Methodist Church has fewer than 1500 missionaries in service today compared with the 2,400 of a much smaller church some 30 years ago. May God help us to do more in these days so desperate for the witness of God's Good News in Jesus Christ.

God bless you,

GEORGE and JUNE MEGILL
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Brazil, S. America

P. S.—If there is anything we can do to help our N. C. friends in the forthcoming mission study on Latin America, we'd be glad to hear from them and do what we can.

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BE FRIENDLY

*You may not stand in halls of fame
With many honors to your name;
You may not own a lot of wealth,
Nor even have the best of health;
You may not reach some earthly throne,
Nor claim a palace of your own;
You may not master some great art,
Nor rank with those the world calls smart,
But you can be friendly.*

*You may not be a scholar great,
Nor with the learned high rate;
You may not wear a pretty face,
Nor fill a great, important place;
You may not write a book or song,
Nor have the praises of a throng;
You may not ride in pullman cars,
Nor reach in eloquence the stars,
But you can be friendly.*

*Yes, friendly with your folks at home,
And friendly where you chance to roam.
Quite friendly all along the way
With those you meet from day to day;
For people know it's well worth while
To wear a kind and friendly smile.
And reach to them a friendly hand,
However great or small they stand—
Yes, you can be friendly.*

REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

Call to Christian Churches Of North Carolina

The North Carolina Council of Churches, through its Executive Committee on September 22 adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the seriousness of world conditions prompts us to call upon Him who in Jesus Christ has revealed Himself to be the God of Peace, and

Whereas we are urged by the Apostle Paul to pray without ceasing for those in authority, and

Whereas we are bidden by our Lord to pray especially for our enemies,

Therefore, we, the members of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Council of Churches, call upon the churches of our state to join in solemn prayer.

Pray for peace, for the absence of armed conflict and for the removal of those things which make for armed conflict: jealousy between nations, suspicions, and hatreds.

Pray for those things which make for peace, for all those organizations which are dedicated to the preservation of peace, and in particular, the United Nations, and for those fruits of the Spirit in the heart of men: the love of righteousness and justice, the desire for patience and understanding.

Pray for the nations of the world, their leaders and people, especially for the Soviet Union, the Peoples' Republic of China, and all those whose way of life seems a threat to our own.

Pray for the United States, that she who was conceived in liberty may continue in the same, and for her leaders, the President and all who serve with him, that they may have wisdom to lead us in the paths of peace.

Pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

And whereas there is within our hearts that which makes for war, hatred and discord, we urge that confession be made of our sin.

Let us confess our pride of place and station which seeks advantage over other men.

Let us confess our self-centeredness which keeps us from seeking the common good.

Let us confess our slowness to accept as brothers those for whom Christ died.

Let us confess our idolatry which makes a god out of "our cause" which refusing to admit that the One who is with us is also with those who oppose us, loving them even as He loves us.

Suggestions For Implementation:

1. Read this Call to Prayer from the Pulpit on World Order Sunday, October 22, and offer prayers for peace on that day.
2. Observe silent prayer for peace at noon each day wherever you are.
3. Arrange special union services in the community to pray for peace.
4. Call together informal groups for shared concern and prayer.
5. Provide opportunities to discuss the world condition.
6. Give wide-spread publication of the Call to Prayer through all local media communication.

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If you delight in making people feel bad you are feeding on cheap stuff.

Dr. Ralph Sockman to Retire

(Continued on front page)

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, for more than 14 years minister of Christ Church, Methodist, in New York City, has announced his retirement, effective December 31, at which time it is believed he will have broken all records for pulpit tenure in a single parish.

After his retirement, Dr. Sockman plans to concentrate on his work as Director of the Hall of Fame for Famous Americans, a position to which he was elected in 1949. His new offices will be located at Hall of Fame headquarters, 1009 Fifth Avenue, New York, beginning January 1. His lecture schedule, already extending into 1965, will keep him traveling extensively both here and abroad.

When Ralph Sockman came to Christ Church (then Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church) half a century ago, in 1911, it was as a layman and a student. In a few years he progressed from student pastor to associate pastor and, in 1917, to the full pastorate.

Tackling the task of building a crumbling church with a diminishing congregation, Dr. Sockman fought the depression and successfully emerged with a \$3 million church edifice at 520 Park Avenue, which today has a membership of two thousand parishioners. Once called the "Church of Widows," Christ Church is now known as a "Cathedral of Methodism." The church congregation is planning a 50th anniversary dinner in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Sockman to be held at the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Tuesday evening, November 7.

In 1928, Dr. Sockman became minister to millions when he became the summer minister of the "National Radio Pulpit," then headed by the late Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. On Dr. Cadman's death in 1936, Dr. Sockman became the regular winter season minister on this NBC network program, the oldest and leading Protestant broadcast of its kind in America. Now called the "Dean of Religious Broadcasters," Dr. Sockman is believed to have one of the world's largest regular audiences.

Having been selected in various non-denominational surveys as "one of the greatest religious leaders in America today," and one of America's "Great Preachers," Dr. Sockman has devoted much of his time and talent to the application of Christian principles to world problems. Among many other positions, he is president of the Church Peace Union, a Carnegie Foundation; president (1928-1960) of the Board of World Peace of the Methodist Church, member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (1948-1964), and twice president of the Protestant Council of the City of New York.

Three times he declined the opportunity of becoming a Bishop of The Methodist Church, believing that the "churches today are better organized than they are pulpitized."

Born October 1, 1889, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Dr. Sockman obtained his B.A. at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1911. He re-

ceived his Master's degree in 1913 and his Ph.D. in 1917, both at Columbia University. He also was graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1916.

Dr. Sockman has received 21 honorary degrees from such prominent institutions as Columbia, Duke, Northwestern, New York University and Oberlin College. As one of the country's foremost speakers, he has delivered the famed Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale; for two years was visiting professor of Hominetics at Yale Divinity School, then became associate professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary where he still serves as lecturer.

Dr. Sockman's words have touched many remote sections of the globe where his voice has not been heard. He is the author of 20 books, several of them religious best sellers. He syndicates a newspaper column and has written scores of magazine articles, radio and television scripts.

Dr. Sockman and his wife, the former Zellah Endly, have a daughter, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Stirling Tomkins, Jr., of Mendham, New Jersey, and four grand-children—Kathy, 13; Billy, 11; Lisa, 9; and Julie, 4. The Sockman's son, William, died in 1940.

Christian Approach To Problem of Communism

An educational project on the Christian approach to the problem of Communism was approved by the Methodist Board of Christian Concerns in a meeting Sept. 7-8 in Chicago. The project was presented as an answer to the desire for anti-communist methods that "are not only compatible with the finest traditions of American democracy, but are also in harmony with the ethical principles of the Christian faith." This is planned to be centered in the local church.

Music Leadership School At West Market St. Oct. 22-26

Those who are interested in better church music will have an opportunity to attend a Greensboro District Music Leadership School to be conducted at West Market Street Methodist Church October 22-26. Mr. Thomas Nichols, Director of Music at West Market Street Church, says the school will concentrate upon the field of hymnody for choirs, congregations and church schools, hoping to be of real service to the smallest rural church as well as to the larger ones.

This workshop is being sponsored by the new Greensboro District Fellowship of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, and has the full backing of the Board of Education in Nashville, as well as the local ministers and district superintendent. On the faculty will be such distinguished men as Cecil E. Papo, the new head of Music Ministry in Nashville, and Dr. Alfred Haas, a distinguished professor of Drew University.

Registration should be sent to Rev. Howard Coleman, treasurer, at Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro, before Wednesday, October 18.

Plaque Honors Charles Wesley

Methodist leaders headed by Bishop James K. Mathews met in Boston's Old North Church, now Christ Church (Episcopal) on Sept. 25 to dedicate a marble plaque in memory of Charles Wesley.

Presented by the Methodist Council of Bishops, the plaque describes the author of the some 6,000 hymns as the "sweet singer of evangelical Anglicanism and of jubilant Methodism." The bishops decided to establish such a memorial after their worship service in this historic church last April. Charles Wesley preacher in the Old North Church, where Paul Revere was later to hang his famous lantern, in the fall of 1736.



CHAPLAIN PROMOTED—Chaplain Allen Edens (center), is promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and has insignia pinned on by the 1st Infantry Division G-1, Lt. Col. James A. Patterson. Congratulating the chaplain is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) G. W. Almond, 1st Division Chaplain.

Impressions Gathered From Rome, Egypt, and the Holy Land

(Editor's Note: We regret that in making up the *ADVOCATE* last week, three lines in the article by Brother Cecil G. Hefner concerning his recent visit to the Holy Land, got mixed up, and made the article unintelligible. We assure our readers the fault was in no way attributable to Mr. Hefner. He furnished us good copy, and it was an interesting article, but it was one of those things that sometimes happens in a printing office. The article was set, the proof read, and everything in order, but it just had to happen. Three lines became transposed through error in make-up. The *ADVOCATE* assumes full responsibility, and offers its sincere apologies to Brother Hefner and to our readers. We are hereby reprinting the last half of the article, and we trust our readers will re-read the entire article, substituting this last half, beginning with the paragraph which begins: "Now we see Mt. Nebo in the distance.")

Now we see Mt. Nebo in the distance—a large mountain—where Moses stood and looked over into the Promised Land, the land God promised to the Israelites. But Moses never went into this land. It remained for his successor, Joshua, to go over into the land that God promised to his people.

We have now arrived at the River Jordan—the river that has played such an important part in the history of the Hebrew people and in the life of Jesus. Even today it plays a significant role in the economy of Israel and Jordan. Without the River Jordan to furnish water for irrigation much of Jordan and Israel would be no more than a desert.

We move on down to Jericho—said by some scholars to be older even than Damascus. Here at Jericho we look up at the Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted and lived in the hills some forty days. The heat is now terrific and the mountain is barren and rocky, and the picture one gets here is nothing but utter desolation. Around Jericho we recall again the Good Samaritan story. One can easily understand how anyone even yet might fall among thieves, among the winding paths, the deep gorges and steep cliffs.

We Reach Jerusalem

Perhaps no city in the world has quite the interest to Christians as does Jerusalem. It was founded in prehistoric times. It is first mentioned in the Bible under the name of "Salem," the city of Melchisedek, "priest of the most high God." King David captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites and made it his capital. It was David's son, Solomon, who built the great temple upon Mt. Moriah, the place where Abraham is now buried and where he was willing to offer Isaac in sacrifice. Time and time again the city has been sacked and laid waste. If the stones could speak what a story they would tell.

The Garden of Gethsemane

In the Garden of Gethsemane we sat down and had prayer and quiet meditation. The same old olive trees which were there during Jesus' ministry are still there. Interestingly enough, olive trees do not die but when the old shuts dies a new one appears. It was here that he left his disciples to wait, and on his return he found them sleeping and made the remark, "Could ye not watch one hour?"

The Via Delorosa

Every Friday at 3:00 p. m. pilgrims and tourists retrace the steps of Jesus and stop to pray at each of the fourteen stations along the road our Lord walked on the day of the Crucifixion. Each station symbolizes some special event in those last hours of Jesus' life as he made his way to Calvary.

The Garden of the Tomb

Perhaps no shrine has more interest to the pilgrim than the Garden of the Tomb. It is preserved in its natural setting even today and one has the feeling that surely here is where Jesus was buried and here on the third day came forth from the grave. The tomb has

been cut of rock and one has to stoop to enter. At this tomb it seemed that we could easily put ourselves back to the time when the angel spoke the words, "He is not here; He is risen."

We Go to Bethlehem

As long as I live I shall not forget the visit to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. This church stands on the traditional site of Jesus' birth. The first church of the nativity was built at the time of Constantine about 326 A.D. This great church stood for 200 years and was destroyed. The church was rebuilt during Justinian's reign and stands today. To be sure scholars cannot be absolutely sure that this was the spot of Jesus' birth, but according to the best evidence the place where the church stands is the spot where the shepherds and wise men came long ago to see the Christ child. As we walked down into the cave we felt that we were standing on holy ground, and once again God seemed to speak to those who came with an humble mind and heart.

In the late evening we went to the Shepherd's Field where the angels brought the tidings of Christ's birth to the shepherds as they watched the flocks by night. We had a special service here and sang Christmas carols. It was a moving experience to sit under the sky and watch the appearance of the stars. As in long, long ago, the shepherds tend their flock near Shepherd's Field.

As we left we walked quietly to our cars. It seemed that once again God had spoken to a little group of pilgrims as He spoke to the humble shepherds of long ago.

Some Final Reflections

Space does not permit me to tell about the interesting visits to Beersheba, Jacob's Well, the Sea of Galilee, and Nazareth, and many other places.

The Holy Land was divided in 1948 following the war between the Jews and Arabs. Jordan which is occupied by the Arabs and Israel which is occupied by the Jews point up a most striking contrast.

Jordan is still so primitive in contrast to the new Israel which is being formed. Israel is a marvel to all people who see it today. It is a booming little nation and is fast becoming powerful and strong. For example, Israel has one of the largest air lines in the world. As we traveled from northern Israel to southern Negev we saw again what determination, resourcefulness, and skill can do for a people. Israel is becoming an influential nation in the family of nations. Its economy is sound; its people are strong and ambitious; its destiny seems assured.

Both Jordan and Israel are deeply grateful for what America has done for them. Jordan feels that America should do more. The Arabs are a great people as well as the Jews and somehow I believe God has a place for them.

There is still deep enmity between the Arabs and the Jews, but let us pray that time will help heal these wounds. As Jordan is able to tap the water resources of the River Jordan and the Sea of Galilee it will be able to lift its standard of living. Watter, the village well, plays a tremendous role in the life of these people.

Wherever we went we were made conscious of the fact that people are on the move and are reaching out for a better life. Back of the restlessness of these people in the Middle East one is made to believe that they are longing for God's way of life. May we as a nation help them find this life is my prayer.

I came home grateful to God for America. I came home believing that this nation of ours holds hope for the rest of the world. May this nation lead the world into a new life, the abundant life which Jesus Christ offers.

I shall not forget the longing that seem to be in the eyes of so many people. I came home feeling that of all the wonders I saw the greatest of all wonders is the wonder of people.

Conference on Family Life To Be Held in Charlotte

The fourteenth annual Conference on the Family, sponsored by the North Carolina Family Life Council, will be held at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, N. C., October 22, 23, 24.

The theme will be, "Living in Balance Begins in the Family." All interested persons are welcome. Panel discussions, superb speakers symposium, colloquy, discussion forums, audio-visual and tape presentations—distribution and display of publications in the area of Family Life, will all be given prominence.

Program Plan and Features

Sunday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., registration; 7:00 p.m., Executive Committee meeting; 8:00 p.m., first general session.

Monday, Oct. 23, 9:00-12:00 registration; 10:00 a.m. second general session; 12:30 p.m., luncheon; 2:00 p.m., symposium and Group Discussion Forums; 7:30 p.m., third general session.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m., fourth general session; 12:00 noon, adjournment; 12:30 p.m., luncheon for Executive Committee and officers of the N. C. Family Life Council.

Outstanding guest speakers will include: Dr. Robert N. Rutherford, obstetrician and editor of the *Western Journal of Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology*, Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Robert N. Rutherford, marriage counselor, Seattle, Washington; Dr. Frances L. Ilg, director, Gesell Institute of Child Development, New Haven, Connecticut. Many professions related to family life are represented among the 50 leaders from over the state who will serve in various ways on the three-day program.

Registration fees: Adults, \$2.00 (husband and wife \$2.00); students, 50 cents. Attendance on one main session only \$1.00.

Luncheon reservations for Monday and Tuesday noon must be received by October 20. Send \$1.50 for each luncheon to:

Mrs. Fountain I. Chapman
Chambwood Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina

Officers of the North Carolina Family Life Council are: President, Jesse Lanning, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.; President-elect and Program Chairman, Mrs. J. Leonard Middleton, 903 Hunnymede Road, Raleigh, N. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. Helen B. Ashby, Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.

Baptizes His Teacher

When in September, 1898, Marshall R. Reed enrolled in the first grade of the already-old, little stone school house near Onsted, Michigan, the teacher who welcomed him was Charles Schultis.

On a recent September Sunday, this same Marshall R. Reed, now a bishop of The Methodist Church and head of its Michigan Area, baptized and received into church membership that same school teacher and his wife.

In giving him the "right hand of fellowship," Bishop Reed said, "It was 63 years ago this week that as my first school teacher you opened my educational career. It is now with genuine joy that on this day I have the privilege of receiving you into the fellowship of the Christian church."

Wesleyan College Names Twelve Memorial Buildings

The Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College announced the naming of 12 major memorials for the new college honoring the lives and service of distinguished persons with its inception.

The Administration Building is to be named The Braswell Building. This will honor the J. C. Braswell family and the M. C. Braswell family.

The M. C. Braswell heirs donated the site on which the college is constructed. This prominent Nash County family is very active in agricultural, industrial, civic, and church affairs. The J. C. Braswell family has pioneered in Rocky Mount in civic concerns, financial management, and in the church life of First Methodist Church and the North Carolina Annual Conference.

The Gravely Science Building will honor the distinguished Gravely family. Founders of the China-American Tobacco Company, they have influenced the college and community. Mr. Page K. Gravely was co-chairman of the Local College Capital Fund Campaign which raised \$2,000,000 in pledges during which time he served as mayor of Rocky Mount.

The Pearsall Classroom Building is named honoring Thomas J. Pearsall and his family. Mr. Pearsall, Rocky Mount attorney, businessman, and widely-known legislator, formerly serving as speaker of the State House of Representatives. He is well known as the author of the "Pearsall Act" relating to Carolina schools.

The trustees have designated the chapel, the present temporary chapel and the permanent one, as the Garber Chapel. This is in recognition of the outstanding leadership Bishop Paul N. Garber has rendered in Christian higher education, church extension, and evangelism to the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church and to eastern North Carolina.

The trustees voted to erect attractive entry gates at the main entrance from Highway 301 and dedicate this approach to the campus "To All of the Ministers of the North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church." This recognizes their dedication to the task of establishing and maintaining a new college dedicated to the proposition of academic excellent with Christian concerns.

The circular main drive within the beautiful campus is named Tyler Drive. This name reminds all who enter of the life and work of Arthur L. Tyler, founder of the Belk-Tyler stores, general chairman of the Nash-Edgecomb College Development campaign, prominent Rocky Mount citizen and active episcopal churchman.

Trustees of North Carolina Wesleyan College named the buildings pictured here on the new campus. These are (left to right) the Gravely Science Building, the Braswell Administration Building, and the Pearsall Classroom Building.

While working for the establishment of Eastern Carolina's newest Senior College, he served as chairman of the board of trustees of East Carolina College, and a trustee of St. Mary's College in Raleigh.

The Horne Faculty Office Wing is named for Mr. Josh L. Horne, who has actively and generously promoted Wesleyan. He is the publisher of *The Evening Telegram* of Rocky Mount, former president of the Duke Alumni Association, and leading churchman of First Methodist Church.

The Lea Faculty Office Wing is named for the W. B. Lea family. Founders of the Lea Tobacco Company, they are civic leaders prominent in the establishment of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

The Bandy Plaza is the major parking area developed to serve the campus. This is named for Ray Bandy. Bandy is widely known as former State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, former president of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, active Methodist churchman, and a driving force in relating The Methodist Church to Rocky Mount's desire for a senior college.

The trustees designated three additional memorials to be constructed. The Minges Auditorium, when erected, will honor the prominent L. L. Minges family. This Lutheran family has prospered in business affairs second only to their interest in service to their church and community.

The Spruill Infirmary, when erected, will honor the memory of Rocky Mount's Frank P. Spruill, Sr. and his family. Mr. Spruill for more than half a century was a leader in banking and civic circles of eastern North Carolina.

The Thorpe Gardens will be established around the auditorium—fine arts area of the campus honoring A. P. Thorpe, Jr. and his family. Until Mr. Thorpe's death he served actively as a member of the board of trustees of Wesleyan. He had labored unstintingly to establish the young college.

Six Charlotte Churches Hold Combined Conference on Missions

Six of our churches on the west side of Charlotte, Chadwick, Christ, Tuckaseegee Road, Homestead, Moore's Chapel, and Thrift, are sponsoring a weekend conference on missions October 28-29.

The conference will open Saturday night with a barbecue at Moore's Chapel. Following the meal, members of the conference expect to hear from several who have been in the mission field. The youth look forward to hearing Elizabeth Callis. The adults plan to hear from Dr. or Mrs. Rice and Alberto Rodriguez of Cuba. Sunday morning at 7:30 there will be a free breakfast served at Thrift, and sponsored by the Commission on Missions of each church. At the breakfast, Dr. Horace McSwain and Rev. Clyde Tucker of Durham are to bring the conference information and inspiration about the part the Methodist Church is playing in the mission field. At the 11:00 o'clock service each church hopes to have one of our missionary guests in each of its pulpits, bring the morning message. Sunday afternoon at 2:00 the conference will have its closing meeting. This will include all of our guests on a panel to lead the group in a discussion and answer period about the missionary program in the local church.

This is the second year that the ministers of these six churches, F. R. Love, George W. Rudisill, Douglas R. Beard, I. P. Rutledge, James A. Northington and James M. Armstrong, have combined the talents and resources of their churches to put on an extensive and informative conference on missions. Each of the ministers recognizes the problem of missionary education in his small local church and sees the great advantage of a combined effort of all the churches together. An invitation is extended to the surrounding churches of this area to participate in a weekend of Christian fellowship and personal involvement in missions.

DOUGLAS R. BEARD



Leadership School Will Be Held Oct. 22-26, Winston-Salem

The Forsyth County Leadership School will be held October 22-26, 1961. Morning sessions will be held at Ardmore Methodist Church, from 9:30 to 11:30. Evening sessions will be held at Centenary Methodist Church, from 7:00 to 9:30.

Courses in the morning section at Ardmore Church will include:

Suffering in the Bible—Dr. Clyde Mansuchreck, Professor Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Use of the Bible With Children—Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Evansville, Ill.

There will be two Nursery Observation Laboratories. Mrs. Margaret Germer, Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Stanley Paulson, Westfield, N. J.

Kinderkarten—Mrs. A. M. Dietterich, Baltimore, Md.

Baby sitting service will be provided from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Monday through Friday at Ardmore Methodist Church; there will be no baby sitting Sunday evening. A nominal fee will be charged.

Lunch will be served cafeteria style at 11:30 Monday through Friday at Ardmore. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the meal.

Courses in the evening section at Centenary Church will include:

Primary—Group Graded—Mrs. H. H. Delara, Gloucester, Va.

Primary—Closely Graded—Mrs. L. C. Harvard, Savannah, Ga.

Junior—Group Graded—Miss Louise Robinson, Statesville, N. C.

Junior—Closely Graded—Mrs. E. C. Few, Gastonia, N. C.

Use of the Bible With Children—Mrs. Dorothy Hill, Evansville, Ill.

Home and Church Working Together—Mrs. W. R. Reed, Richmond, Va.

Courses for Workers With Youth

Guiding Junior Highs—Mr. Paul Neuffer, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.

Use of the Bible With Senior Highs and Older Youth—Rev. and Mrs. Richard R. Hanner, Jr., Centenary Methodist, Winston-Salem.

Courses for Senior High Young People

Youth and Christian Witness—This class also planned for adult workers with Senior High MYF., Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., Rutherfordton Methodist Church, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Use of the Bible With Adult Groups—This class is planned for teachers and officers of adult classes, and any others especially interested in this concern. Rev. Courtney Ross, Brevard Methodist Church, Brevard, N. C.

How to Improve the Church School—This class is planned for members of the Commission on Education, all general and division superintendents, and other church school officers. Dr. Raymond Smith, Department of Christian Education, Greensboro College.

Audio Visuals in the Church—Rev. Lee Scott, Asbury Memorial Church, Asheville, N. C.

The Meaning of Methodism—Dr. Clyde Mansuchreck, Professor Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Making up the school staff will be:

Director, Rev. Robert V. Martin

Assistant Director, Rev. Henry A. Justice

Laboratory Director, Rev. Richard R. Hanner, Jr.

Morning Lab Co-ordinator, Miss Susan Lutz

Evening Lab Co-ordinator, Miss Angela Brown

Registrar, Mrs. Joy M. Scheipers

Assistant Registrar, Miss Martha Turnipseed

The following Methodist churches of Winston-Salem area will sponsor the school:

Winston-Salem churches participating are: Ardmore; Burkhead; Centenary; Central Terrace; Children's Home; Grace; Green Street; Hiatt's Memorial; Konnoak Hills; Maple Springs; Marvin; Mt. Carmel; Mt. Pisgah; Mt. Tabor; Ogburn Memorial; Trinity; Union Ridge; Wesley Memorial.

Forsyth County churches participating are: Crews; Hickory Ridge; Kernersville Main Street; Mt. Pleasant; New Hope; Oak Summit; Rural Hall; Sedge Garden; Loves; Morris Chapel; Kernersville, Pine Grove, Cherry Street; Concord Sharon Charge; Danbury Charge; Forsyth, Stokes Charge; Germanton Oak Grove Charge; King Charge; Pinnacle Charge; Lewisville, Brookstown, Union Charge; Mt. Pleasant, Tabernacle Charge; Pine Grove, Clemmons Charge; Shiloh, Olivet Charge; Stokesburg, Pine Hall Charge; West Forsyth Charge, Hanes, Bethel Charge.

Statesville Area Training School, October 22-26

The Statesville Area Training School will be held at Broad Street Church, Statesville, beginning Sunday night, October 22 and continuing each evening through Thursday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. Courses and instructors are as follows:

"Creative Activities With Children"—Mrs. Russell Dicks, 1430 Lake Weldona Drive, Orlando, Florida. This course is for both parents and teachers of primary and junior children.

"Teaching Children in the Small Church"—Mrs. Senah Pulliam, Seven Mile Ford, Virginia. This course is for parents and teachers of children in the smaller churches.

"Guiding Junior Highs"—Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., Box 749, Statesville. This course will offer helps for parents and workers.

"Guiding Seniors and Older Youth"—Rev. Gilreath G. Adams, Jr., Box 227, Troutman. Teachers and other leaders of Senior Highs and older youth should enroll.

"Understanding Ourselves"—Mrs. E. H. Ould 1902 Grandin Road, Roanoke, Va. This course is for young people ages 15-21.

"Christian Beliefs"—Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, 83 Evelyn Place, Asheville. This course is open to the general membership of the church.

"Social Concerns of the Church"—Dr. Bryan Crenshaw, First Methodist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina. This course is for persons interested in the church and social action.



Main Street Methodist Church, Salisbury, broke ground Sunday, September 24, for a new education building. This is the first unit of the proposed plan for a new sanctuary and additional Sunday school rooms in the near future. This faithful congregation has long planned and worked for this achievement. They hope to complete and occupy the new building within the next few months. Shown in the picture above from left to right are members of the building committee: Front row—O. C. Smith, chairman official board; O. J. Jones, contractor; Rev. J. L. Love, pastor; A. A. Wagner, oldest official in length of service; Mrs. Jay Brandon, Mrs. Hazel Welsh; second row: Howard Loftin, Paul Harris, Jr., chairman of building committee; J. D. Shelton, O. C. Blackwell, treasurer, is not on the picture.

Concord Junior High's Have Fall Retreat

Bill Lowrance, newly elected president of the Junior High MYF at Central Methodist Church, Concord, and the other officers for the 1961-62 term, gathered at Camp Spencer for their Fall Planning Retreat. These officers are: Vice-president, Betty Jo Brantley; secretary, Charlotte Poole; treasurer, George Stilwell; MY Fund treasurer, Beaver Turner; committee chairmen, Bill King, Miriam Hawfield, Susan Ruehlen, Edith Craven, Dale Arden Brown, Ann Bailey, Labba Crawford and Marty Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Max Brown, counselors for this group, Mrs. Ruth Whitley, educational assistant at Central, Mr. Haymond Turner and Mr. Don Troxley, Sunday School teachers in the department, were present to guide these youths in their planning. Mrs. Dale Stentz, an interested grandmother, better known to the boys and girls as "Mama Mary," was also there for inspiration and fellowship (as well as helping with K.P.).

The Retreat got off to a good start with supper at 6:00 and then the council settled down for two hours of planning programs, special events, mission study and worship themes for the next nine months. They voted to cooperate in the UNICEF program sponsored by the United Church Women of Concord and were quite enthusiastic over their plans for sharing with the world's children "Trick or Treating for UNICEF." Plans for Fun and Festival in Latin America were made for the month of January when the Jr. Hi's will join with the entire membership of the church in the study of missions and their needs in Latin America.

The program outlines for the coming months were timely and well thought out with themes such as "Getting Along With Your Teachers," "Blessed Are the Peacemakers," "Who's Who in Methodism," "Boys and Girls Together," heading the list.

Following some recreation these 15 boys and girls met in a fellowship circle for worship and prayer before going to their cabins for a much needed rest before another day of planning and work. The theme for the entire weekend for the boys and girls was "Growing Toward God."

Saturday the remaining members of the MYF joined the council at camp some 25 strong for recreation, fellowship and inspiration. Boating, canoeing, nature hike, kick-ball, horse shoes, archery and other games were enjoyed during the afternoon and following supper at 6:00 they gathered to listen to the plans for the coming year which they unanimously accepted and approved. Mrs. Brown closed this workshop period with a serious meditation challenging each member to put Christ Above All in all their lives and let their light. . . . "so shine before men."

The evening program was closed around the outside campfire with games, group singing and closing worship on the theme of "Growing Through Personal Service." Following this inspiration meditation, a trail of silence was observed as the boys and girls went quietly to their cabins for lights out.

Sunday School classes met out under the trees Sunday morning and the Sacra-



Pfeiffer College President Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, right, is shown accepting a \$250 check from Herbert Surratt, Denton, on a \$2,500 scholarship program for five Pfeiffer students who have been selected to share in the Denton Area Methodist Group Ministry program which will serve 24 rural Methodist congregations. Surratt is an active layman in Clear Springs Methodist Church, Denton. Sharing in the presentation was Rev. John Carper, Superintendent of the Methodist Thomasville District, and Rev. G. A. Hovis, Denton. The presentation was made on the Pfeiffer campus as a part of the opening program of the institution.

ment of the Lord's Supper was served following Sunday School by the Rev. Sterling Whitley, Dean of Students at Pfeiffer College, in commemoration of World Communion Day and a rededication of the lives of these youth to the work of the church and a closer walk with God.

This Retreat was something new for these boys and girls, but each youth entered into the weekend of fun and fellowship whole-heartedly and a rich blessing was received by each and all grew a little closer to God and to each other as a Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Louisburg College Graduates Hold Banquet in Greensboro

Alumni and alumnae of Louisburg College held a banquet Wednesday evening, October 4, at the McClure Charcoal Steak House on Summit Avenue in Greensboro. The program was presided over by Ed Driver, president of the organization. The meeting was attended by a goodly number of former students of the college and a lively social evening was enjoyed in connection with the very fine meal served. Representing the college were Dean John B. York, Mr. R. E. Horn, and Prof. and Mrs. I. D. Moon. Rev. S. J. Starnes, Editor of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE was the invited speaker. Mrs. Jay Williams Barefoot was in charge of the program.

Dean York spoke to the group about the college and gave certain figures of interest.

Enrollment for the fall semester at Louisburg has reached 552 students, according to Dean York. This is an increase of about ten per cent over last year. Of this number 198 are classified as sophomores and 354 as freshmen. There are 360 men and 192 women students.

Students enrolled in the liberal arts cur-

riculum number 315 and there are 101 enrolled in the business curriculum. There are 62 students in the pre-professional courses, 40 in pre-engineering, and 22 going into full-time church work. There are 12 special students.

Methodist and Baptist comprise the larger number of students in religious affiliation with 273 Methodists and 172 Baptists. Presbyterians number 37, Episcopalians 35, and Christian 15. Six other religious groups are represented, with three students indicating no religious preference.

There are 391 North Carolinians and 133 Virginians. Other states represented include Florida, 4; Georgia, 1; Kentucky, 2; Maryland, 6; Michigan, 1; New Jersey, 6; New York, 3; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; and South Carolina, 1.

Dean York said a large number of students, whom the college would have been glad to accept for entrance had to be rejected because of a lack of room. However, a new 96-bed men's dormitory is under construction, and is expected to be ready for the next school year.

The next meeting of the association will be held in April.

Missionaries Safe

Methodist missionaries assigned to stations in the Congo's rebellious Katanga province are reported safe and remaining in their homes during the heavy fighting between Katangans and United Nations forces. Confirmation of this report was made by the church's Board of Missions in New York.

The Methodist Church has 84 missionaries in Katanga. Nine serve under the board's Woman's Division, and 75 serve under the Division of World Missions. According to the board, 28 of the missionaries in Katanga were transferred there from Central Congo early this year when conditions became unsafe.

An Interesting Visit Through America's Frontier State

By ROBERT G. TUTTLE

One thinks twice before undertaking the drive to Alaska, especially when the family car has 112,000 miles on the speedometer and the distance from Asheville to Fairbanks is approximately 5,000 miles, 1,200 of which is a dirt road, stretching out through the wilderness. In spite of this, we went.

The Alaska highway is fascinating—most of it through a wilderness where few human beings live. Gasoline stations are provided every 30 to 50 miles. At Fort Nelson, Watson Lake and White Horse good accommodations are available, but the little stops in between are most primitive. This frontier atmosphere added interest to the journey.

Dawson City, near the Arctic Circle in the Yukon, is an intriguing place. Once, during the gold rush, a city of 10,000 people, now it has something less than one thousand population. The permafrost under the city has shifted leaving the buildings slanting at insane angles. It is a weird experience, after miles of wilderness, driving into such a situation seeking lodging at 10:00 o'clock at night, under the half-light of the Midnight Sun.

The narrow, one lane dirt road leading along the mountain top from Dawson City to the Alaskan border runs by Chicken and Lilywig, frontier gold mining camps. The rivers, the gorges, the lakes, the animals give to you a sense of remoteness and freedom.

When you cross the Alaskan line accommodations become better and prices double. Fairbanks is a frontier city with thousands and thousands of acres surrounding it yet to be home-steaded. The citizens here are still aware of the necessity of survival and are just beginning to go in for certain comforts and luxuries.

The Methodist church here is very active—even more active in the winter when darkness prevails eighteen hours per day and the temperature drops to sixty below. I preached here for the new pastor, Fred Savage. The members of this congregation are wielding a dynamic influence in the city of Fairbanks.

There are few highways in Alaska, and most of these are paved. Anchorage and Fairbanks are connected by a highway which extends to Valdez and Seward. Most of the other towns and villages, which are few, are reached by airplane, boat, or dog sled.

In Fairbanks we met selected high school seniors from all over Alaska. These young people from the Aleutian Islands, the young Eskimos from Point Barrow, Kotzebue and Nome, the young Athabaskan Indians from the interior were handsome, intelligent and superior.

We had three delightful days in the home of the Eugene Millers in Fairbanks. Mr. Miller, one of the leading lawyers of Alaska, is an outstanding Layman of the Methodist church. The interesting fellowship we discovered in this Christian home, enlivened by four small children, gave us a fine impression of home-life at its best in Alaska.

On Monday, Gene Miller arranged a plane trip for the new pastor and myself in a new Cessna with pontoons, owned by one of his friends. We flew several hundred miles over the wilderness, muskegs, mountains, lakes, gorges, glaciers, and rivers of Alaska. From 10 thousand feet in the air, Mount McKinley (over 20,000 feet) stood out as the Monarch of all Alaska. We fished one of the wilderness streams and caught five to six pound Salmon

and Dolly Varden trout, then flew into a hidden lake high in the Mount McKinley range where our pilot had several cans of gasoline hidden. This is a spot to dream about—sharp mountains, shimmering water jumping with rainbow trout, dark forests, white sand beach, and a tundra meadow running down to the shore. This lake can be reached only by plane; there you are isolated from the world. Our pilot's cache had been completely wrecked by the bears; but since bears do not drink gasoline, we were able to fly out for the return to Fairbanks.

Flying home along a glacial shelf of meadows, streams and lakes, we saw numbers of moose feeding leisurely and unmolested, and an old bear lumbering independently along a ridge. As we climbed high above the mountain peaks, we picked out the famous Dall Sheep, which were easy to spot in the glow of the sunset.

The sunsets here linger for hours. There is still light at twelve o'clock at night; and you ask yourself the question: "Is this dusk or dawn?" The clouds are extremely high and give you a tremendous sense of expansiveness. This is a country to stretch the soul!

From Fairbanks we drove to Mount McKinley Park—500 miles more of very rough dirt road. The wild freedom of the country, the openness of the high tundra, the white glaciers, the jagged peaks and the immense valleys, diverting attention from the roughness of the road.

Behind Mount McKinley we observed Dall Sheep and Caribou. One great caribou bull, with antlers seemingly larger than he was, stood silhouetted above us against the barren rocks of the mountain; two tremendous grizzlies proceeded leisurely with their hunting; in northern twilight mountain flowers twinkled everywhere; and the glaciers of Mount McKinley reached unbelievably into the heavens. The Muldrow Glacier sweeping from the sides of Mount McKinley has moved four miles since 1957, thrusting spires of ice fifty feet into the air.

Valdez, southeast of Anchorage on one of the deep inlets of the Pacific Ocean, is literally the "Switzerland of America." Waterfalls from glaciers drop one thousand feet into the ocean, the great Worthington Glacier spreads its fingers to the very edge of the highway, the Columbia Glacier constantly drops gigantic icebergs from 250 foot cliffs of blue ice into the Pacific Ocean. Crossing lonely Thompson Pass in the Arctic twilight, we felt that we were on another planet.

In this area, the monstrous Kodiak bear is both a curiosity and a dangerous menace. He weighs up to 1600 pounds, can reach twelve feet into the air, is fearless and cruel, but looks like an overgrown "teddy bear." There are amazing stories told by prospectors of their hair-raising encounters with these unpredictable beasts.

The streams around Valdez were almost solid with spawning Salmon. I had heard about this, but it is hard to believe even when you see it.

Just back of Valdez flows the Valdez Glacier. It was up and over this dangerous glacier that the gold prospectors rushed fifty years ago, and many of them lost their lives in its dangerous crevices.

Late Saturday evening we reached Anchorage and found an inviting room awaiting us in

the dormitory of the Alaska Methodist University. President Fred McGinnis was out of the city but had thoughtfully made arrangements for our coming. The Administration Building and the Dormitory, the two buildings now complete, would make every Methodist proud. The University will have an increasing influence over the future leaders of this new state.

After eating supper at 10 p. m. with the soft daylight still lingering, I called the Methodist minister and discovered that I was to preach not only at 11 o'clock but at 9 o'clock the next morning. Roger Thompson is just beginning his ministry at Anchorage and is going to render a vital ministry there. The church is wielding a strong influence at the heart of this rapidly growing modern city. Two other suburban Methodist churches have attractive buildings and growing congregations. Dr. David Blackburn, the District Superintendent, is giving virile leadership to the developing Methodist Movement in Alaska. From Juneau to the Aleutians to Pt. Barrow is quite a District.

On Sunday afternoon I visited the Alaska Methodist Youth Camp. We walked a mile through the mud and forest to discover an old homestead on a secluded lake where the Methodist youth, beginning with two cabins and big tents, are building a Christian Retreat.

After the camp, we visited one of our rural Methodist ministers at his home in the forest. The spirit of this family was contagious, and settlers coming into the community are being won to the Methodist Church and to the Kingdom of God. This church is not far from the famous Matanuska Homestead Project.

Monday afternoon, after sealing our trunk with tape to keep out the clouds of dust from the Alaskan Highway, with a feeling of nostalgia, we left Anchorage and turned to the Southeast. We reached the Matanuska Glacier and slept high on the mountain side with the glacier below us, and the next morning took pictures of Dall Sheep on the mountain cliffs above us.

Still heading Southeast, we drove for one hundred miles looking at Mt. Drum and Mt. Sanford thrusting white glaciers into the blue sky. Cheese, peanut butter and crackers came in well for lunch along the Alaskan Highway—you can select thrilling spots for lunch, mountain tops, glaciers, or clear streams.

Tuesday was a long day. We crossed the Yukon border, began our 1,200 mile stretch of gravel road, but could find no place to stay. After 400 miles of wilderness, at 10:30 that night, with color still hanging in the northern sky, with the Northern Lights weaving back and forth above us, with a rising half Moon reflecting itself across Kluane Lake, with Eskimo Huskies howling at the Moon and Northern Lights, we pulled into Burwash Landing and found a bed.

As we crossed the Liard River, which flows across the Yukon toward the Arctic Ocean, we were confronted by a terrific forest fire. We discovered that nothing is done about these fires; they can burn a hundred miles or so, sweeping everything in their path, before they are stopped by a river, a lake, or a hard rain. The waste of millions of burned over acres, with the animal life that is destroyed, is appalling. The fire had not reached the Alaskan Highway when we crossed the Liard River, but the next day the highway had to be closed and travelers were held back until the fire had raged uncontrolled across this entire region.

After hundreds of miles of driving, after discovering a few small fossils and studying something of the magnificent geological structure of God's earth, we safely reached home—our memories stored with views, experiences, and people which will add richness to our lives.

We are glad to report that the Methodist Church is vitally at work in America's last great frontier.



Woman's Activities



North Carolina Conference Executive Committee Meets

BY MARY GARDNER

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, in session at the Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh September 26-27, adopted several recommendations of its Finance Committee, made plans for several ensuing events, and heard reports of officers, committee chairmen and district presidents.

Recommendations adopted included: appropriations for three scholarships each year in the amount of \$500 each for girls within the bounds of the N. C. Conference to be used at N. C. Wesleyan College, Methodist College, or Louisburg College; the scholarships of \$200 each for the girls at Pfeiffer College to be continued until the recipients have finished their work there, provided they are not able to receive scholarships from any other source, and no new scholarships to be made available for girls attending Pfeiffer College; appropriation of \$75.00 to TRAFO for film strips needed by the Woman's societies in the presentation of their mission study courses. Also, that the conference shall underwrite in the amount of \$50.00 each, the expenses of two girls to attend the annual Christian Vocations Weekend at Scarritt College; that the conference's two rural workers, Miss Barbara Jean Smith, and the chairman of the conference rural advisory committee be sent at conference expense to the Conference for Rural Workers in Nashville, Tenn. February 5-6, 1962; that the Conference WSCS underwrite the expenses of the annual School of Missions and Christian Service in the amount needed for that purpose.

In other action the Executive Committee adopted a recommendation of the Policy Committee to elect an assistant conference treasurer, the nominee to be recommended by the committee on nominations and elected by the conference executive committee.

Mrs. H. C. Turlington, conference president, appointed several representatives of the conference to the N. C. Council of Woman's Organizations. These were delegate, Mrs. I. S. Hennenger, alternate, Mrs. Frank Hanft, both of Chapel Hill; executive committee, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Sanford; Leadership Training Workshop, Mrs. H. R. Odom, Gibson; Calendar and Directory, Mrs. C. H. Boyd, New Bern; Mrs. John Crawford, Raleigh; public relations committee, Miss Camille Staton, Bethel. The president also announced as appointees on the minutes committee Miss Ethelynde Ballance, Raeford; Miss Sarah McCracken,

Durham; and Mrs. R. M. Turnell, Elizabethtown.

The treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, reported gifts to missions totaling \$43,591.09, during the first quarter of the current conference year, representing an increase of \$1,533.07 over the same period 1960-61.

Among the goals for youth work cited by Miss Ethelynde Ballance conference secretary of this line of work were a need for interpretation in the local church of the relationship of the WSCS and the MY Fund; more cooperation of the committee on nominations with the youth, and more cooperation of the district secretary of youth work and the district director of youth work in promoting the MY Fund.

The 75 Wesleyan Service Guild Units in the N. C. Conference have a membership totaling 2,056, according to Miss Juanita Stott, conference Guild Secretary. Miss Stott also reported an increased attendance at the Annual WSG Weekend of Study held at Duke University last August, prospects for the organization of new Guild units, and announced plans for the Annual WSG Weekend to be held at the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, next April. The various other officers and committee chairmen also gave reports.

A panel composed of the district presidents or their representatives, and moderated by Mrs. Joseph R. Bryant, Ahoskie, discussed progress, plans, and problems of their respective districts. The committee also heard plans for the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference WSCS to be held at the First Methodist Church, Wilson, next March, and the Annual School of Missions and Christian Service scheduled for next August at Duke University.

Mrs. J. E. Sponenberg, conference secretary of Spiritual Life, led the group in a series of three meditations.

Following adjournment of the closing session the members of the executive committee were taken on a guided tour of one of the two new cottages on the Methodist Home for Children campus.

Miss Moddlemog Expresses Thanks

Miss Rebecca Moddlemog, N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service's rural worker on the Pembroke charge, is extending her appreciation to the numerous individuals and organizations responsible for the payment in full of the bills incurred in the bus wreck at Philadelphia Methodist Church June 19, 1960. The \$722.23 expenses resulting from the wreck included doctors' fees, \$415.00; hospital, \$277.23; ambulance, \$10.00; one pair of glasses, \$20.00.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Madame Tshombe Visits Methodist Meeting

Madame Tshombe, wife of the president of Katanga, was a guest of honor at a meeting held in Elisabethville in August, writes Miss Lorena Kelly from Northern Rhodesia.

"Madame Tshombe honored the meeting with her presence one day, and brought a brief message to the group," says Miss Kelly. "She expressed her deep interest in this work, and added that she and the women of Katanga would do all in their power to help make a success of this effort in home economics."

The meeting was a home economics consultation, planned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service in recognition "of the great need of the enrichment of homes in the 'new Africa.'" Delegates came from Katanga and Southern Rhodesia, but those from Angola, Mozambique and Central Congo were unable to attend.

"When the consultation closed, people began to ask, 'What day will this school open?' Now we must work toward the goal of making possible opportunities which this interest demands," writes Miss Kelly.

She tells of their language work in Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia:

"As you will remember, we have recognized these months away from the Conference area as a golden opportunity to do some creative work in the development of Otetela literature. One of our missionaries is translating a series of sixteen booklets of Bible stories which will have colored pictures with them. We expect some of these to be ready to ship to Lodja fairly soon. Other missionaries have translated Sunday School lessons, and some have translated stories from articles written by Africans which will be printed in leaflets or booklets. Sally Reinecke and I have practically completed seven text books for our home economics school. One of these, *Good Housekeeping*, is now off the press. We are trying to send some copies to Lodja so that they can be used in the school this year."

Miss Kelly moved in September. Her new address is: B. P. 725, Leopoldville-Limete, Republique du Congo, Africa. She says of her new assignment, "You perhaps have heard of the Congo Polytechnic Institute. I have been asked to serve as dean of the department of home economics in this organization. My work will take me into different parts of the Congo, but the central office is in Leopoldville. I shall be moving there immediately."

She concludes her letter by saying, "I can think of nothing a new country needs more than Christian homes and the different phases of enrichment which Christianity brings to the family. Please make this new work a very special object of your prayers."

Miss Kelly has been missionary in Lodja for years. She was evacuated with other

Methodist missionaries when strife arose in the Congo. She is a native of Mooresville, N. C.

Meet Miss Mary Ford

A picture of Miss Mary Ford, professor of Religion at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, appears in the October issue of the *World Outlook*.

She is shown at her desk with her pencil in hand, ready to work.

The picture is used with a display of pictures showing the work of deaconesses, one at a Bethlehem Center, one with a mobile ministry, one a college professor, one on the staff of the Woman's Division, a picture of the eight young women commissioned as deaconesses at the meeting of the Board of Missions in January, 1961, and one retired deaconess.

Excerpts From Prayers for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, 1961

"Christianity must be translated into acts of healing and brotherly concern to kindly hope and faith. . . ."

"... We thank Thee for those, who, in Christian libraries overseas, are seeking to express in gracious service Thy concern for the stranger. Grant that through our gifts and prayers they may be enabled to satisfy the great hunger and need for knowledge which Thou hast implanted in the human heart. . . ."

"We ask Thy blessing upon those who are seeking to dispel the mists of ancient superstition in Bolivia through the ministry of healing. . . ."

"... Let us not deny . . . the books which enlighten the mind and give direction to the questing soul. . . ."

"We thank Thee for the faith in Thy constant care and keeping to which our deaconesses hold fast in their years of retirement. . . ."

"... We thank Thee for this Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Thou hast made it possible for us to forget our own concerns, and impossible for us to shut our hearts to the needs of others. . . ."

—*The World Outlook*

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Board of Publications to Meet in New York October 25-26

The annual meeting of the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church will be held October 25-26 at the Park-Sheraton Hotel, New York City.

The 45-member board, composed of ministers and laymen, directs the publishing interests of The Methodist Church and has jurisdiction over The Methodist Publishing House.

F. Murray Benson, a Baltimore, Md. attorney, is chairman of the Board of Publication.

Lovick Pierce, Nashville, is president of The Methodist Publishing House and publisher for The Methodist Church.

Headquarters of The Methodist Publishing House and its principal printing plant are located in Nashville. It has retail operations in 15 U. S. cities.



LAKELAND, FLA.—Two North Carolina freshmen girls at Florida Southern College here, Ann Gaither (left) of Hickory and Norma Young of Catawba, along with Steve Lippincott of Riverton, N. J., are greeted by Methodist Bishop James W. Henley, Jacksonville, Fla., at a general assembly of new students. The bishop spoke at the assembly, marking the opening of Florida Southern's 77th academic year.

Board of Christian Social Concerns to Meet Oct. 14

The executive committee of the North Carolina Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns will meet at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, October 14, from 10:00 until 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Emerson Smith, director of the Department of Economic Life of the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns in Washington will meet with the committee and speak. Representatives from the sister Boards of the Western North Carolina Conference and the Virginia Conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and of the North Carolina Conference of the Central Jurisdiction are planning to meet with the group. Beverly Watkins, president of the Virginia Board, Glenn Brooks, president of North Carolina Board, Central Jurisdiction, Erman Bradley, Gene Little, and Claude Young of the Western North Carolina Conference Board are expected to be present. Rev. Charles Hubbard, president of the North Carolina Conference Board, will preside. A full program for the day, with several persons taking part, has been arranged.

JACK CRUM, *Secretary*
N. C. Conference Board
Christian Social Concerns

I Need the Church

To say I don't need the church is mere bravado. I needed it when my father died. I needed it when we were married and when our babies were taken from us, and I shall need it again, sooner or later, and need it badly. I am in good health now, and I could, I suppose, get along nicely for a time without a clergyman or a choir or even a prayer. But what sort of man scorns his best friend until his hour of trouble?

EDGAR A. GUEST

Scarritt College Begins 70th Year of Operation

Scarritt College opened the doors for its 70th consecutive year this fall with an increase in enrollment of a whopping 29 per cent over last year, according to Dr. John W. Johannaber, academic dean.

Registration this fall totals 167 students at Scarritt. This does not count 10 additional students who live at Scarritt but are registered at Peabody College or Vanderbilt University, nor does it include approximately 100 students from these other two institutions who are taking classes at Scarritt this fall. Thus, total enrollment is about 277. Scarritt is part of the Nashville University Center which includes Peabody, Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee School of Social Work.

Foreign students at Scarritt total 33 from 17 different countries, approximately the same number as last year. The increase in enrollment came from American students, especially married students and men students. The number of men this fall at Scarritt is 64 compared to 48 last year, an increase of about 33 per cent. Included in Scarritt's fall enrollment are 31 foreign missionaries, including 12 on furlough, and 14 studying in home missions.

"Our enrollment this fall is the largest since 1956," Dr. D. D. Holt, president of Scarritt, reported. "We believe this increase reflects mounting interest in Scarritt's program by the church at large and especially by young people training for full-time church service."

Scarritt is a senior college and graduate school specializing in the training of lay men and women for full-time church work.

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If there is bitterness in your heart, there is only thing that can take it out—the marvelous grace of God.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



THANK YOU, WICKEY!

By MONT HURST

Jack and Jane were enjoying playing with their new friend. He was a Japanese boy whose name was Arawaki. He was nicknamed "Wicky" by the boys and girls in the neighborhood.

Wicky was brought to this country by a missionary and his wife who had returned to teach in the Bible school. They had adopted him from an orphanage, and wanted to give him a good education. He had already started to school. Wicky had a fun-loving disposition, and often told very interesting stories of life and customs in his native Japan. He was a top student, and all the teachers liked him.

"Let's invite Wicky to dinner next Sunday after church," said Jack.

"Fine! I was just thinking the same thing," replied Jane.

Their parents readily agreed, and their mother prepared a delicious dinner. She included rice on the menu because she knew the Japanese are fond of rice. She also had fish, as it is one of the main dishes in Japan. Jack and Jane introduced Wicky to their parents.

"This is my mother, and this is my pop!" said Jack.

Wicky bowed low and said, "I am honored to meet you! I am truly grateful for your hospitality."

Jack and Jane smiled at Wicky's precise words. It was always interesting to hear him talk. He was very precise and careful in his choice of words, and he always showed great respect for older people.

Wicky enjoyed the dinner and thanked Jack and Jane and their parents for the feast. "I am again thankful to God for Christian people," he said.

Jack, Jane and Wicky spent the afternoon talking, and listening to a religious radio program. Presently Jack's father came in with some candy and ice cream. Wicky again bowed and thanked them for the delicious things.

"Pop, this is the best candy I ever ate," said Jack.

"Yes, Pop, it surely is!" echoed Jane.

After their father had gone, Jack asked Wicky to tell them more about Japanese customs.

"I am delighted to tell you," said he. "I notice in this land you children do not seem to reverence your parents like

Japanese children. Maybe it is the custom here. Maybe I get used to it."

"What do you mean?" asked Jack.

"Oh, I hear you address your father as 'pop,' and it sounds strange," replied Wicky. "I know you do not mean disrespect."

"How do you address your father if you are a native in Japan?" asked Jane.

"Oh, we use the expression of respect and politeness. When a Japanese boy or girl addresses their father, they say, 'Our honorable father.' It is the same with mother, and we say 'honorable mother.' It is our custom."

"Well," said Jack, "I think it's a good custom. We just don't realize what we are saying when we call our father 'pop.' I'm going to call him 'father' after this. I'm sure he will like it better."

"That's right," said Jane. "We don't mean to be disrespectful, but calling him 'pop' does sound that way when you stop to think about it."

"We must honor our parents," said Wicky.

"Yes, the bible says we should honor our fathers and mothers. They are so good to us," said Jack thoughtfully.

"They are better to us than we deserve," added Jane. "And we thank you, Wicky, for helping us to understand about respecting our parents."

—From My Pleasure

Why Get Educated?

The teacher was trying to impress on the children how important had been the discovery of the law of gravitation.

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground, looking up at an apple tree. Suddenly an apple fell on his head, and from that he discovered gravitation. Just think, children," she added, "isn't that wonderful?"

Just then a keen-witted small boy spoke up and said, "Yessum. An' if he had been settin' in school lookin' at his books he never would have discovered nothin'!"

Chuckles

A boy was applying for a job at a drugstore, and the druggist was preparing to fill in the application form.

"Your name?"

"Alexander Graham Bell."

"That's a pretty well-known name. isn't it?"

"It oughta be," the youngster replied.

"I've been delivering groceries around this neighborhood for two years."

Teacher: "Jimmy, where is the dot over the 'i'?"

Jimmy: "It must be still in the pencil."

A Boyless Town

*A cross old woman of long ago
Declared that she hated noise;
"The town would be so pleasant, you know,
If only there were no boys."
She scolded and fretted about it till
Her eyes grew heavy as lead;
And then of a sudden, the town grew still,
For all the boys had fled.*

*And all through the long and dusty street
There wasn't a boy in view;
The baseball lot where they used to meet
Was a sight to make one blue.
The grass was green on every base,
And the paths that the runners made;
For there wasn't a soul in all the place
Who knew how the game was played.*

*The cherries rotted and went to waste—
There was no one to climb the trees;
And nobody had a single taste,
Save only the birds and bees.
There wasn't a messenger boy—not one—
To speed as such messengers can;
If people wanted their errands done
They sent for a messenger man.*

*There was little indeed of frolic and fun,
There was little of mischief and mirth;
The sad town, since it lacked its boys,
Was the dreariest place on earth.
The poor old woman began to weep,
Then she awoke with a sudden scream—
"Dear me," she cried, "I have been asleep,
And oh, what a horrible dream!"*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Bible Quiz

Right or Wrong?

1. Jesus had ten apostles. _____
2. God sent ten plagues on the Egyptians. _____
3. Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus as He passed by. _____
4. The Lord's Prayer is in the Old Testament. _____
5. Simon Peter was one of the apostles of Jesus. _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

Adam and Eve—Genesis 2 and 3; Cain and Abel—Genesis 4.

David and Jonathan—I Samuel 18:1-4; Mary and Martha—Luke 10:38-42.

James and John—Matthew 4:21-22; Paul and Barnabas—Book of Acts. (Silas and Timothy.)

Ananias and Sapphira—Acts 5:1-4; Ruth and Naomi—Book of Ruth.

Elijah and Elisha—II Kings 2:9-14; Aquila and Priscilla—Romans 16:3-4.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 22

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
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GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS

Background Scriptures: Philippians 2:1-18;
Colossians 3:1-4:1.

Lesson Scripture: Colossians 3:8-17.

Robinson Crusoe didn't have to worry about social relationships until that day when he saw a human foot-print in the sand. One can be a hermit, but not many people prefer that type of existence. Solitary confinement is one of the cruelest of punishments. To live is to be dependent on others. In the lesson the author of the letter to the little church at Colossae is dealing with the attitudes and practices that should characterize a group of Christians.

The reader may think the warnings given the church at Colossae concerned pretty crude kinds of behavior; slander, malice, vulgar speech, etc. But many of these people had only recently come into the church from a pagan environment. They were mere beginners in the Christian life, and had much to learn.

Part of their un-Christian behavior came from the consciousness of differences, Jew against Greek, slave against free, barbarian against cultivated. They needed a lesson in Christian democracy. They are advised that in the church prejudices are entirely out of place because Christ is all in all. Perhaps your class would like to raise the question as to whether or not we still have divisions based on superficial differences.

Following the negative advice in the earlier verses of our Scripture selection, the author turns to the positive qualities needed by the Christian. The first of these is compassion. The word literally means "to suffer with." In William Saroyan's book "The Human Comedy" we find these words regarding pity: "Unless a man has pity he is inhuman and not yet truly a man, for out of pity comes the balm which heals. Only good men weep. If a man has not wept at the World's pain he is less than the dirt he walks upon because dirt will nourish seed, root, stalk, leaf, and flower, but the spirit of a man without pity is barren and will bring forth nothing."

Following compassion comes kindness. The word is derived from the same root as "kin." To be kind means to express our kinship with all humanity. It has been called "The greatest wisdom." Other qualities urged upon the members of the Colossian church are lowliness (humility), meek-

STEADFAST FAITH

The faith of Jochebed in ancient time
Rent Pharaoh's "Iron curtain" — Egypt's blight —
And made the sovereign's court a nursery sublime
To nurture Israel's cause and prove God's might.
Thus Moses lived—he heard God's voice
Which caused His people to rejoice.

By faith the Covenant of God was kept
Through generations by His chosen race.
When erring followers, repentant, wept,
Invariably He saved them by His grace.
Thus Christ the Savior of us all
Redeemed Man from his fatal fall.

Oh Christian, in this anti-Christian day
Let us keep faith and never faltering be.
Our blest Redeemer lives! He walks this way,
And faith in Him—great faith's the victory!
Our nation's bulwark is the home,
Its faith in God the shining dome.

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

ness (gentleness), and patience. As for humility, it is invariably the characteristic of the really great. The real scholar knows he has touched only the fringes of knowledge. The real saint never proclaims his goodness. And, as for patience, how better could we define it than "the art of hoping."

Essential to harmony in any intimate group is the practice of forgiveness. Its importance is evident by its place in the Lord's Prayer, where the petition for forgiveness follows immediately after the prayer for daily bread. As food is essential for physical life, so forgiveness is required for the healthiest spiritual condition. When Oglethorpe, founder of the Georgia colony, boasted to Wesley "I never forgive anyone," Wesley answered "Sir, I trust you never sin."

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (verse 14). A close study of all the qualities previously mentioned will show that, had we love, we should have the others, too. When St. Augustine said "Love, and then do as you please" he knew he was on safe ground.

Finally, these Colossian Christians are urged to "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts as you admonish one another in all wisdom." It is one thing to reprove or warn people in a threatening or carping way; it is another thing to do this within the context of Christian love. We all know what a difference it makes when we receive a friendly criticism, couched in terms that assure us of the critic's concern for our highest good. It is reported of a certain juvenile court judge that he invariably begins his admonitions to delinquents with the words: "Now remember this as I speak to you; we love *you*, but we don't love *what you have done*." These words, it seems to reflect the accent of Christian love and concern.

The entire message of these verses can be summed up in the verse: "What you do, in word or deed, do everything in the

name of the Lord Jesus." The phrase "in the name of" means essentially "in the spirit of." If, therefore, all the relationships of any group—family, church, school, business—were carried on in the spirit of Jesus all the good qualities urged in these Scripture verses would be realized.

Hold Retreat in Germany

Meeting on the very spot in Berchtesgaden, Germany, where Hitler's "top brass" had regularly assembled and ever mindful of the current crisis in Berlin, 229 American military personnel and their leaders gathered Sept. 4-8 for a Methodist-sponsored retreat.


The conference was sponsored jointly by the Commission on Chaplains and the General Board of Lay Activities. It was the first time a joint retreat for chaplains and laymen in military service had been conducted under Methodist auspices. Thirty-two chaplains, representing all of the church's six jurisdictions in the U. S. in their conference membership, were present. The military personnel came from all branches of the service and represented U. S. posts and bases in 10 countries of Europe and North Africa. Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, San Francisco, chairman of the Commission on Chaplains, was the principal speaker.

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Scholarships Awarded By Melba Coston Fund

Nine students from Winston-Salem and from Forsyth County have been named as recipients of scholarships from the Melba Coston Memorial Scholarship Fund. The students receiving these scholarships and the schools attended are as follows:

Robert M. Carter, Duke University
Larry Edward Tise, Duke University
Kelley Ray Jones, Duke Divinity
Jeanette Cox, Greensboro College
Joanne Paula Recce, Greensboro College
Mary Lou Perryman, High Point College
Sandra Dolores Tate, High Point College
Dwight E. Whitlock, Wesley Seminary
Rebecca Coltrane, Pfeiffer College

In order to qualify for a scholarship from the Melba Coston Memorial Scholarship Fund a student must have been an active member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of his church. He must be studying for full-time Christian service at a Methodist school. Upon completion of his schooling, he must agree to serve a minimum of two years in his chosen field—the ministry, religious education, church music, medical missions, or other such church-related work. The grants to students who fail to meet these requirements become loans and are repayable with interest.

The Melba Coston Memorial Scholarship Fund is a project of the Forsyth County Methodist Subdistrict Youth Fellowship. The scholarship program was originated in the late thirties by the Forsyth County Methodist Young People's Union, and for several years a scholarship of \$100.00 per

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Bear ye one another's burdens."
—Gal. 6:5

The preacher's subject was, "Did you ever see a hog toting an ear of corn to another hog?"

There are ears of corn that need to be toted. There are people that need to tote corn to others. There are folks all around us that need the corn and a visit from those who tote it.

All churches have members that are always crying for special attention. They think that doctors and preachers and teachers and welfare workers are all employed to wait on them. They could be carrying the unction and the oil to those who are really in need.

There are many forty-year-old babies who are still drinking milk and sleeping in cradles who ought to be toting corn. Their testimony does not go any further than accepting Christ and receiving baptism. An outflowing life saves us from ingrowing religious tumors.

year was granted. The Young People's Union was later reorganized and divided into subdistricts, as it is today, and with increased interest, \$2,500 to \$3,000 is raised annually. The fund is named in memory of the former treasurer and of the scholarship fund—a bright and lovely young lady, an outstanding leader in her group who finished her senior year in high school while confined to her bed by an incurable blood disease which took her life soon after graduation.

Methodist Youth Fellowships participating in the program raise funds through projects, such as bake sales, doughnut sales, and car washes. A scholarship committee composed of representatives from each subdistrict screens the application and makes the awards each year.

St. John Church, Kinston Holds Planning Retreat

The Methodist Youth Fellowship Council of the St. John Methodist Church in Kinston held a Planning Retreat Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30, at the Trent Lodge on Trent River near New Bern.

The group consisted of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Cash; Miss Eleanor Mitchell, Educational Assistant; Bonnie Harrell, President of the M. Y. F.; Mr. Robbon Harrell, teacher of the young people in the church school; and the following members of the council: Wayne Peede, Barbara Davis, Clifton Cox, Carlene Nunn, and Charles Hughes. Mrs. Cash also accompanied the group.

Under the leadership of Miss Mitchell a full program of youth activities was planned for the year, including a Youth Activities Week in June and a Youth Revival in April. All had a very profitable and enjoyable time. St. John Church has a very active M. Y. F. and they conduct the worship services each third Sunday night of each month.

Three Important Events On South River Charge

Home coming and Harvest Sunday will be held at Hall's church, South River charge, Autryville, Rt. 2, October 15. The message of the morning will be brought by the pastor, Rev. Frederick J. Duplissey. Immediately following the service dinner will be served, after which a program is planned with music, fine fellowship and renewal of friendships.

Home Coming and Harvest Sunday will be observed by the Bethabara church on October 22 at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount bringing the message. Picnic dinner will be served immediately following. In the afternoon a special program will be given. Bethabara church is planning more church school class rooms. Dr. C. P. Morris and Rev. Wesley Brogan met with the committee for planning and their wise counseling will be helpful.

Bethany church was founded in 1848 and is planning for Home Coming services October 29 at 11:00 o'clock. The sermon will be given by the pastor, Rev. Frederick J. Duplissey. After the service dinner will be served on the grounds and a program of music is planned for the afternoon.

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Christian Responsibility and a World of Law

(WORLD ORDER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22)

Christians are now summoned to the practical task of helping to create a genuine world community. Our responsibility is based on our belief in one God—as the Creator of all things and the Father of all mankind, and our response to his redemptive deed in Christ calling all men into fellowship with himself and with each other. Such a world community must increasingly achieve order among nation states lest they destroy one another in war. This requires a growing system of law, courts, and international institutions for peaceful settlement and change.

This goal has now become an urgent necessity because of the scientific, technological revolutions of our time, especially nuclear, biological and chemical weapon developments. Commercial, industrial revolutions and swift social, cultural changes are also making each nation, large or small, a part of one inter-dependent world.

No nation can now provide true welfare for its people without continuous cooperation with other nations. No nation can now provide security for its own people except as security is provided for all people. The interests of the nation coincide more and more with meeting the basic needs of mankind. Lest all perish, the Christian concept of one humanity under God must lead to practical expression in international, social, economic and political institutions.

Our world is not the same world of a hundred or even of fifty years ago. With astounding speed it has been reshaped, challenging every resource of faith, of courage, of economic and political statesmanship. The tasks before us are immense. The future is not clear. Many say, "Let us keep to the old ways." Man is being supremely tested. Will he have the imagination and the practical ability to look in largely uncharted directions for the conditions of peace and well-being? For Christians the prospect is sobering, but full of exciting opportunity—opportunity to use the human and material resources of God's world for the total physical and spiritual nurture of human life everywhere.

The necessary institutions for our world are beginning to emerge. Chief among them is the United Nations, the best means we have for continuous cooperation by national governments on political, economic social and cultural matters. The United Nations is now reaching a crucial point in its development. The newly independent nations, as symbols of new freedom and of the collapse of colonial empires, add a new dimension to the call for a world political instrument for collective guidance and action. The need is immediate and urgent lest the limited resources and leadership of some nations lead to anarchy and dangerous competition for national prestige and power.

Within the framework of the United Nations or closely allied to it, Christians should help build, as rapidly as possible, a body of world law and effective international courts. We must move toward the establishment of international instruments for the administration and enforcement of law. This means full support by our own nation for such international institutions for peace and justice. The alternative is not freedom and independence but confusion and strife.

As world law is essential for peace, Christians must be concerned with quickening the moral sense without which neither just law nor peace is possible. The difficult and dangerous task now confronting our generation is to implement in international relations those fundamental concepts of democracy which have been tried and proven in the experience of many nations: freedom under law; the rule of the majority with protection of minorities; the encouragement of diversity within an overarching unity; the restraint by an international body, when necessary, of those who act against the general welfare.

From such practical tasks Christians dare not shrink. "Behold, I make all things new, saith the Lord." God is not only the God of yesterday and of today; he is also the sovereign Lord of tomorrow. With confidence in him and loving all who are members of the human family, we are called by God to decisive action in keeping with his will for a world of community with order and freedom under law.

This World Order Sunday Message was adopted for the National Council of Churches by the Executive Board of the Division of Christian Life and Work, on the recommendation of the Department of International Affairs.

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES are being held at the Centenary Church, Rowland charge, this week, with the pastor, Rev. Frank Salmon, doing the preaching.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON preached at the 11:00 o'clock hour at the Highland Methodist Church, Hickory, Sunday, Oct. 8. Rev. R. J. Barnwell is the pastor.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, of which Rev. G. W. Bumgarner is pastor, beginning Sunday, October 22, and continuing through the week.

¶ ASBURY CHURCH, Rowland, will observe Homecoming services October 22, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of Trinity Church, Asheville, preaching the sermon.

¶ GREENSBORO COLLEGE will observe Parent's Weekend October 28-29. An interesting program has been arranged, beginning at 8:10 Saturday and running through Sunday morning worship services at the various local churches of choice.

¶ REV. A. GLENN LACKEY, conference executive secretary of church extension, for the Western North Carolina Conference, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service at Stoney Point Sunday, October 8. This is Mr. Lackey's home church. Rev. Kenneth Horn is the pastor.

¶ THE ALLIANCE METHODIST CHURCH, Alliance, N. C., will observe Homecoming Sunday, October 22. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to be present at the 11:00 o'clock service and remain for lunch and fellowship. Rev. Lewis H. Dodson is pastor.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Bethel Methodist Church, Route 2, LaGrange, N. C., Oct. 22-27. A former pastor, the Rev. J. D. A. Autry, of the First Methodist Church of Hamlet, N. C., will be the guest speaker. Services will be at 7:30. The Rev. John E. Bryant is the pastor.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON will preach at First Methodist Church, Cherryville Sunday, October 22, and will dedicate the new Fellowship Building. Taking part in the service will be Dr. E. C. Few, District Superintendent of the Gastonia district and Rev. E. Paul Hamilton, pastor.

¶ DR. AND MRS. B. G. CHILDS of Durham are visiting relatives in Philadelphia, where Dr. Childs attended the Annual Awards Dinner of Philadelphia Methodists at the Hotel Warwick on Thursday of last week, and where he spoke at the Old St. George's Church on Sunday, October 15.

¶ PFEIFFER COLLEGE has announced renewal of its student fellowship programs to area Methodist churches in the surrounding counties. Announcement was made by Dr. Roger Kusche, Director of Religious Life at the college, who said that the student teams are available to area churches for work with youth groups.

¶ THE CATAWBA COUNTY Christian Workers' School will be held at Abenethy Memorial Church, Newton, Nov. 5 through Nov. 9.

¶ Reverend Henry Ruark, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, was guest minister at chapel services at North Carolina Wesleyan College Thursday, October 12.

¶ Horne Memorial Methodist Church of Clayton installed a 15-ton central air conditioning system last July. Clayton is enjoying its first air-conditioned church services.

¶ Rev. Thomas B. Stockton, pastor of First Methodist Church, Reidsville, recently held revival services at Grace Methodist Church, Asheboro, of which the Rev. Garland S. Gammon is pastor.

¶ The Rev. W. Stanley Potter of Sanford spoke at Calvary Church near Clayton October 15 in Homecoming Day services. Mr. Potter served the Clayton charge in 1936-39.

¶ MR. VERNON GRIGGS, Director of Music and Education at Central Church, Asheboro, has submitted his resignation to take effect November 1. He expects to return to either Vermont or New York to continue in this field.

¶ THE EDITOR of the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE will speak to the monthly meeting of the Stokes County Young Adult Fellowship at Walnut Cove on Friday evening, October 20. He will speak on the World Methodist Conference held at Oslo, Norway in August.

¶ THE MUSIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL will be held at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, beginning Sunday, October 22 and running through the 26. This school is for all the churches in this vicinity. A splendid staff has been secured and a good program arranged.

¶ A community-wide Youth Revival will begin in the Mebane High School Sunday October 22 at 8:00 p. m. and run through Sunday, October 29. All youths and adults of the community are invited to attend. The Rev. Tom Haggai will be the speaker.

¶ Grace Methodist Church, Burlington, is holding revival services this week with Rev. W. A. Seawell, pastor of Carr Church, Durham, assisting Rev. N. B. Hill, the pastor. The new sanctuary of Grace was opened for services last Sunday, and the revival services followed.

¶ LAYMAN'S DAY was observed last Sunday, October 15 at Wellons Village Church, Durham. Mr. Clyde E. Glenn, church lay leader, led in planning the special observance. Speaking to the congregation on the subject, "Ye Are My Witnesses" were Mr. Richard E. Davis and Mr. F. E. Southerland, members of the Wellons Village Church.

¶ The Zebulon Methodist Church held open house at the new parsonage last Sunday, October 15. The parsonage family and the parsonage committee arranged the occasion and invited all the members and friends to visit and inspect their new parsonage home.

¶ Grace Church, Wilmington, has completed the installation of its lovely windows, another gift of the late E. L. White, who was a member of Grace church before his sudden death in 1959. Mr. White also gave the new pipe organ which was recently installed and used for the first time.

¶ Mr. D. W. Holt, of Asheboro, was the speaker at the Methodist Men's breakfast at Morris Chapel near Winston-Salem last Sunday morning. He also spoke at the Laymen's Day observance at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Rev. G. W. Thompson is the popular pastor at Morris Chapel.

¶ Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of Louisburg College, will be the preacher in Home Coming services at Union Church, Mamers, Sunday morning, October 29. Dr. Robbins is a former pastor of the church. After the service, dinner will be served on the grounds. Rev. L. R. Sparrow is the pastor.

¶ Revival services are being held this week at the Proximity Methodist Church, Greensboro. Rev. William C. Crummitt, Jr., of Winston-Salem is assisting Rev. Curtis Murray, the pastor. Song services will be by Rev. Ken Johnson. The meeting will run through next Sunday, October 22. The public is invited.

¶ Dr. Leopold M. Hays and his class in Social Anthropology at High Point College made a trip on Saturday, October 14, to the Indian Mound near Mt. Gilead, to examine the restoration of a former center of Indian life which is displayed there. Such trips are taken throughout the year by various classes to augment the regular classroom work.

¶ Home Coming will be held at Rones Chapel Methodist Church near Mt. Olive, Sunday, October 22. Rev. Luther Wesley is pastor. Sunday school will begin at 9:45. Home Coming service will be at 11:00. Special music will be presented by the choir. Guest speaker will be Cletus Brock, editor of the Mt. Olive Tribune. At noon lunch will be served picnic style. All friends, especially former members and pastors, are cordially invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

¶ WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, Wilmington, celebrated Rally Day Sunday, September 24 as Victory Sunday. The attendance was 406 in Sunday School. A church-wide picnic was held on the church grounds after the morning worship. It was a new "first" for Wesley Memorial Church—first church-wide picnic for a city church. It was highly successful and an occasion which all enjoyed very much. Wesley Memorial Church is also enjoying a very successful year in its day kindergarten program, which is a part of the program of the Commission on Education.

¶ **SCOTLAND NECK** Methodist Church will hold Homecoming services October 29. Rev. W. W. Sherman, the pastor, will deliver the sermon. Following the service lunch will be served in Cherry Hall.

¶ **THE OFFICIAL BOARD** of St. Paul Church, Goldsboro, sponsored a reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. N. W. Grant and daughter, Nancy, Tuesday evening, October 10. The reception was held at the parsonage, 704 East Walnut Street. Mr. Grant was appointed pastor of St. Paul following the death of the Rev. Leon Couch.

¶ **IT WAS** a high privilege for the Editor to preach last Sunday in Homecoming services at Shady Grove Church, in Caswell County, where he was once pastor. A fine congregation of friends were present, and sumptuous dinner was enjoyed. Shady Grove is adding a new education building to its plant.

¶ **The two churches** of the Drexel Methodist Charge—Bethlehem and Zion—will observe Spiritual Emphasis Week October 22 through 27, with special preaching services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The guest minister for the week will be the Rev. Brunson Wallace, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Newton. The Rev. John H. Barnes is pastor of the Drexel Church.

¶ **Chaplain William B. Starnes**, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes, who is presently stationed in Turkey, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Chaplain Starnes has been stationed in Turkey, on the Black Sea, since last March. He expects to return to the states the last of February or first part of March. He is a member of the North Carolina Conference.

¶ **A NOTE** from Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, who with Mr. Stanley Pickens, is on a visit to the Holy Land, indicates they have already visited Rome, Athens, Cairo, Corinth, and other interesting places. They came in contact with Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clark, professor at Duke University, who is on a Fulbright study award in the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. They now go to the Holy Land.

¶ **First Methodist Church, Hamlet**, held Home Coming last Sunday with the morning service at 11:00 o'clock, followed by picnic luncheon on the church lawn. At the Sunday evening service Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of Long Memorial Church, Roxboro, preached in the opening service of the revival, which is to run through the week. Rev. J. D. A. Autry is pastor at Hamlet.

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Promoting 'The Twelve'

A meeting of the Methodist National Lay Committee on Evangelism will be held Nov. 2 to 4 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. The committee, headed by Herbert J. Taylor, Park Ridge, Ill., is promoting the establishment of units of "The Twelve," and primary attention will be given to this program. Members of "The Twelve" pray, meditate, study and witness for Christ. The committee is affiliated with the Board of Evangelism.

Benjamin L. Smith: A Tribute

(The following tribute to Mr. Ben L. Smith, who passed away at his home in Greensboro September 12, was unanimously adopted by the Official Board of West Market Street Methodist Church at its regular meeting October 9. Mr. Smith was a member of the official board and held many positions of trust both in the annual conference and the Southeastern Jurisdiction. — Editor.)

Whenever and wherever good was to be done, the mind, heart and spirit of Ben L. Smith responded unselfishly and courageously.

His was a life spent in service to his God and his fellowman. As churchman, educator and citizen, he accepted responsibility for the welfare of others. In all his years, he walked the road of Christian stewardship, nobly and boldly. He applied his Christianity to everything he did.

Ben Smith was an honor to the Methodist church. It was only his due that the church honored him with high position. As a member of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, he was accorded the highest honor a Methodist layman can have. He was a member of the executive committee of the Western North Carolina Conference Commission on Minimum Salaries, member of the conference's Scholarship Committee and the extension committee of the Methodist Builders' Club. He was a trustee of Pfeiffer College.

For many years, Mr. Smith way lay leader of the Greensboro District, and a member of the lay speakers group. He was a member and former teacher of the Ireland Bible Class, and former superintendent of the the Sunday School of West Market. He was an effective and influential member of the Board of Stewards for many years.

Mr. Smith was outstanding in civic and community affairs. His rare contribution to the Boy Scout program earned him the Silver Beaver Award. He was active in the work of the National Council of Christians and Jews. He was a past president of the Greensboro Kiwanis Club.

Beginning his professional career as principal of the Catawba Farm Life School at Newton, Mr. Smith moved up the steps of greater responsibility as school administrator. He came to Greensboro as superintendent of city schools in 1936, and served in that capacity for 22 years, until 1958 when he retired. Fellow educators honored him on many occasions. He served as president of the North Carolina Education Association, and it was under his leadership that the N. C. Education Hall of Fame was established. He was a past president-general of the Horace Mann League of the U. S., and at the time of his death was the league's secretary.

Mr. Smith earned a Phi Beta Kappa key as a student at the then Trinity College, now Duke University. His alma mater recognized him as an illustrious son by conferring upon him an honorary doctorate.

As a young man, Mr. Smith answered his country's call to duty after its involvement in World War I. He rose to the rank of captain in the U. S. Calvary, a distinction rarely attained by Army nonprofessionals.

Patriotism was another dimension of this fine personality.

Mr. Smith was an architect and builder of good citizenship. He lived and worked under the conviction that quality citizenship calls for discipline of both mind and character. To him, good citizenship was Christian citizenship.

Thousands of school children and hundreds of teachers came under the unfluence of this good man. They knew him as a true friend who aspired to the best for them, who gave encouragement and sympathy when greatly needed, and who rejoiced in their successes and achievements. All privileged to be associated with Mr. Smith will always remember the warmth of his smile, the firmness of his handshake and the graciousness of his presence.

Ben Smith was a mild-mannered man—sincere, thoughtful, kind and considerate. He was no less a man of rare courage, a quality which stood him in great stead on more than one trying and critical occasion. He was a man of strong convictions, but he was always fair and just toward those with whom he differed.

Truly, here was one who did justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with his God—a Christian nobleman.

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Council Hears Reports

Notable advance during the 1960-61 fiscal year on the part of the church in supporting its general benevolences and administration funds were reported by the Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Chicago Sept. 25-27. His statement, accounting for more than 30 million dollars was presented to the annual meeting of the 33-member Council on World Service and Finance, of which he is general secretary and treasurer. Bishop Paul E. Martin of Houston, Texas, president of the council, presided at the sessions.

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God never sets His approval upon anything that is wrong, why should I?

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EDITORIALS

Duke Convocation and Pastors' School Has Rich Program

For many years ministers of the two Methodist conferences in North Carolina have looked forward to the coming of the Duke Pastors' School, held at Duke University. It is a time when preachers are privileged to enjoy a fellowship that is unusual. Acquaintances are renewed and friendships formed that enrich the life of a preacher. He goes home inspired and better prepared to carry on his work as a pastor.

The Board of Managers has provided an attractive program for the school this year, which will be held October 30-November 1. Outstanding teachers, lecturers, and preachers will appear on the program. Dr. Albert C. Outler, formerly a professor at Duke, who is well and favorably known, will deliver the James A. Gray lectures, using as his subject, "The Forging of the Wesleyan Theology." Three addresses each will be delivered by Dr. Jesse H. Ziegler, Associate Director of the American Association of Theological Schools, Dayton, Ohio; and Dr. Frank Baker, Associate Professor of Church History at Duke University. Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Front Street Methodist Church, Burlington, and chairman of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School, will serve as Alumni Lecturer. Bishop John Wesley Lord, of the Washington Area, will be the Convocation preacher. Dean Robert E. Cushman, of the Duke Divinity School, will serve as Convocation chairman, Dr. James T. Cleland, dean of the Chapel, will be chairman of the Gray Lectures, and Dr. McMurray Richey, associate professor of Theology and Christian Nurture in the Divinity School, will serve as the director of the Convocation and Pastors' School. He will be assisted by Rev. Harmon L. Smith. In addition, reunion dinners are scheduled on the evening of October 30 by the Divinity School classes of '37, '52, '55, '56, and '57, and the alumni association luncheon is slated Oct. 31.

The Duke Pastors' School enjoys the distinction of being the first such school begun in North Carolina, and through the years it has contributed to a better trained ministry, not only in the Methodist church, but in other religious groups.

A rich program has been provided and many pastors from over this and other states will be looking forward to sharing in it.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." —PSALM 84:11.

University of North Carolina Honored By President's Visit

North Carolinians may well feel a sense of pride in being honored with a visit by the President of the United States. President John F. Kennedy, notwithstanding his heavy responsibilities as chief executive of this great nation, took time out to take part in the 168th birthday celebration of North Carolina's University Thursday, October 12. The President spoke to the group in Kenan Stadium at Chapel Hill, and was given the honorary LL.D. degree. Chancellor William B. Aycock bestowed the honorary degree upon the President and also upon North Carolina's own Governor Terry Sanford. President Kennedy was presented to the audience by President William C. Friday of the University. He thus became the fifth President of the United States to visit the university during their term of office, others being President James K. Polk, 1847; President James Buchanan, 1859; President Andrew Johnson, 1867; and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1938. All North Carolinians feel a sense of pride in their state university, hailed as one of the oldest and one of the finest in the nation. The North Carolina Christian Advocate extends its heartiest felicitations on this 168th anniversary.

SMALL AND LITTLE KNOWN

*You may be small and little known
And never reach a height of fame;
Perhaps the world to you has shown
But little interest in your name;
But don't despair, for God beholds
Each one who takes the upward way,
And in the Book of Life enrolls
All names for heaven's crowning day.*

*God loves the small as well as great,
And has a place for each to fill;
No saint with Him is out of date
As he abides within His will;
Therefore be true, although the world
May never lift your name in praise;
But when the flags of fame are furled
You'll find God's grace forever pays.*

REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR

Taylorsville, N. C.

North Carolina Cited For Its Church Extension Program

The splurge in church extension begun in 1950 in the North Carolina Conference, in which 84 new Methodist congregations were organized in 10 years, has been brought to the attention of Methodists throughout the country in an article in the special "Mobility" November issue of *Together*, Methodist family magazine. The article refers to the fact that the high mobility of Americans today, and the exploding population, require organization of more new congregations and construction of more new churches to meet their needs.

In his article, "New Churches Are Big Business," Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, general secretary, Division of National Missions, states that "Tarheel Methodists confront opportunities unprecedented since the days of Francis Asbury's circuit riding there."

The splurge in church extension was brought about because of the rapid suburbanization of major cities in North Carolina in the 1950s, Dr. Snoke says. "For 70 straight months, the eastern North Carolina area averaged a new Methodist church each month. Today one out of 12 Methodists in the conference is a member of a church started since 1950."

Established churches have shared in the enterprise by contributing both members and money, says Dr. Snoke. Queen Street Church, Kinston, for example, mothered three new congregations.

The North Carolina picture is not one-of-a-kind. Similar efforts have produced remarkable results for other conferences, especially on the most important frontier of our time—suburbia. In some places, small rural churches have been overwhelmed by sudden influxes of new commuter residents. Elsewhere, new congregations have formed where Methodism never before had taken root. Projects to enlarge, remodel, and build churches are commonplace.

Pass Ten-Million Mark

Fulfilling earlier predictions by church leaders, membership in The Methodist Church in the U. S. has now passed the 10-million mark. The denomination now has 10,046,293 members, it was reported Oct. 5 by the Department of Research and Statistics of the Council on World Service and Finance, Chicago. The Rev. Frank E. Shuler, Jr., is director of the department, and Douglas Crozier is associate statistician. Last year's total membership was 9,910,741.

Among new items appearing in this year's report are the number of known tithers (218,258) and the average attendance at Sunday morning worship services (3,712,135). There are now 39,063 organized churches—a gain of 55 over last year.

Grand total of all contributions this year was \$648,827,431. This represents a gain of \$109,321,552 over last year's total. Total church school membership is 6,874,751. (A full statistical review will appear in the 1961 *General Minutes*.)

An Imaginary Letter From Francis Asbury

(Following is an imaginary letter from Bishop Francis Asbury written while on a visit to the small town of Raleigh, N. C. about 150 years ago, in 1811, five years prior to his death. It is directed to contemporary Methodists.)

Raleigh, North Carolina
November 11, 1811.

My dear Brethren,

To see our faith proclaimed and spread so evenly throughout the land is deeply gratifying. To see it spread so thinly and ineffectively through the hearts of our people is most grievous, to God and to me.

A college professor has confided to me that his students have some fair knowledge of the early books of the Bible, but going beyond those into the Scriptures, they show scant knowledge of narratives and truths found there. Does this mean that once the Faith is embraced, men do not progress into it, penetrating only to shallow depths? This is a great concern that rests heavenly on my heart.

Our hardships, privations and wearying toils over the decades were but the gateway to your generation, opportunities for you to grow on in the faith and knowledge and richness of God. Brethren, take the Scriptures to your hearts as did your forefathers receive it, and the preachers who traveled this growing nation two centuries ago.

This America is not the land of my birth, but his land I do love dearly. I came as a missionary and not as an immigrant. Similarly it is with you. You reside here, but that Other Land awaits your coming and your presence, so each of you may reside with the Father. I have seen many territories of this vast continent become states. With this I have seen the pioneering spirit produce brilliant chapters in our history. Let not this pioneering spirit vanish from your flesh and blood. More of our people must have a keener realization that this life is a spiritual pilgrimage. Its spiritual aspects must remain central in our daily lives.

We have builded and labored for education in this new nation. With help I have planted schools, Ebenezer in Virginia, Bethel in Kentucky, Cokesbury in Maryland and Bethel in South Carolina. Toward our aims and efforts at building colleges and academies for enlightenment there has been raised criticism. Successes have been ours; more often failures have attended our strivings. Let no one, though, my fellow Christians, be deceived that the salvation of man and society rests on the educated mind, the powers of the intellect alone, without God. This shall not be. The divine economy has not so ordered it.

I cannot boast of a college education or seminary training, yet in the spirit of learning, with Christ at the center, for the highest good of our people, I urge your support of colleges and schools in the land. The long established ones need it, and most surely those of recent birth. The colleges and their work must mount up with wings as eagles. For I am ever encouraged by the inspiring, ennobling work of our most esteemed leader, Mr. John Wesley, though he has been removed from us these score years. His magnanimous spirit, that of a truly great man, has inspiration for

the times. His name and his kindly leading shall not be forgotten among us.

I have preached in the House of Representatives of the legislative assembly of this state, a state through which I have passed many times and in which I have proclaimed the Word of God often. Our preachers have labored diligently here.

Episcopal duties that brought me to this young town I must conclude, for yet, others, preaching, caring for the growing churches, call me on. Appointments in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania await me. Our good preachers think they have sinned did they not provide preaching places for me daily. The Conference of my native land has invited me to return for a visit. But enough. Still my earthly labors call me on.

Call me "Prophet of the Long Road," "Shakespeare of the Church," or what you will dear Brothers and Sisters. But I aim in humility to live daily for our Lord and would have the land be strong for Him and His cause among our children.

Everlasting glory and honor be unto my All-sufficient God, and yours, this day.

Affectionately in Christ,
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The Age of Conformity

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The present time has been designated as "the space age." Another label is "the age of conformity." Some of the modern pressures were evident in the first century: "Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your mind from within." Rom. 12:1-21; Phillips Tr.

While we recognize that we must conform in doing certain things together, and abide by traffic regulations and laws of the land, still there are large areas of choice in the free world. Religion is on a volunteer basis, and our attainment in the moral and spiritual world are bound only by self limitation.

What does it mean to be saved? Doesn't it denote a different pattern from "the world, the flesh, and the devil?" Or to be recreated from within? What difference does it make if we bear the title of a Christian? Is church membership "per se" a character recommendation? The noted poet of India, Tagore, remarked: "Christ is wonderful, marvelous, but you Christians don't live like him."

There are many pressures from without and from within that tend to make us conform to the world. If you have ever plowed a mule in a "new ground," for instance, you must know how tantalizing the beast can be. A man named John Jones had that experience. The plow often hung under roots, or would hit a rock and the handle of the plow would gore the side of the man's body. Under such urgings and the obstinacy of the mule, the man acquired a reputation for profanity, a language which the beast of burden understood. During a revival meeting, however, John went forward and began a new life with the Lord. After that encounter with Christ, John was not the same, and even the mule seemed

to notice the difference.

Drifting with the gang has its perils among the youths. A student was once summoned to the president's office and confronted with giving reasons for his questionable conduct. "Dr. _____," he addressed the president, "hardly ten students can be found who would not have done the same thing." The president replied: "Did it occur to you that you could have been one of the ten?"

A standardized, ape-like conduct is the trend of our time. As the newspaper expressed it: "You want to be a part of things, don't you? You want to be accepted, to belong. You want to be a regular, normal guy. You don't want to be odd, eccentric. So keep step. Cooperate, compromise, conform, if you want to get along with people."

The Bible spoke plainly of those who lost their allegiance to God and became apart of "a crooked generation." To be squeezed into the world mold may be expressed in these words:

*"Who tries to be somebody
By trying to be like everybody
Which makes him a nobody."*

In the communist world, every effort is being made to liquidate or force the Christians in a pagan mold. A teacher tells the son of a Lutheran minister in East Germany: "Your father has every right to his old ideas. . . . But times are changing. The people don't care about the Ten Commandments or the fairy tales of the Bible." A gifted teenage boy could not attend a music school unless he renounced his religion. The preacher-father said to the boy: "If you trade your soul for a career, I don't care how well you play, how famous you become—you'll be nothing." Many Christians simply disappear.

But we are more immediately concerned with the blight of materialism and apathy here in America. This is the leveling down process, squeezing men into an earthly mold.

Someone tells of a young prince who was kidnapped and taken to South America. Some 20 years later he learned of his royal heritage. That belated knowledge and awareness soon changed the course of his life. As the prince said: "I must live up to what I am. I am a prince." We have the challenge to live up to the title of a Christian. We can do so if we are remolded from within.

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell to Preach at Thomasville

Dr. Clovis G. Chappell will preach at First Methodist Church, Thomasville, Sunday morning, October 29 at 11:00 a. m., and through Thursday night of that week at 7:30 p. m. in revival services. He will also speak at 10:15 a. m. on Radio Station WTNC, 790, Monday through Friday. A reception for Dr. Chappell will be held following the services on Monday night and an informal question and answer period on Tuesday night. People in the Thomasville area are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hear one of Methodism's greatest preachers. Rev. Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr., is pastor of First Church.

Methodists of N. C. Conference Plan to Knock on Every Door

As a part of the "United Witness for Christ and His Church" adopted by the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church in June, 30,700 Methodist laymen will knock on Every Door in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference on Sunday, October 22, to ascertain the church status of every person. The census takers will meet at their local churches for instruction at 2:00 p.m. before making the census. The census committee in each local church, composed of the Commissions of Evangelism, Education and Missions, together with the pastors, have had the task of selecting the workers, mapping out the territories, assigning of teams, and the securing of the necessary materials for undertaking this tremendous task.

Following the census the cards will be processed in preparation for the visitation of prospective members in each local church community November 25-28. Each local church will conduct a twenty-four hour prayer vigil immediately preceding the visitation of prospects.

On Tuesday, December 5, Victory Rallies will be held in each of the nine districts of the Annual Conference when Bishop Paul N. Garber, Area Bishop, will speak over a conference-wide telephone hook-up

following the tabulation of membership increases from each district.

This program is a united outreach of the Boards of Evangelism and Education, with all the major boards of the Conference co-operating. The Board of Evangelism with Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Director, and the Board of Education with Dr. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary, are striving for the following goals:

1. Discover unreached persons in every community.

2. Win unraeched persons for Christ, church and church school membership.

3. Train through church membership classes and the church school and assimilate.

4. Start out-post church schools where needed.

5. Every member of the church school (of proper age) a member of the church, attending the worship service regularly. Every member of the church also a member of the church school.

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Offices of the South Georgia Conference Board of Education are being moved from Macon to St. Simons Island at the Epworth-by-the-Sea assembly and campgrounds.

Says Overseas Churchmen Better Givers Than in U. S.

The giving to the church of members of Methodist and Methodist-related churches overseas is much higher in relation to income than that of Methodists in the United States, the chief Methodist overseas mission executive says.

"Any visitor to the churches of Asia, Africa or Latin America is repeatedly impressed by the instances of sacrificial giving which he encounters," the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith writes in a new book, *God's Mission—and Ours*, published by Abington Press (New York and Nashville, Tenn.). Dr. Smith is general secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

"The amazing fact is that the level of stewardship in the younger churches is proportionately so much higher than in the United States," Dr. Smith says. "Would that North American Methodism had the same percentage of tithing as Brazilian Methodism! The record of a stewardship proportionately far higher than in prosperous North American Protestantism is being written by Christians in countries as dissimilar and as separated as Scandinavia and Southeast Asia, the Congo and the Philippines, Angola and Argentina."

Dr. Smith writes that the rapid progress of the younger churches in giving in recent years is a "tremendously significant factor."



Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Ewing Celebrate Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Ewing, shown above, celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 1, at their home in Rockingham. Mr. Ewing is a retired member of the North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Mr. Ewing was born May 4, 1874, and Mrs. Ewing, who before her marriage, was Sarah Louise Miller, was born August 11, 1878. They were married on October 1, 1896. Mr. Ewing went from North Carolina to Georgia in early life and engaged in the turpentine business, later went into the furniture business. Feeling a call to enter the ministry in 1902, he sold his business and entered Emory College, now Emory University, to prepare for his life's work. He joined the South Georgia Methodist conference in 1905 and served for sixteen years, when he transferred to the North Carolina Conference. His first appointment in this state was at Branson Church, Durham, where he led in the building program of their new church. His ministry has been blessed in the building and the evangelistic fields. While pastor at Laurel Hill some years ago his charge was the only one in the conference that reported more than 100 members on profession of faith.

Rev. Mr. Ewing, after serving churches in the North Carolina conference for a number of years, retired and lived in Durham until seven years ago when they moved to Rockingham to be near their son, Eugene. They have two sons in Miami, Florida, one daughter in Atlanta, Georgia, and one son in Rickingham. They still keep house and wait on themselves, as they enjoy a happy old age with an unwavering faith. In referring to themselves they say "Our times are in God's hands," and seem to hear a voice saying "Be not afraid; for I am with you."

A large number of friends and relatives, including out-of-town guests, called during their celebration to pay respects and to wish them well on their 65th wedding anniversary.

Interesting Methodist Matters

Plans are going forward for the first Methodist church building in Brasilia, ultra-modern capital of Brazil.

Each of 37 Mexican Methodist churches that were involved in an evangelistic mission in August has a new membership training class as a result of the mission in which 22 U. S. Methodist ministers participated.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert S. Southgate, pastor of Annandale, Va., Methodist Church, has been named to the new post of director of church relations for Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"God did not write solo parts for very many of us. He expects us to be participants in the great symphony of life."

—BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT
San Francisco, Chairman of
the Commission on Chaplains.

Roger Hull, grandson of a Methodist circuit rider, is the new chairman of Religion in American Life, Inc. He is president of Mutual of New York and one of the nation's outstanding insurance executives.

Since the first summer pastoral exchange between a British and an American Methodist preacher, a total of 97 such trans-Atlantic visitations have taken place. They have involved nearly 200 ministers in the last 14 years.

The Rev. Dr. Gene W. Carter, San Francisco, superintendent of the Bay View Methodist District, has joined the staff of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission as associate director of its Department of Radio and Television.

The Rev. Arthur Hopkins, Jr., Syracuse, N. Y., will become assistant secretary on the staff of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C., on Nov. 1. A former chaplain, he has served for 15 years as minister to Methodist students at Syracuse University.

The Rev. Dr. G. Weldon Gatlin, Chicago, superintendent of Chicago Western District of the Rock River Methodist Conference, has been named director of the Department of Area and Conference Evangelism of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He took the new position October 1.

The Rev. Dr. Worth M. Tippy, 94, died Oct. 1 in Laurel, Miss. He had occupied Methodist pulpits in Cleveland, Indianapolis, and New York, and was for 20 years executive secretary of the Department of Church and Social Service of the former Federal Council of Churches.

A Methodist layman of India, Subarna B. Tewarson, has become the first national to be placed in charge of financial operations for a Methodist mission field overseas. He is now responsible for receiving and disbursing about \$1,500,000 in Methodist mission funds in India, Nepal and part of Pakistan.

The number of students enrolled this year at the Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage is about 10 per cent above last year, which was the school's first academic year. The university announced that 175 students registered for the regular academic program in the registration period ending September 5.

Going into its third year, the Methodist "Year of Study Abroad" program has attracted its largest number of participants for the 1961-62 academic year. Nine American college students will study during the coming year at five colleges in four foreign countries under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Missions and the Methodist Student Movement.

Robert Beyer, Modesto, Calif., Wesley Fellowship president for California-Nevada Conference, has been named by Governor Brown to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth. Only two youth members are appointed to the otherwise all-adult committee. Beyer has been asked to head the youth planning committee for 1962.

For the 16th consecutive year, an international group of students is beginning a year of study in American colleges, universities, seminaries and hospitals under the Crusade Scholarship program of The Methodist Church. This academic year there are 72 Crusade Scholars studying in America, 40 from 21 countries overseas and 32 from the U. S. In addition, 14 are studying in other countries.

Membership of The Methodist Church in its Southeastern Jurisdiction now stands at 2,747,389, an increase of 45,360 over last year, it was reported at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council September 7-8 at Birmingham, Ala. Church school membership in the jurisdiction dropped 18,803 to a total of 1,998,431, it was reported. However, average attendance increased by 16,479 to 1,129,283.

A unique World-Wide Communion service was held Oct. 1 in Columbus, Ohio, with the Rev. Dr. Walter C. Eyster, minister of North Methodist Church, administering the sacrament in a service telecast over TV station WLW-C. Sponsored by the Columbus Council of Churches, the service was planned especially for sick and shut-ins. Youth members delivered the elements to the sick in their homes prior to the telecast.

Worth Remembering—"The indictment against organized religion by the unchurched is that we have spent nearly 2,000 years systematizing irrelevant theological tidbits. It may be that we have spent so much time studying Greek and Hebrew that we have failed to learn the languages of the average man and thus failed effectively to communicate the gospel."—Rev. Dr. John B. Oman of Wesley Church, Minneapolis, speaking at the North Central Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns.

Young Tarboro Lad Receives Two of Scouting's Top Awards

Bob Brodie, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Brodie, of Tarboro, received both the Eagle Scout award and the God and Country award at the 11:00 o'clock service at St. James Church, of which his father is the pastor, Sunday, October 8. Bob is 15 years of age, and a sophomore at Tarboro High School. He is a patrol leader in troop 96, sponsored by the church, and is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary society in scouting. The morning message was delivered by Mr. O. B. Roberts, scout executive of the East Carolina Council, who holds a local preacher's license in the Methodist church. The God and Country award was presented by Rev. Mr. Brodie, father of the recipient. Mr. George Britt spoke on the church's role in the presentation of the award. The Eagle Award was presented to young Mr. Brodie by Mr. LeRoy Hight, district scout executive.

Dr. Henry Hitt Crane To Speak at Bennett College

Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, pastor-emeritus of the Central Methodist Church, of Detroit, Mich., will be the speaker when Bennett College observes Founder's Day Sunday, October 22 in Pfeiffer Chapel at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Crane who is also a long-time trustee of the institution and a long-time friend of the late Dr. David D. Jones, its first president as a woman's college, is one of Methodism's most-honored churchmen.

Bennett College was founded in 1873 as a co-educational institution and became a woman's college in 1926. In its 88-year history the college has had eight men as presidents. President Willa B. Player, who took office in 1955, is the institution's first woman president. She will preside at the exercises.

Following the Founder's Day program, the new woman's dormitory, which opened in September, will be dedicated.

Thomasville District Church Leaders' Conference Oct. 13

The lay leader of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference will address a Thomasville District Church Leaders' Conference Oct. 13, Friday, at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Heights Methodist Church.

Robert M. Smith of Mount Airy will be the speaker for the meeting, to which local church lay leaders, presidents of Methodist Men's clubs, certified lay speakers and clergymen of the district have been invited.

Judge L. Roy Hughes of Thomasville will report on the Third National Methodist Men's Conference, held recently at Purdue University.

And the Rev. John H. Carper, Thomasville District superintendent, will commission the Certified Lay Speakers and show the stewardship film, "The Will of Augusta Nash." A buffet supper will precede the program.

The Truth Shall Make You Free

Rev. R. JENKINS, Minister
First Methodist Church
Fayetteville, N. C.

And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

So, freedom was a matter of great concern to Jesus, too!

Certainly, one of the most frequently used words in our generation is that of "freedom." Politicians, statesmen, teachers, preachers, housewives, businessmen, young people, children—all of us almost constantly live with the

Someone has said, "The cause of freedom is identified with the destinies of humanity, and in whatever part of the world it gains ground, by and by it will be a common gain." And, another has added, "Personal liberty is the paramount essential to human dignity and human happiness."

So determined are men to have freedom, many of them will resort to extremes to have it. Which reminds us of a son of a Baptist minister who one morning in church saw for the first time the rite of baptism by immersion. He was greatly interested in it, and most enthusiastic; so, the next morning he proceeded to baptize his three cats—in the bathtub. The kitten bore it very well, and so did the young cat; but the old mother cat vigorously rebelled. She struggled with the little boy, clawed and tore at him until she got away. With considerable effort the little lad caught her again and proceeded with the ceremony. But the old mother cat acted this time worse than ever. She clawed at him, spit at him, and scratched his face and hands. Finally, the young lad threw the cat on the floor in disgust, and said: "Well, go on and be a Methodist if you want to!"

Yes, even cats will struggle for freedom! But among humans, it is a universal quest for which they will give their lives.

Far too often, however, "freedom" as we are wont to interpret it, is synonymous with "promiscuousness."

Such concepts of freedom are in evidence on our public highways, in our homes, in our dealings with other people—in business, in social relationships—even in nation's dealings with nations. Stephen Leacock's famous rider who "flung himself upon his horse and rode off in all directions" is psychologically reduplicated in hundreds of thousands of our relationships today.

False notions of liberty are strangely common in so many areas of life. People talk of it as if it meant the "liberty of doing whatever one likes"—and act upon it as though "it concerned no one but themselves." Over the week-end of Labor Day, more than three hundred were killed on our highways, about twenty-three of them in the state of North Carolina; and hundreds of others were injured, some of them critically. All of which is indicative of the small regard so many people have for others in their travels.

Sometime ago, the U. S. Public Health Service reported that in 1959 some 221,000 (52 out of every 1000) babies were born to unwed mothers. In this category, mothers under 15 years of age were listed for the highest percentage (679 out of every 1000). The percentage may be higher now. Such is bound to be due to laxity of parents, and an inevitable consequence of a misconstrued concept of liberty.

It is time that we learned that freedom is not license. As Epictetus in his day once said: "No man is free who is not master of himself." And, as Christ would say: "He is the freeman whom the truth makes free, and all others are slaves."

Back during World War II, some author gave a description of the fate of the S.S.

Normandie, one of the proudest ships afloat. The Normandie had been built for the French merchant marine at a cost of some \$60,000,000. It was second only to the Queen Mary in speed and size, and second to none in magnificence of design and elegance of appointment.

Taken over by the U. S. Government and renamed the Lafayette, the great ship was docked in a New York harbor, and was being converted into an air-craft carrier. Designed for the ultimate in luxury, she was shortly to be started on a noble career as a flagship of freedom. That was what they said of her.

But she never got out of the Hudson. Her life that was begun in magnificence and destined for glory was thwarted for all time in ignominy—the result of a WELDER'S SPARK. No screaming bombs from dive-bombers in the skies rendered her incapacitate. No torpedoes from submarines under the water brought her to her tragic fate. She was brought low from a mere WELDER'S SPARK.

Before the Lafayette the country stood with bowed heads and saddened hearts. But we are not now thinking so much of the proud ship as we are of MEN LIKE HER—men, women and young people who in our day become victims of a "WELDER'S SPARK." FOR, the WELDER'S SPARK in our lives may well be our misconceived notions of FREEDOM.

One thing we must know, eventually; and, that is, ONE CANNOT HAVE TRUE FREEDOM WITHOUT, ALSO, RESTRAINT.

To be free, one must follow the rules of freedom. Scientists tell us that one of the greatest discoveries of man since the world began is that our's is a law-abiding universe. All that we know about nature reveals this fact consistently. The earth follows its course around the sun according to definite laws. In whatever form water happens to appear, it is always made up of the chemical formula of two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen. We are kept on this whirling space planet, called earth, by the law of gravity.

In whatever phase of life: we find we must abide by certain laws. To be able to play a piano, one must follow the rules of music. To ride safely on the highways, one must follow the rules of the road. To live with other people, one must follow the rules of human fellowship. To have a life worth living, one must abide by the rules of worthwhile living. Always, with true liberty, there is the concomitant constituent of restraint.

If we need to know this vital truth, our children deserve to know it, too. Far too prevalent, particularly in our American life, is a very obvious lack of discipline. What so often we have conceived to be "freedom," has, instead, turned out to be "promiscuousness." Maybe if some of us had been given, or, if our children were to be given, the psychological treatment administered to the little boy in a certain department store, things might be different. The little fellow's mother had taken him to the store late one afternoon. A "rocking horse" there attracted him, and though it was late in the afternoon, he hopped astride it and starting playing rodeo.

"Come, dear, get off the horse," the mother said sweetly, "it's time to close the store."

"I d'wanna go!" he barked furiously. "I wanna play cowboy!"

The mother turned to the salesgirl. "You tell him, won't you," she pleaded.

The girl patted him on the head: "It's time to go now; be a good boy and go along with your mother."

The little lad kicked out his feet. "I d'wanna go!" he shrieked.

Mother and salesgirl were looking helplessly at each other when the floor manager approached. He volunteered to use his persuasive powers. Walking over to the little fellow who

was rocking and shouting, he whispered in his ear. Without a word, the little fellow slipped off the horse, hurried to his mother and both were soon off for home.

Bewildered, the salesgirl asked: "What in the world did you whisper in his ear?"

The young man smiled. "I only said," he replied modestly, "Get off that horse, you little brat, or I'll knock your blamed block off."

Charles Kingsley once said: "There are two freedoms, the false where one is free to do what he likes, and the true where he is free to do what he ought."

When Jesus spoke of freedom, he had a deeper conception of its meaning than most men. He was not interested so much in political freedom as he was in the spiritual freedom which underlies all other freedoms. His belief was that when you strike the shackles of spiritual bondage from a man's soul you strike the shackles of political, social, moral, and economic slavery from his wrists. That is the meaning of his statement: "And ye shall know the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you free."

In one of the elementary readers once used in our public schools, Gertrude McKelvy had this story:

ONCE UPON A TIME, way off in Africa there lived a funny little brown man. He was jolly and gay and he never walked, he skipped and hopped always. Grown-ups called him a Pigmy, but we will just call him Mr. Jojo.

Now, one lovely summer evening when the sun was just about set and the moon was just about up, this funny little brown man, our Mr. Jojo, went for a walk. But of course, I mean he hopped and skipped because he never walked.

Presently he came to a very beautiful pond. Mr. Jojo hopped and skipped all around it and looked in.

"My goodness gracious," he said. "The moon has fallen into the pond. Something must be done about it."

So he sat down by the pond and held his head tightly. That meant that he was thinking. Suddenly, he came up with a hop and a skip. He went hopping away madly. But soon he returned with a big stick.

He went to work at once. He pushed one end of the stick into the pond, right under the moon. Then he pushed and pushed and pushed, so hard that he fell over in the pond on his back. Lying there a moment, for the pond was shallow, he looked up again.

"Well, my goodness gracious, I did it."

And so he did, for there was Mr. Moon right up in the sky where he belonged.

Wasn't that what Jesus was telling his disciples about freedom? "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." WHEN WE "LOOK UP" WE LEARN THE TRUTH: AND THE "TRUTH" MAKES US FREE. We are, then, FREE INDEED.

Third World Institute On Christian Education

Over eighty countries will be represented in the Third World Institute on Christian Education, to be held July 9-20, 1962, in Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland.

The theme of the World Institute will be "The Educational Mission of the Church in Today's World." A study Guide on this theme, written by Dr. Randolph Crump Miller of Yale University Divinity School, has been made available to individuals and groups around the world; it has been distributed through the 62 cooperative bodies which constitute the membership of the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, under whose auspices the World Institute on Christian Education is to be held.

New First Methodist Church Opened at Mt. Holly

Open House for the new First Methodist Church building at Mount Holly, N. C., was held Sunday afternoon, September 24, from two until five o'clock. The new building, colonial in design, located on a five acre lot, was erected at a cost of approximately \$321,000 and was officially opened the second Sunday in September, 1961.

The first stage of construction contains educational areas, administrative spaces, fellowship and kitchen facilities, a chapel, adequate storage rooms, and facilities for future air conditioning. The sanctuary is yet to be built.

Administrative spaces include church office, pastor's study, office for minister of education, library, parlor, and choir room.

The fellowship hall will be used for worship services until the future sanctuary is erected. The pipe organ from the former church has been installed in the fellowship hall for use in the worship services. This area will seat approximately 300 persons and is equipped with stage and movable pulpit furnishings. A large kitchen and serving area will make the fellowship space effective and convenient for church dining functions. The kitchen is equipped with heavy duty appliances.

The chapel, seating 100 persons, is provided for use by smaller groups, for worship services, weddings, and funerals. The interior is planned to compliment the future sanctuary. The pulpit area will accommodate an electronic organ.

Insulated ductwork has been installed for installation of air conditioning at some future date.

All heating is of the zoned hot water type system, to insure economical and comfortable heating of those areas being used without heating of the total building. The boiler room is planned to accommodate heating for the future sanctuary.

Lighting throughout is planned to suit the space involved. Comfortable non-glaring lighting is provided in all classroom and work areas, and intensity controlled lighting is regulated by rheostats in the chapel and fellowship areas.

Adequate toilet facilities are provided on each floor, centrally located and finished in ceramic tile for ease of cleaning.

Exterior design is colonial in treatment and the use of soft textured sand finished brick, limestone, white wood trim, and slate roof produce stability and dignity characteristic of colonial architecture.

Interiors, except the office, study, parlor and chapel which are plastered, are of exposed masonry walls, painted in a harmonized color scheme, with asphalt tile coverings applied over concrete floor slabs. Ceilings throughout are of spray finish acoustical plaster, affording fire proofing for the steel framing, as well as acoustical treatment in rooms.

Areas included in the present completed first stage of construction total 27,240 square feet.

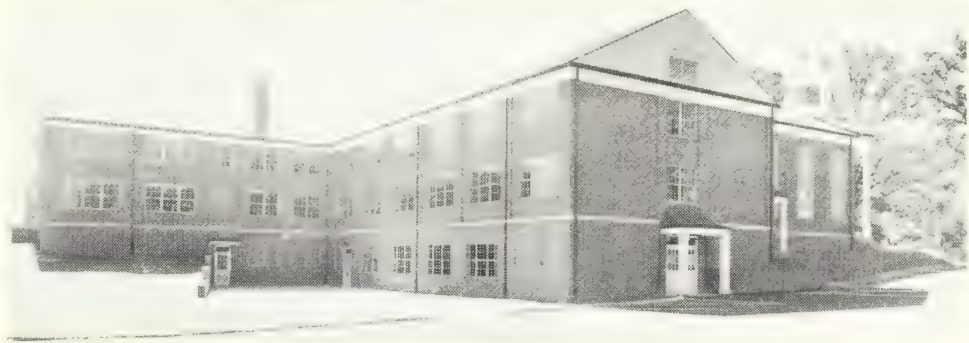
The site has been paved to provide access from city streets and on site parking for anticipated present and future needs.

Work in connection with the new church has been underway for approximately five years. Initial plans for this program were begun several years ago during the pastorate of the Rev. Ivan L. Roberts. The building program itself was later launched during the ministry of Dr. Charles D. White. Plans were drawn and the construction of the new church was completed during the ministry of the Rev. T. H. Swafford. The architect was Mr. J. L. Beam, Jr., of Cherryville, N. C.

Building plans were directed by the church Building Committee, with J. B. Thompson as chairman. Others included the pastor, Aubert M. Smith, J. W. Brinkley, C. D. Clark, Leo Fuller, C. S. Clegg, L. A. Armstrong, Lee Han-



Chapel and Administrative Building, Mount Holly



Education Building, Mount Holly Methodist Church

sel and H. S. Troutman, the latter acting as vice-chairman of the committee and disbursing treasurer of the building fund. Receiving treasurer was Gene Painter. Members of the Building Fund Finance Committee were Hal Tucker,

chairman, Ivey Henkle, Frank L. Rankin, V. A. Howard, J. B. Thompson, C. C. Cloninger, Jr., C. D. Clark, Gene Painter, H. M. Thompson, Jr., A. L. Houck, J. J. Warren, Glenn York, David Robinson, W. P. Howie and the minister.

Miss Rebecca Yow to Lead Week-Day Teachers

On Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. the teachers in Methodist Wee-day Nursery and Kindergarten classes will meet at Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh.

Miss Rebecca Yow of Danville, Virginia, will be the resource leader. Miss Yow is a week-day kindergarten teacher in Danville. Her service to the Methodist Church includes teaching a Sunday Kindergarten group, serving as District Director of Children's Work, teaching in Conference leadership training enterprises, and being an instructor in the Kindergarten Laboratory Course in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Leadership School at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Developing Religious Concepts in the Week-day Kindergarten, is the theme for the meeting. Resource materials will be on display and available to the participants in the meeting.

For further information contact Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, North Carolina Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C.

Prominent India Teacher Heard in Clayton Services

India's James Madhu was Laymen's Day speaker in Clayton October 15. He spoke at the Horne Memorial Church. Mr. Madhu, who inspired 400 preachers at the Louisburg Pastors' Conference, is principal of a 2000-student Methodist high school in South India. He is now engaged in graduate study at Duke University. Cooper Starling, Shelton Hall, Jimmie Nelson, and Bill Peele, Jr., were in charge of the Laymen's Day service, sponsored jointly by Methodist Men and the Missions Commission.

Dr. Cooke Reports

Receipts for World Service for the first third of the current fiscal year (June 1 through Sept. 30) showed a 10.11 per cent gain over the same period a year ago. The Rev. Dr. Don A. Cooke of Chicago, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, reported the receipt of \$906,484.02 during September for World Service. This brings its receipts since June 1 up to \$2,317,846.30.

More Christian Training Schools Being Held

Five more Methodist Christian education training schools will open during the next two weekends, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference.

The schools, part of 36 being conducted at Methodist churches for 12,000 men, women and young people, will be held at Asheboro, Salisbury, Mooresville, Statesville and Winston-Salem.

During the five days of training offered in each school, those attending will study about music, use of the Bible, work with people of all ages, the life of Jesus, Christianity in the church and home, learn the use and value of audio-visual materials, receive instruction in church offices, and see how nursery and kindergarten children are to be trained.

Here are the dates, programs and instructors for the schools.

The Randolph County Training School, High Point District, in First Church, Asheboro, Oct. 15-19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Instructors—Mrs. Senah Pulliam of Seven Mile Ford, Va.; Mrs. W. R. Reed of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Russell Dicks of Orlando, Fla.; the Rev. Reggie Cooke of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Mrs. Emmett Saville of Roanoke, Va.; the Rev. Adlai Holler of Greenville, S. C.; Dr. Robert T. Osborn of Duke University; Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University.

Dr. Cecil Hefner is director of the school. The Rev. Worth Sweet is dean, R. D. Perry is secretary-treasurer, and Carol M. Carter is in charge of texts. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor is district superintendent.

Rowan County Training School, Salisbury District, in First Methodist Church, Salisbury, Oct. 15-19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Instructors—Mrs. L. C. Harvard of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. C. A. Rauschenberg of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. E. C. Few of Gastonia, N. C.; Thomas S. Lee, Jr. of Statesville, N. C.; Mrs. Gerry Rash White of Statesville; Mrs. E. H. Ould of Roanoke, Va.; Dr. George M. Scheyer of Pfeiffer College.

The Rev. James Wilkinson is director of the school. Dr. James C. Stokes is district superintendent.

Mooresville Area Training School, Statesville District, in Central Methodist Church, Mooresville, Oct. 22-26, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Instructors—Miss Kate Crowell of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. S. D. Newell of Dalzell, S. C.; Mrs. E. H. Saville of Roanoke, Va.; George Blackburn of Charlotte; the Rev. Ken Johnson of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. Clay Madison of Greensboro, N. C.

The Rev. Thad McDonald is director of the school, and is also in charge of texts. Emmett A. Morrow is treasurer. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll is district superintendent.

Statesville Area Training School, Statesville District, in Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, Oct. 22-26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Details appeared in last week's *Advocate*.

Forsyth County Training School, Winston-Salem District, in Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, Oct. 22-26, 7:30-9:30 p.m., also day classes. Details appeared in last week's *Advocate*.

Mrs. Harmon Attends \$7,000,000 Fund-Raising Rally in Virginia

Mrs. Noland B. Harmon, wife of the presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, attended the launching of a \$7 million Christian education fund-raising campaign of the Virginia Methodist Conference Friday, Oct. 13, in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Harmon, a trustee of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., was joined by Dr. William Quillian, president of the college, as official representatives at the rally in Parker Field. Each school involved in the financial campaign was represented by its president and one trustee.

The money will be used for financial programs at four existing Methodist colleges in Virginia and the proposed Virginia College in Norfolk, as well as for Wesleyan Foundations and the Blackstone (Va.) Assembly Center.

Other colleges to benefit from the campaign will be Randolph-Macon Men's College at Asheland, Va.; Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.; Randolph-Macon at Front Royal, Va.; and Ferrum Junior College at Ferrum, Va.

Dr. John Gross of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, gave the keynote address. Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., presiding bishop of the Richmond Area and president of the Methodist Board of Education, presided. He is also president of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction.

Glee clubs of the three Randolph-Macon schools furnished the music.

World Order Sunday

Understanding and support for United Nations, "in a period of crisis which may well determine its future and the fate of mankind," is the emphasis for The Methodist Church's observance of World Order Sunday, Oct. 22.

Plans for participation in the annual interdenominational program, opening United Nations Week, stress the opportunity to enhance "Achieving World Peace Through the UN."

"The official position of The Methodist Church is strongly for support of the UN and the work of its related agencies," reminded Herman Will, Jr., of Washington, D. C., associate general secretary of the Division of Peace and World Order, General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Book Reviews

THE TOUGH-MINDED OPTIMIST—By Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Prentiss-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J.—\$3.95.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is a prolific writer of good books. "The Tough-Minded Optimist" is just another of those contributions to good literature, but it also adds a new dimension, a new depth of understanding and new ways to surmount the stumbling blocks to our happiness and well-being. Here he offers sound, practical, imaginative means to turn daily defeats into ultimate victories. The book offers a number of suggestions as to how one can feel healthy without depending upon pills, but by facing problems hopefully and handling them creatively. If one should run down the list of life's troubles and hindrances, such as sickness, pain, danger, fear, hatred, prejudice, war, etc., one finds that the one person who has what it takes, and is equal by God's help to handle these obstacles is "The Tough-Minded Optimist." —S. J. S.

Camp Ground Charge Is Progressive

Rev. Robert F. Nay, who has served the Camp Ground charge in the Albemarle district for the past 17 months and who has been called into the chaplaincy, sends us the following interesting news items about his work during the last two weeks he served the charge.

Bernard Haywood, a high school senior, was presented a perfect attendance pin for nine years at Sunday School at the Bond's Grove Church.

Miss May Howey, of Pleasant Grove, was presented a certificate of appreciation last Sunday for concluding 45 years of teaching in the children's division—the last five or six having been taught from her wheel chair!

After services at Pleasant Grove the last Sunday there the congregation had the parsonage family as guests at a dinner at the Pleasant Grove Camp Ground Cafeteria. It was a sumptuous meal! Then, Mrs. Plato Winchester, president of the WSCS presented us with a gift certificate for a silver tray.

Our services for both Layman's Day and World Order Sunday for the Camp Ground Charge will be conducted by our three Boy Scouts from Pleasant Grove: Hamp Howey, Bill Bryant, and Page Winchester, Jr. They will have as the theme of the services World Peace. This is part of their work which I have guided them in toward their God and Country Award in scouting which we hope they will receive next February.

Benny T. Myers, pastor at Weddington, held a revival this week for us at Wesley Chapel. He is an excellent evangelist; and the week went well in spite of the fact that our actual move to Augusta took place, causing me to miss a couple of the services.

Fayetteville District Committee Meets

Mrs. W. M. Clark, vice president of the Fayetteville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, reporting on the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, told members of the Fayetteville District WSCS executive committee that of the 762 local woman's societies in the conference, one hundred are in the Fayetteville District. The District Executive Committee meeting was held at the Page Memorial Methodist Church, Aberdeen.

Reports of all officers and committee chairmen, and discussion of plans for the fall subdistrict meetings and other work, were also among the items on the agenda.

Four new district officers were recognized. They are Mrs. George Darden, recording secretary; Mrs. T. K. Melvin, secretary of missionary education and service; Mrs. J. W. Pritchett, secretary of children's work, and Mrs. Ivan Welmorn, secretary of supply work.

The district president, Mrs. H. R. Odom, presided.

North Carolinians On National Lay Committee On Evangelism

Twelve new members from each conference have been appointed to the National Lay Committee on Evangelism to represent North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. These appointments are in accordance with the action of the General Board of Evangelism at its last annual meeting.

The National Lay Committee, affiliated with the General Board of Evangelism, is headed by Herbert Taylor, well-known Protestant leader and business man in the Chicago area. He is a former president of Rotary International.

The National Lay Committee will meet November 2-4 at Purdue University in Memorial Union. The program will emphasize the organization of one or more units of "The Twelve" in every local Methodist church. "The Twelve" is a small group program differing from the ordinary prayer study groups in that members are pledged to at least one evening a month for witnessing and visitation.

Speakers at the Purdue meeting include Dr. Lynn Radcliffe of Madison, New Jersey; Dr. Truman Potter of Charleston, West Virginia; Mr. Walter Anderson of Raleigh, North Carolina; and Harry Denman, Ernest Thomas and Harold Rogers of the General Board in Nashville, Tennessee. The new members are:

North Carolina Conference: Mr. George Ratterman, Mebane, N. C.; Mr. George Turnage, Ayden, N. C.; Mr. Lloyd Sandlin, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; Mr. J. T. Denning, Clinton, N. C.; Mr. Wade Pearce, Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. G. H. Floyd, Fairmont, N. C.; Mr. Harry Reeves, Elizabeth City, N. C.; Mr. Milford Grantham, Rockingham, N. C.; Mr. E. W. Werner, Durham, N. C.; Mr. Robert Rose, Goldsboro, N. C.; Mr. James F. Rogers, Burlington, N. C.; Mr. W. D. Payne, Henderson, N. C.

Western North Carolina Conference: Dr. R. W. Smith, Albemarle, N. C.; Mr. Robert Smith, Mt. Airy, N. C.; Mr. Tom Little, Wadesboro, N. C.; Mr. O. N. Hutchinson, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. J. W. Ausborne, Shelby, N. C.; Lee Sherrill, High Point, N. C.; T. W. Aldred, Charlotte, N. C.; W. E. Eagle, Salisbury, N. C.; Fred Kinzie, Spindale, N. C.; Phil Magruder, Greensboro, N. C.; E. R. Penley, Candler, N. C.; Dr. Charles Sykes, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Church Affiliation Of State College Students

Baptists exceed the number of other religious denominations in North Carolina State College's fall enrollment of 7,117 students, a review of college registration figures has revealed Baptist students total 2,261. Ranking next among the religious denominations are Methodists with 1,785. Presbyterians are third with 876.

Other denominations represented in the enrollment and the number of students affiliated with each are 351 Catholics, 141 Disciples of Christ, 320 Episcopalians, 91 Jews, 266 Lutherans, 55 Moravians, 168 United Church of Christ, 224 affiliated with 31 other religious denominations, and 579 who listed no church affiliation.

The Ex-Pastor

It has been my privilege to be the ex-pastor of quite a number of churches. If any one of my successors ever had occasion to suspect me of interfering in the least with his work, I never found it out, nor did I ever observe what appeared to be the least suspicion on the part of any one of these pastors that I had ever tried in any way to do so. It has been my rule and practice to hold friendship among the membership of my former pastorates, but to have nothing whatsoever to do with counseling or criticizing anything that goes on among them.

A lady came to me with a few questions about her pastor whom I do not know. My reply to her was that I would say to her just what I would have him say to her about me if the case were reversed. I think I might say that one of the questions had to do with her pastor's smoking. When a boy 15, 16, and 17 years of age, I was a clerk in a country store where I handled cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco each day, and if one was ever tempted to use it surely I was during these days. But somehow, I passed through all these experiences, my friends using it daily in my presence, but it was never any temptation to me to begin the habit. The truth is that when I was just entering my teens I deliberately formed the purpose to steer clear of the use of alcoholic liquor, of cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco always. With this resolution in mind, I have gone on to the age of 94½ without using any of these things, and my opinion is that I will go on the balance of my journey without it. My candid, serious and loving advice to every Christian man, woman, boy or girl is to do the same and follow my advice. When such a person reaches 90 years of age, he or she will have no regrets in this field.

W. R. CULLOM

Wake Forest, N. C.

Rev. R. J. Essary Becomes Pastor Of New Salem Charge

The Rev. R. J. Essary of Route 1, Stanley, has been appointed pastor of the New Salem Charge, Charlotte District, by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon. Mr. Essary began his new work the last week in September. He was introduced during the monthly meeting of the Charlotte - Mecklenburg Methodist Ministers Association Oct. 9 in First Methodist Church.

He is a former clergyman of the Church of the Nazarene, which he served for 21 years. He became a Methodist the middle of September. He is licensed to preach as a local preacher and is currently taking study courses to complete his Methodist requirements.

His charge consists of the congregation of Salem, New Hope and Fairfield, located 20 miles north of Charlotte along routes 16 and 273. There are slightly more than 300 members. The new minister is serving these churches on a full-time basis.

New Scholarship Established At Methodist College

Mrs. Joel C. Layton, of Lillington, N. C. has recently established a Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollar Endowed Scholarship at Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C. to be known as the Margaret Bowman Martin Scholarship.

Dr. Allen P. Brantley, Executive Director, of Christian Higher Education, in the North Carolina Conference, said that Mrs. Layton has established this scholarship in memory of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Bowman Martin, who, prior to her death, was for many years a very active and dedicated woman in her church, and many other community interests.

This scholarship is to be given to any boy or girl, attending Methodist College preparing to and for all time Christian service. In the event that in any given year, no one has decided for all time Christian service, this scholarship shall be given to any worthy young man or woman from the environs of Lillington, N. C. If the foregoing priorities are not met in any given year then the president of the college shall name any deserving student from the state of North Carolina. The recipient of this scholarship shall be named by the president of Methodist College.

Golden October

October is the golden month,
The month of pleasant breeze;
It is the month when yellow tinge
Adorns the many trees;
The month that Nature spreads her paint
Through valley and o'er hill;
The month of auburn beauties rare
That give our hearts a thrill.

It is the month when fruits are ripe
And nuts are falling fast;
The month when crops are gathered in
Before the winter's blast;
The month when flowers growing wild
Look fairest ere they die;
The month that tells us to prepare,
That winter's drawing night.

It is a month when sunshine bright
Comes beaming o'er the hills;
The month when mellow Nature seems
To soothe a lot of ills;
A month when Nature lovers roam
The country far and wide;
The month when sweetness seems to say,
"Dear child, in peace abide."

It is the month of golden age
That tells us summer's o'er;
That soon the year will pass away
To time's eternal shore;
The month that tells us age will come
To men as well as years;
That life should have its golden day
When Heaven's crown appears.

REV. WALTER E. ISENHOUR
Taylorsville, N. C.

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The Rev. Clifford P. Albertson of Cornwall, N. Y., has been named circulation manager of *World Outlook*, Methodism's magazine of missions, published in New York.



Woman's Activities



METHODIST DEACONESSSES

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

"To serve the present age," is the motto of Methodist Deaconesses.

They carry out their ideal in many church-related professions, as secretary, nurse, teacher, administrator, social worker, housemother, director of religious education, rural church and community worker and as missionaries.

Their work carries them into every field of church work and brings them into close relationship with all age groups. Their first mission is to help people attain a closer relationship with God. To do this they go into churches, schools, hospitals, parishes, crowded city centers, outpost missions—in short, any place where Christ went to do His work—there a Deaconess follows to do it for Him. What she does is "for the Glory of God."

"The frontier of Christian witness is not mainly in the church building," says Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, executive secretary of the Commission on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, "it is in the places where the Christian is in social contact with others, sharing the same burden and suffering." And there one finds a deaconess.

Miss Barnwell states further, "The years ahead demand a 'bigness' which has not yet been achieved. Our thinking must be expanded, our sights must be lifted, our feelings must be deepened, and our outreach must be broadened. There must be an examination of the faith we profess and greater obedience to it. There must be an understanding of the factors which confront us—the new patterns of family life, the psychological and sociological effects of urbanization, the increasing problem of labor and management, the mounting tensions of cultural, racial, and international relations. There must be consciousness of the fact that new frontiers have arisen and that old ones have changed."

The task of the Deaconess in this change is stated thus:

"The workers in these (church-related) institutions, or projects, both urban and rural, must be prepared to give proper leadership so that patterns which evolve during these changing times may have the qualities and values which are desired. These workers must study the causes of problems and seek to find ways of preventing infection and spread. Giving a cup of cold water may ease the conscience, but it does not eradicate the evil. Temporary expedients may be used to alleviate the existing tensions, but we, as church workers,

must assume some responsibility for the conditions and causes which underlie the problems and must take responsibility for changing them."

What are the requirements for being a Deaconess? A five-point requirement: a sincere commitment, a healthy body, a bachelor's degree, a year of specialized training and a year of probation.

In 1963 the 75th anniversary of the office of Deaconess will be observed. Stories and pictures of Deaconesses at work will be carried in all Methodist publications to tell the story of the various ways a Deaconess serves in the church. A goal of 75 new Deaconesses has been set by the Commission on Deaconess Work as their project for the current quadrennium.

There are eleven active deaconesses in the Western North Carolina Conference: Miss Ola Lee Barentte, Asheville; Miss Mary Bethea, Pfeiffer College; Miss Hazel Correll, Pfeiffer College; Miss Vera Falls, Cherokee; Miss Mary Floyd, Pfeiffer College; Miss Margaret Hodkins, Charlotte; Miss Reva McNabb, Asheville; Miss Jonell Robinson, Gastonia; Miss Louise Robinson, Statesville; Miss Patricia Rothrock, Rhodessia; Miss Mattie Lou Summey, Forest City; Miss Winifred Wrisley, Asheville.

Miss Mable Metzger, who was director of Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville for four years, retired on September 1st, when Miss Reva McNabb arrived to assume her duties as director.

This prayer was given by a deaconess: "God grant that the sincerity of our witness and quality of our service may win many to choose the office of deaconess as their channel of full-time Christian Service."



N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



WSCS Committee Has Retreat

Officers, circle chairmen, and committee chairmen of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, were recent guests of the society's president, Mrs. James M. Peden at her Myrtle Beach, S. C., cottage for a Spiritual Retreat and executive committee meeting.

Immediately following the lunch on Wednesday, September 26, the first group heard a meditation, "Come Ye Apart," by Mrs. Burney Batchelor, secretary of spiritual life, and participated in a discussion of the purpose of the Retreat: "to come apart to seek God's will and discuss ways in which we as members of our society might deepen our own spiritual life and render better service in our places of responsibilities." A vesper service on the beach was led by Mrs. Shelton White, under the theme "Courage for Living." A devotional following the evening meal on the topic "Might," was led by Mrs. Peden.

The women arose early on Thursday morning for a meditation on the beach, led by Mrs. Burney Batchelor. The devotional during the breakfast was given by Mrs. C. H. Bennett. Later on Thursday morning the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered for the group at the Myrtle Beach Methodist Church by the church's pastor, the Rev. M. D. Moore.

Following luncheon an executive committee meeting was held, the first group later departing for Raleigh.

Vespers for the second group arriving on Thursday afternoon, were led by Mrs. A. J. Jones, on the topic "Spiritual Strength for Times of Need," a discussion period and devotional message, "Evening," by Mrs. Haslin Simon were on the program for the evening session.

The early morning meditation on Thursday, "God Filling Every Area of Our Lives," was given by Mrs. C. F. Parrish. Mrs. Fred Brigman gave the breakfast meditation from "The Upper Room."

The Retreat was climaxed by a meditation, "Proper Perspectives," by Mrs. Howard P. Powell, vice president.

TRAINING FOR NURSES IN AFRICA

Kau Mo Lu, a third-grade girl, was helping make formulas for malnourished children when her missionary nurse supervisor was called away to deliver a baby. Young Kau Mo Lu continued the work alone and finished the formulas. About two-thirds of the medical staff of the Granta (Liberia) mission hospital and clinic is composed of school children like Kau Mo Lu, since they have only half-day sessions at school. At the clinic these children have additional classes in nursing procedures and anatomy. As they practice the nursing arts, they become efficient and valuable members of the staff.

To have its own school for the training of nurses is the goal of each hospital in

these African conferences. There are many little Kau Mo Lus who want to become nurses when they are grown.

Several hospitals already have schools of nurses' training. There are typical ones at Kapanga (Congo), Gikuki (Mozambique), and Nyadiri. At Kapanga, the students in training are mostly boys, who later become hospital orderlies.

An eighteen-month training course was started at the Gikuki hospital in 1929. Today there is a well-developed three-year nursing course. The Nurses' Training School of Washburn Memorial Hospital, Nyadiri, was opened in 1940. The first of six girls was graduated in 1943. There are now thirty-five girls in training, and when the new maternity nursing department opens in the near future, the training program will become a four-year course.

One of the greatest needs in African mission work today is for well prepared personnel to carry forward this program for the training of African nurses.—Brochure, "His Saving Health," WDCS.

Methodists to Share

Some 500 Methodists are expected to participate in a series of workshops in conjunction with the inter-church National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare Oct. 22-27 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Among the many Protestant denominations who have scheduled concurrent meetings of their health and welfare agencies in Cleveland, four Methodist boards have planned seven workshops on each of four days. They are the Board of Hospitals and Homes, the Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.



One of Asia's leading women, Dr. Helen Kim, has resigned as president of Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, which, with 8,000 students, is believed to be the largest women's school in the world. In her place, the Ewha board of trustees has elected another Kim, Miss Ok-gill Kim, as president. She was director of school affairs and had served on the staff for 15 years. Dr. Kim's resignation came in the wake of a regulation by South Korea's new military regime requiring that all persons 60 years old and older resign as school leaders and teachers. Dr. Kim is 63.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR OCTOBER 29

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 12, 13 and 14.

Lesson Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-27.

This lesson is the fifth in our new quarter's study of Christian Growth. The emphasis is on the Church as a redemptive fellowship, a body of people in which each one contributes to the growth of each other one in the traits which are distinctively Christian.

Today is also Reformation Sunday, annually observed by Protestants in memory of the day, October 31, 1517, when a professor in the University of Wittenberg posted a list of questions on the door of the cathedral of the town, challenging anyone to a debate on the subject of "Indulgences." Martin Luther doubtless had no idea this act would lead to the separation of millions from the Church of Rome and change the entire course of European and world history. The reason we celebrate the day now, four hundred years later, is to remind ourselves of the contribution the Protestant faith has made to the Christian world. Among these contributions are the following: (1) the rediscovery of the Bible; (2) the revival of emphasis upon the liberty of the Christian man; (3) the importance of salvation by faith alone; and (4) the revival of the lost doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.

St. Paul, in a number of places in his writings compares the church to the body of Christ, but in no other place does he develop his doctrine so clearly as in the passages designated for our study today. The key note in the Scripture is the unity of the Church. But it is a unity of diversified gifts and services. Consider how, in Corinthians 12:4ff, this note of unity existing within diversity is stressed: "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service but the same Lord. There are many forms of work, but all of them in all men, are the work of the same God. In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose." (New English Bible.)

It is evident that the various members of the body of Christ (the church) are dependent upon one another: "If one organ suffers, they all suffer together. If one flourishes, they all rejoice together" (vs. 6). How true this is! We all know of instances where the unworthy conduct of a church member has caused an entire congregation to hang its head in shame. On the other hand, we know that often an outstanding example of brave and sacrificial devotion on the part of a member has caused the whole church to lift up their hearts and take renewed courage.

Growth in Christ-likeness is thus stimulated by witnessing. It was true in the early Church. The example of the martyrs must have been a powerful influence toward growth in courage. It is true today.

Wherever we see men and women in the church following faithfully in the footsteps of Christ we may be sure their example does not go unobserved. Nothing is truer than the statement made in a leaflet distributed by our General Board of Education to the effect that, while "They Didn't Know They Were Teaching," yet they all are teaching all the time. We cannot keep our children and youth from observing the total life of those who make up the Church's membership. Whether they grow in Christian character or whether they do not will depend more upon our living witness than upon formal instruction.

If growth leads to maturity then we ought to find some mature Christians in our churches. Too often childish attitudes are displayed by adults who will not cooperate unless their own plans are adopted. Mature people, in any sort of group, know that team-work is essential for success. If a church cannot display as much cooperative spirit as many secular organizations do, then it has little chance of convincing its growing youth that it is in any way superior to these other groups. From the area of the musical arts comes a fine illustration of unity in diversity. There are many instruments in an orchestra, but they are all subordinate to the conductor and to his interpretation of the written music. Only by subjecting themselves to the discipline of cooperative effort can harmony be achieved. A Church ought to be at least as good as an orchestra, if not better!

Rose Hill Methodist Church To Observe Homecoming

Former pastors, members, and friends of the Rose Hill Methodist Church will join together on Sunday, October 29 for a day of fellowship and worship. Homecoming events will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the serving of coffee and doughnuts. Then at 9:45 the Goldsboro District Lay Leader, Mr. Robert Rose, will speak to a consolidated class of the adult Sunday School. An impressive workshop service is planned, which will begin at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mark Lawrence, superintendent of the Goldsboro District. During the morning worship service a review of the history of the Rose Hill Methodist Church will be given. Lunch on the grounds will begin at 12:45 p.m., with the First Quarterly Conference beginning at 1:45 p.m. At 2:00 p.m. everyone will join together in the sanctuary for a program of special music. The Rose Hill Methodist Church extends a cordial invitation to all to join together in this day of fellowship and worship.

Off-Shore Gambling Hit

A charitable organization's use of an off-shore gambling boat to raise funds has drawn criticism from a Methodist official in Washington, D. C. The event "will be heartily condemned by Christian people everywhere," Roger Burgess wrote the American Cancer Society headquarters in New York. Burgess is associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and directs its Division of Temperance and General Welfare.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



I'LL TELL YOU A SECRET

By JANE ETTA SINK

"Loraine, I certainly wish you would try to be like Sunny!" exclaimed Mother as she scolded her ten-year-old daughter who had been fighting with little Betty Ann.

"For being so disagreeable," Mother went on to say, "both of you will have to stand in the corner until you sing a hymn, or a church song."

Betty Ann was not in the corner very long, for she loved to sing, especially Sunday School songs. So right away she started singing as much as she could remember of the song she learned the previous Sunday—"Jesus Loves Me." When she finished she went to play with her dolls.

Fifteen minutes passed, and Loraine was still standing in the corner, pouting. She was thinking, too. Her mother had mentioned Sunny's name again! That's all she had heard ever since Sunny had moved into the new house across the street two or three months before. Sunny was about thirteen years of age and had long golden curls. Loraine's mother was not the only one who was talking about Sunny, for the girls at school said their mothers were talking about how sweet and kind Sunny was. And Loraine had to admit that she would like to be more like her, but when she would try, there was always something inside that would cause her to do wrong.

Loraine thought to herself, "If only I could ask Sunny what makes her so cheerful and happy—maybe that would help me to be like her."

About five minutes later Loraine forgot about Sunny, for she heard the sound of a car coming into the driveway. Her father was coming home from town, and he usually brought the girls some candy. She quickly began to think of a song to sing, so she could go meet her father. The first song that came to her mind was, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." She sang it hurriedly, then dashed out the back door to see what her father had brought her.

Mother smiled when she heard the song, and quietly prayed that Loraine would truly brighten every corner she would be in.

Two or three days later Loraine met Sunny on the bus. When she asked if she might sit with her, Sunny gave her a

radiant smile and said joyfully, "Oh, hello, Loraine! Surely, do sit with me."

After talking for a few minutes, Loraine told Sunny how all the mothers in the neighborhood were wishing their daughters were like her.

Sunny did not smile. A serious expression came over her face. She turned to Loraine and asked, "Would you really like to know the secret of my happiness?"

This was just what Loraine wanted. "Please tell me, Sunny, for I really want to know," was her reply.

"For several years," began Sunny, "I was just like you and some of the other girls. I wanted to do right, but somehow or other I did just the opposite. Then one day I heard some good news. I heard that Jesus came into the world and suffered and died on the cross so that we could be saved and happy. I fell in love with Him and asked Him to come and live in my heart. He did come in, and has been keeping me from doing the bad things I used to do. This is my secret, Loraine — Jesus! Would you like to ask Him to come into your heart?"

Loraine looked up with her eyes full of tears, and whispered softly, "I have already, Sunny, while you were talking. I asked Him to come into my heart and make me into a new girl—one like you. And He has! I'm so happy now! Thank you so very much, Sunny! I'm going to tell all my friends, too, so they will know the secret of happiness. I must get off now. This is my street. Bye now, Sunny."

AUTUMN

*A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky;
The ripe, rich tint of the corn fields,
And the wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland,
The charm of the goldenrod—
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God.*

—CLIPPED

A Modern Fable

Once there was a little boy. When he was three weeks old his parents turned him over to a baby-sitter.

When he was two they dressed him up like a cowboy and gave him a gun. When he was three everybody said,

"How cute" as he lisped a beer commercial jingle.

When he was six his father occasionally dropped him off at Sunday School on his way to the golf course. When he was eight they bought him a BB gun and taught him to shoot sparrows. He also learned to shoot windshields.

When he was ten he spent his afternoon time at the drug store news stand reading comic books. His mother wasn't home and his father was busy.

When he was thirteen, he told his parents other boys stayed out as late as they wanted to, so they said he could, too. It was easier that way.

When he was fourteen, they gave him a deadly two-ton machine, wrangled a license for him to drive it, and told him to be careful.

When he was fifteen, the police called his home one night and said, "We have your boy. He's in trouble."

"In trouble!" screamed the father. "It can't be my boy."

But it was.

—FROM BIBLICAL RECORDER

Chuckles

Joey: "Dad, can you write your name in the dark?"

Dad: "Of course I can."

Joey: "Well then, please turn out the light and sign my report card."

When one of the Jones twins showed up without the other, the teacher asked Jimmie where Johnny was.

"He's staying in bed. He's hurt," Jimmie replied.

"I'm sorry to hear that. How did it happen?"

"We were playing who could lean farthest out the window, and he won."

Bible Quiz

(Insects mentioned in the Bible)

1. These insects were said to be "a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer." _____
2. John the Baptist in the wilderness ate the product of this insect. _____
3. One of the plagues of Egypt was of these insects. _____
4. Job says that the wicked man "buildeth his house as" this insect. _____
5. Ecclesiastes describes old age as the time when this insect "shall be a burden." _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Wrong—There were 12 apostles.
2. Right—Exodus, Chapters 7-12.
3. Right—Luke 19:2-4.
4. Wrong—Matthew 6:9-13.
5. Right—Luke 6:13-14.

The Christian Must Have No "Conflict of Interest"

By W. W. REID

In American public life we are becoming increasingly concerned—and rightly so—that public officials upon taking office, divest themselves of business holding and connections that might, consciously or unconsciously influence their judgments in making decisions, in giving contracts, in appointing people to office. Especially is "danger" sensed if the public official, or his family, or his business associates profit *financially* by such decisions in which public funds are expended. So, to avoid this "conflict of interest," a governor may dispose of (sell or give away) valuable investments; a mayor may leave a valuable partnership; a judge or legislator may give up clients or leave a law firm. The bonds or the partnership may revert to him at the end of public office—but meanwhile he is presumed to be wholly independent of earlier concerns and relationships—"serving only the public good." Breach of such legal or unwritten separation has caused more than one man re-election, and a brazen hiding of assets or interests has landed some in jail. We want public servants to work single-minded for the public. . . .

Is there not a parallel situation when a man says he will give allegiance to Christ and serve him only? Is such a professor not called upon to put away every alliance and former partnership that may hinder unqualified service to the Master, unselfish obedience to his demands? There *are* dangers of "conflicts of interest" at every turn of the road when a man leaves his old life—the life of the world and of self-concern—and tries to go the way with his Master. And the Christian must be ever alert to the possible conflicts, and must spurn them no matter what the material cost.

There is, of course, the ever-present danger of "conflict of interest" in personal habit and conduct. There are many seemingly small—but in total great—"partnerships" that we who would go in the Christian Way must "give up." They may not be the same for all of us. For some they may be as obvious as the surrender of the use of an intoxicant or a narcotic; for others it may be a hatred or a jealousy that must be conquered if the professing Christian is to walk courageously and conqueringly.

Sometimes, like that young ruler whom Jesus pitied; it may be personal wealth that constitutes "conflict of interest": many a man is willing to go along with a worthy project or for a noble cause so long as it does not make demands upon his purse, or so long as it does not endanger the size of his dividends and coupons. (We have never been too certain about those who want to "make their hundred thousand" (or their million) in business, and then they "will go into the Christian ministry." Perhaps it is not surprising that very often the ministry eludes them—or they elude the ministry.)

There is the "conflict of interest" that arises when either a minister or a layman fails boldly to declare the truth they hold

because it may not be "welcome" to those who should hear it. A clergyman may desire to keep his congregation "happy and harmonious," a layman may want "to live at peace" with his neighbors and associates: and so they withhold "painful truth," or permit wrong to overpower right, or see injustice done a brother, rather than to "offend" a friend, or associate, or "person of means or power."

Such failure to stand and speak boldly on the side of God and the angels is a conflict between man's better self—the self he has said is consecrated to Christ—and his lower self of temporary self-interest.

The Kingdom will never be attained by men who do not recognize this "conflict of interest" and put away their own desires, conceits, and self-gratifications.

There is place in human relations for some areas of compromise. But the Christian—the man dedicated to Christ—can make no compromise between right and wrong, no compromise in obedience to the Ten Commandments, nor in following to the letter the teachings of Jesus. These are the absolutes of Christian conduct: whatever is in conflict with them must be driven out of the life of every follower of Christ.

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Church, Greensboro To Observe 50th Anniversary

Bethel Methodist Church of Greensboro, Rev. C. Moody Smith, pastor, is planning a three-fold program beginning Sunday, October 22 and running through the week. On Sunday, the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church will be observed, with homecoming services, and the beginning of revival services to run through the week. Bethel Church was begun in 1911 and has had fifty years of service to the community. It now has a splendid church plant, including education building and sanctuary, and an excellent parsonage. There are between 400 and 500 members, and the church carries on a full program.

The schedule of preaching for the anniversary, home-coming and revival will be as follows:

Sunday, October 22, 11:00 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. E. K. McLarty, Jr., whose deceased father was the first pastor while also serving as pastor of West Market Street Church in 1911. At 12:30 a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds, and at 1:30-2:30 p.m. an hour of historical review and reminiscing, including 10-minute talks by three former pastors who are now retired: Rev. A. P. Ratledge (1911-'12); Rev. B. W. Lefler (1938-'41); Rev. P. L. Shore, Sr. (1942-'46).

Monday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. J. M. Brandon, Jr. (1956-'58); Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. C. W. Benson (1951-'56); Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. M. V. Thumm (1946-'51); Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. F. E. Howard (1936-'38); Friday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. O. L. Brown (1927-'30).

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

The John C. McLeans Receive Master Farm Family Plaque

The John C. McLeans were given the Master Farm Family award plaque, sponsored by the *Progressive Farmer* in cooperation with the N. C. State College Agriculture Extension Service in a recent ceremony at their farm in the Mills River section of Henderson County. Presenting the awards was William C. LaRue, associate editor of *Progressive Farmer*. Along with other community activities, Mr. McLean teaches a class at the Mills River Methodist Church. Rev. Miles A. McLean, brother of the honored man, and pastor at First Methodist Church, Canton, gave the invocation in the presentation ceremonies.

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The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Fear not him who is able to kill only the body." —Matthew 10:28

If thieves could stick together they would control the world. Every time they try it, something happens. It will be so again.

They asked me if I was building a bomb shelter. No, I want to keep the bums in the open where I can watch them.

How much future has the world? We can't know yet when its past began. Some years ago Abraham tried to count the stars and those same stars still shine. God stuck the stars in the sockets and made them burn a million years without burning down or going out. God who made them has never had a birthday and no man will ever attend His funeral.

For several thousand years we preachers have been working to bring heaven down to earth and the devil and his gang have tried to raise up hell. The battle is still joined and if there is to be any backing up the devil's crowd will have to do it.

Rocky Mount District To Conduct Training Session

The Rocky Mount District Board of Lay Activities, under the leadership of Mr. E. E. Adkins, district lay leader, will conduct a district training session for local church lay leaders, and chairmen and vice-chairmen of official boards on Sunday afternoon, October 29 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. Taking part on the program aside from the district lay leader will be Rev. T. A. Collins, president of the college; Roy L. Turnage, lay leader of the New Bern district, who will lead a session on "Lay Leaders"; W. J. Jasper Smith, former conference lay leader, who will conduct a session on the "Official Board"; J. V. Creasy, Jr., associate district lay leader, who will direct a period on "Highlights for Methodist Men." Devotions will be held by Mr. E. Gurganus of Williamston, associate lay leader for the district, and supper will be served in the college cafeteria. Englewood Church Methodist Men will serve as hosts and assist in registration and with the coffee hour.

Need to Be Flexible

The need for Americans overseas to be flexible—because of incomplete knowledge, differing governmental controls and because "society is not simple"—was stressed by a Methodist layman just back from a year's educational leadership in Iran. Dean Burton W. Marvin of the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas spoke Sept. 28 at the annual meeting of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information in Chicago. A member of the commission, the dean has been a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Tehran. Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis presided.

Wesley Memorial, Statesville Breaks Ground For Sanctuary

Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Statesville, broke ground Sunday, October 8, for the new sanctuary, which is to cost \$108,000. Rev. C. Marvin Boggs, pastor of the church, led in the ceremony after preaching to the congregation at the morning worship service. Mr. Boggs reminded the congregation that the church had passed its probationary period and was ready to launch out into larger things. The church was organized six years ago. The pastor said "We believe that God's word is very pertinent here—'You have compassed this mountain long enough.' We have passed our probation period and God is placing his stamp of approval on our readiness to proceed." The congregation and pastor have been working diligently for a long while, looking forward to the beginning of their permanent sanctuary.

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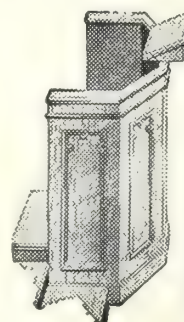
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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ DR. WELDLILL PATTON, president of High Point College, was the Layman's Day speaker at Memorial Methodist, Thomasville, on Sunday, October 15.

¶ DR. J. S. HIATT, of Elkin, preached at Homecoming services at the Crews Methodist Church, Winston-Salem Sunday, Oct. 15. Rev. J. S. Gibbs, Jr., is pastor.

¶ REV. JAMES GIBBS, JR., is preaching this week in revival services at Maylo Methodist Church, Gastonia, with Rev. G. H. Allred pastor.

¶ CATAWBA COUNTY CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL is scheduled for Sunday evening November 5th through Thursday Nov. 9th, at the Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton.

¶ MR. ROBERT M. SMITH of Mount Airy, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference, was guest speaker at Laymen's Day services last Sunday at Central Terrace, Winston-Salem.

¶ REV. RALPH TAYLOR, superintendent of the High Point District, is this week assisting Rev. R. L. Oakley in revival services at Trinity Memorial Methodist Church at Trinity, N. C.

¶ CALVARY CHURCH, Asheboro, Rev. L. E. Mabry, pastor, will conduct revival services November 5-10, with a different minister bringing an evangelistic message each night at 7:30.

¶ MILFORD HILLS METHODIST CHURCH, Salisbury, will hold revival services the week of November 5-10. The Rev. George E. Smith, pastor of the Hinshaw Memorial Church, Greensboro, will assist the pastor, Rev. E. R. Freeman.

¶ CENTRAL TERRACE CHURCH, Winston-Salem, is planning to organize a Methodist Men's Club Saturday evening, October 28. The meeting will be a supper affair at 6:30. All men of the church are urged to be present.

¶ REV. JACK CRUM, pastor of the Moncure charge, Burlington District, will attend a Methodist UN Seminar in New York October 28 to November 18. His address will be Sloane House YMCA, 356 W. 34th St., New York.

¶ GUILFORD COLLEGE will hold Open House and dedication for the new Religious Education Auditorium-Music Building Friday, October 27. Open House will be held at 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dedication ceremonies will be at 3:00 p.m.

¶ HERMON METHODIST CHURCH, between Oxford and Henderson, observed Homecoming Day Sunday, Oct. 15. A covered dish dinner was enjoyed on the church grounds after which a hymn sing and reminiscing was held. A special offering was received to complete the payment of the new heating system plus an additional \$350 for further improvements.

¶ REV. A. MITCHELL FAULKNER, pastor of Central Church, Shelby, has been preaching in revival services at Main Street Church, Albemarle, this week.

¶ THE NATIONAL CONVOCAION on Preaching in Colleges and University Communities will be held at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 7-9. A full program has been arranged with outstanding religious leaders from over the nation taking part.

¶ REV. AUBERT M. SMITH of Mount Holly is this week preaching in revival services at Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, with Rev. G. W. Bumgarner, pastor. The services will run through Friday, at 7:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m.

¶ A VERY SUCCESSFUL "Christ is the Answer" Revival was held at First Methodist Church in Canton with Rev. J. J. Miller as the guest preacher. The church was well filled every night of the week, and on Saturday evening, there was a fine youth service. Rev. Miles A. McLean is pastor.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES are in progress this week at Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, six miles northeast of Seagrove. The Rev. Everette Wright, pastor of Mt. Shepherd Methodist Church is the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Foster Loflin invites the public to attend these services. Special singing each evening.

¶ CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, Concord, Rev. Roy E. Bell, minister, dedicated their library October 15. This was the climax of many hours of planning and much work given to the necessary work required to make this possible. The people responded enthusiastically, and the volume of books and other materials is increasing.

¶ "The Circuit Rider" returns to TV Sunday, November 5, at 1:30 p. m. The telecast, produced by the Rev. J. Malloy Owen of Clayton's Horne Memorial Methodist Church, will begin its 8th year on television. Raleigh Station WRAL-TV, Channel 5, carries the half-hour devotional program.

¶ CHURCHES OF the Mocksville Circuit will conduct a harvest revival Wednesday, Nov. 22-26. Rev. Josh Miller, pastor of the Race Street Church, Statesville, will be the preacher. The services will be held at Union Chapel Church, with all the other churches on the charge taking part. Rev. Cameron Dodson is pastor of the charge.

¶ BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON of the Charlotte Area and Dr. E. C. Few, district superintendent of the Gastonia district, took part in the dedication service for the new Fellowship Building of the Cheryville Methodist Church last Sunday, October 22. Bishop Harmon preached at the worship service. He and Dr. Few and the pastor, Rev. Paul Hamilton, conducted the dedication service.

¶ REV. AND MRS. INGRAM PARMLEY have assumed responsibility as youth counselors at Lakewood Church, Durham. Mr. Parmley is also choir director and educational assistant at Lakewood. He has a master's degree from Scarritt College, and is working on his B. D. degree at Duke University Divinity School.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at the Jones Chapel Methodist Church on Highway 1, north of Sanford, October 22-27. Rev. Jack Crum, pastor, will bring the messages. Judy Riddle will be choir director, and Wesley Stoltz will be the song leader. Services will be held Sunday through Friday, with evening services daily at 7:30.

¶ SALEM METHODIST CHURCH, near Oxford, held its Homecoming services Sunday, Oct. 22 at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Robert L. Ossman, preached the sermon. Following the morning worship a covered dish dinner was served. Following the dinner there was a time of singing and reminiscing. Recognition was made of those present with fifty or more years of uninterrupted membership with the church.

¶ MRS. SANDRA STROPE HILL, a graduate of Pfeiffer College, has been named the new religion editor of *The Charlotte News*. She began her duties Oct. 1. Mrs. Hill majored in Christian education at Pfeiffer and received her A.B. degree in that field in 1960. She served as director of Christian education and church secretary at West Avenue Presbyterian Church in Charlotte prior to becoming associated with *The News*.

¶ A REFORMATION DAY service has been arranged by the Greensboro ministers association, to be held at West Market Street Church Sunday afternoon, October 29 at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. Sam Sox, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, will deliver the message, and the choir of the Bessemer Methodist Church will bring special music. Mr. Maurice Bunting is director of the Bessemer choir, and Nancy Allen is the organist.

¶ MR. RONALD KOONTZ is serving as assistant pastor of the Moncure charge. He is a native of High Point, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, 1961. He has been active in the University Church at Chapel Hill as a member of the official board and the Commission on Education. He is beginning his work in the Duke Divinity School. He is to be married next June to Miss Patricia Flythe, who is at present a student in Agnes Scott College, in Georgia.

¶ DR. LEE F. TUTTLE, secretary of the World Methodist Council, and a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, will be leaving in a few days for New Delhi, India, to attend the World Council of Churches. Dr. Tuttle will be the fraternal delegate representing the World Council of Methodism. He is going early in order to visit centers of Methodist work in the orient on his way to India. The World council begins November 19 and runs for 18 days.

¶ **THE METHODIST FOUNDATION** of the North Carolina Conference held its regular quarterly meeting in Raleigh Wednesday, October 18, with 16 members present. Mr. Gurney P. Hood, president, presided.

¶ **REV. EARL COOK**, a former pastor, will conduct a week-end revival service at the Mt. Mitchell Methodist Church, Kannapolis, November 3, 4, 5. Rev. Ray S. Cody is pastor at Mt. Mitchell.

¶ **THE REVEREND IVAN A. STEPHENS**, pastor of Kilgo Methodist Church, Charlotte, will preach in revival services at Dobson Methodist Church November 5th-9th. Mr. Stephens is a former pastor of the Dobson Church. Rev. P. T. Dixon is pastor at Dobson.

¶ **DR. JOE S. HIATT** brought the message for the 11:00 o'clock worship service at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Thomasville District, October 8th. A church filled almost to capacity was greatly blessed and inspired by the message. Rev. Herbert Penry is pastor.

¶ **THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING** at Calvary Church, High Point, will be held Sunday, November 5, at 11:00 a.m. The message will be delivered by a former pastor, Rev. C. B. Newton. Lunch will be spread in the social hall following the service. Former pastors and friends are invited to be present. Rev. C. W. Russell is pastor.

¶ **JUDGE J. BRAXTON CRAVEN**, of the United States District Court, Western District of North Carolina, was the Layman's Day speaker at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, last Sunday. Judge Craven is a son of a former pastor of West Market, Dr. J. B. Craven. He is an active layman in the Methodist Church at Morganton.

¶ **THE MEMBERS** of St. Mark Methodist Church held a reception in honor of the first pastor, Rev. Donald Collins and family, at the church, Tuesday evening, October 24, from 7 to 8. Rev. Collins, from Graceville, Fla., was visiting in Kinston to attend the inauguration of his brother, Thomas A. Collins, as president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount.

¶ **THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING** will be held at Chapman's Methodist Church of the Vanceboro Circuit the afternoon of October 29th following the morning services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Lewis O. Gibbs. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be the fall revival with the Rev. George Hawkins of the Turkey-Friendship Charge of the Goldsboro District. Services will be held from the evening of the 29th through the evening of November 3rd.

¶ **THIRTY-TWO MEN** and boys participated in the Layman's Day service at Midway Methodist Church, Thomasville District, on October 15. A twenty-three-man choir led the music. Seven men served as ushers and the service was directed by Mr. Paul Nifong of Midway Methodist Church. The sermon was on the theme, "The Christian Layman." The lay preacher was Mr. W. E. Galloway, also of Midway Church. Two boys from the junior department of the Sunday school were acolytes. S. B. Moss is pastor.



Recreation Workshop In Greensboro Well Attended

About 120 persons interested in fostering Christian recreation in their churches and districts attended the 14th annual Western North Carolina Recreation Workshop Oct. 13 and 14 in West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro.

This was the second year the "students" have come under the influence of the philosophy of recreation, with the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, minister of education of the host church, as teacher.

Behind workshops such as the one here, Mr. Hipps said, is the concern of The Methodist Church for the new emerging concept of leisure in the U. S.—"What should be our relationship to leisure?" and "Is our recreation different than that of other groups?" Mr. Hipps said during 1960 the U. S. public spent \$40 billion on recreation and leisure.

The "students" at the conference workshop learned by doing. They studied creative activities for children, folk games and dances, informal drama, music, social recreation and philosophy and program.

"Most people think of religious recreation as consisting of picnics, parties and games," Mr. Hipps said. "But here we show that recreation can be used to enhance the life and personality of each individual and enrich his Christian experience."

"Our Christian religion embraces all things that contribute to the growth of



a person mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. Recreation is a resource which can be used by the church to help accomplish its major goals. Recreation is an excellent medium for developing sensitivity to others, and for extending this sensitivity to cut across barriers of culture, race, creed and caste.

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EDITORIALS

The Church Is Challenged With A Great Opportunity

North Carolina Methodists are now engaged in one of the most far-reaching and all-inclusive evangelistic campaigns undertaken in a long time. Having adopted the slogan "Knock on Every Door" they have been working to perfect the program. Local church meetings, District-wide rallies, and conference gatherings have been seeking to discover the best means and find the best methods by which they can achieve the greatest results in this field. Soon hundreds of visitors will go to the homes of the people to make a complete survey and find out the religious status of each individual in each family. A little later another visit will be made in an effort to win people to Christ and the church.

In carrying out this program many churches are having revival services. Very few if any of us would deny the need to be "revived." Many churches and even some ministers have tended to shy away from the word "revival." In late years we have heard much of "Religious Emphasis Week," or "A Festival of Faith," or "Decision Day." All that is really meant is what the fathers formerly called a revival meeting, when people became "converted" or renewed their religious vows. We seem to lose something when we become so sophisticated that we discard the use of the word "revival." It seems to indicate that we have lost our sense of humility. We don't want to confess our sins and acknowledge our need of forgiveness and revival.

The next few months should be more completely given to winning people to the Christian life and the church. Let us be careful lest we substitute church membership for true discipleship. The most important thing is to get people converted. No compromise should be made with sin; it should be labeled with its rightful name. Visitations should be centered on one's relation to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Conversion should include genuine sorrow for sin, a sincere desire for forgiveness, a determination to forsake our sins, and to accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour. After that is done, then the matter of church membership should be discussed. There is no doubt that the weakness of the church today is due to the large number of unconverted people in its membership. That does not mean, how-

THEME FOR THE WEEK

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.

—Psalm 119:105, 106.

ever, that one should feel that he is perfect before he is a proper subject for church-membership. It is true that the church exists for the conversion of the world, but it also exists for the edification of believers. Which means that it should be helping people to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. A preacher in a revival meeting recently said a man told him he had never joined a church because he had not found one that he thought was perfect. The preacher told the man that if he found one that was perfect to be sure he did not join it—because he would spoil it.

The Methodist Church is confronted today with one of the greatest evangelistic challenges it ever faced. May God give it the grace, the faith, the wisdom, and the consecration to meet that challenge.

United Witness For Christ Through The Church School

Dr. C. P. Morris, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference, has worked out a very fine program to be followed by the churches in the United Witness for Christ and His Church. It is our feeling that if pastors and church school workers will follow this program carefully it will produce fine results. Its purpose is to communicate the good news of God in Jesus Christ to children, young people, and adults so persuasively and so effectively, that through the power of the Holy Spirit they will be led to commit their lives to Jesus Christ as Saviour and to serve him as their Lord in the fellowship of the church.

The fields are white unto harvest, and the urgency is found in the great commission, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." It is said there are millions of children and adults learning about their world's science and geography, but not about their world's Saviour. The goal of this program is to reach the masses with the teachings of the Master.

This program reaches through No-

vember, December, January, February, March, and April, with a carefully directed approach each step of the way. Materials for carrying out the program minutely may be secured by contacting either the Board of Education, Box 6667, College Station, Durham, N. C., or the Board of Evangelism, Box 866, Clinton, N. C. These two boards are working jointly to implement this program.

Dr. Anderson Will Deliver Finch Lectures at High Point

Plans for the second annual Finch Lecture at High Point College have been announced. Dr. Hugh Anderson, Professor of Biblical Theology, Duke University, Durham, N. C., will be on the High Point College campus for the lecture series on Nov. 7 and 8.

A native of Scotland, Dr. Anderson was educated at Glasgow University and served there later as a lecturer in Hebrew and Old Testament. He was a chaplain with the British Army in Egypt and Palestine from 1944 through 1946. Before coming to Duke in 1957, he was pastor of the Trinity Church of Glasgow, Scotland. His writings include "Theological Education in America," published recently in the *Expositor*. Dr. Anderson spent last summer in Europe—June at the University of Heidelberg and July as guest preacher in Glasgow Cathedral, Scotland.

Dr. Anderson's schedule of activities will include a 7:00 p.m. discussion in the Student Center on Nov. 7. The topic of consideration will be "Some University Ideas and Ideals." On Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 10:20 a.m., Dr. Anderson will address the entire student body. His topic for this session will be "The Word of God is Not Bound." For a ministers' seminar at 3:00 p.m. in the college band room, Dr. Anderson will discuss "Contemporary Trends in New Testament Theology." The Wednesday evening lecture will be at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium, "A Wistful Generation" will be the topic of Dr. Anderson's final address.

The Finch Lecture is made possible by Mr. Harry B. Finch through funds given to High Point College for the benefit of the Department of Religion.

Dr. Simpson Prepares Brochure On Methodist Home, Charlotte

Dr. Oscar L. Simpson, with the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation has just completed a brochure on the Methodist Home at Charlotte. This is one of two pieces of literature which the Commission on World Service will use in the Every Member Visitation program under the supervision of the General Board of Lay Activities. The brochure is well done, showing a number of pictures of buildings and of personnel. Attention is called to the fact that the Board of Hospitals and Homes is a World Service agency of the Methodist church, and that in supporting world service one is supporting this and 12 other agencies that carry on their important work.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Starnes:

The Bunker Hill Methodist Church of the Bunker Hill-Sandy Ridge Charge has just gone through a thrilling chapter of its history. Three years ago Rollin P. Gibbs led the congregation in a Financial Crusade and at the time \$24,000 was pledged. This pledge was up last week and at that time over \$24,185 had been paid to date. This record is hard to beat.

We had Mr. Gibbs back for the second drive to help rid the sanctuary of its present debt during the week of Sept. 17-22. In this drive pledges and gifts have totaled \$18,841. This again is a record for a membership of 141.

We are gratified by the response of our people and we expect many great things in the future for this church.

Sincerely yours,
BILLY V. HUNTER, Pastor

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Dear Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to tell you about a community that proved "where there is a will, there is a way."

In 1947 the people of Five Points (Route 3, Racford) could not all attend church. This was a serious problem since there were so many young people in need of spiritual training. Farm families began praying and having prayer meetings in the homes but this was not enough. The people decided they would build a Methodist church. Each realized how hard the job would be. Fall came and everyone gave of the money they had earned with God's help. Then the building of Community Chapel Methodist Church was started. The small country church was soon finished. You might look at it and say "not much—just a little old building," but only a charter member can tell you how much it does mean.

Now 14 years have passed and again the members are giving of their time and money. This time it is for a park and play ground. Already the work has started as well as the fun.

Are you having problems in your church? Why not try working and praying together? We have decided that is what makes our church. Not praying and paying someone else, but praying and then working together to prove "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Sincerely yours,
MRS. H. P. WALTERS

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Haw River Methodist Church is a church small in structure as far as buildings go today, small in number on roll when compared to some of the modern day churches, small in the fact that it is located on a hill in a small unincorporated community, but a giant when the goals and ambitions of the young and active minister and his congregation are taken into consideration.

Although Haw River Methodist Church is one of the oldest in this conference, prior to this there has been little or no news coming to the readers of this magazine concerning our programs and activities. We are planning in the future to share with our fellow **Christian Advocate** readers our aims and ambitions and news of our advancement and spiritual blessings.

Our most recent experience was our revival just ended. Running from September 24 through 29 with Rev. Joe Trollinger, retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference, now residing in Reidsville, N. C., conducting the services. His experience in serving Methodists for forty years and his deep devotion to our God has given him an ability to stir the minds and revitalize the Christian lives of those to whom he preaches. His teachings were not primarily to reach new members

but to raise the spiritual life of the church of which he did a wonderful job. The congregation will have to strive hard to stay at the spiritual peak to which brother Joe brought us. Also during the revival a membership training class was held by the minister. This resulted in the adding of three new members to our roll.

On Friday before the revival a twenty-four-hour prayer vigil was held in the candle lighted sanctuary with recorded hymns playing softly in the background. The minister, Rev. C. C. Capps remained in the church for the duration of the vigil with members of the congregation coming and kneeling at the altar every hour. The experience was most inspiring and a rich blessing was felt by all of those participating.

Our summer has been filled with many wonderful endeavors. Beginning with the Vacation Church School in June with 120 in attendance, a spiritual life retreat to Umstead Park near Raleigh for the Senior MYF, and church camp at Lake Singletary near Elizabethtown, a Golden Age Party for all the senior citizens of our community which is an unusual event, and last a complete survey of the surrounding area to place on a map homes of our Methodists and other denominations and also those who have no profession of faith. The map will be used to visit and bring new members into the house of God.

Reporting
MRS. R. M. BUESCHEL

Avondale - Henrietta Held Revival and Laymen's Day

Laymen's Day for Avondale-Henrietta Methodist Churches began with a Laymen's Day breakfast for Methodist Men of Avondale and Henrietta at Henrietta Methodist Church with the Rev. Sherrill B. Biggers presenting color slides of his recent trip to the Holy Land and to the World Methodist Conference at Oslo, Norway. At 11:00 o'clock the Laymen's Day worship service centered around the message of Mr. Albert Blanton of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Forest City, with Mr. Gene Hicks, Mr. Lawrence Wells, and Mrs. Frank Wells participating.

Laymen's Day closed the fall meeting of Henrietta Methodist Church. The Rev. Malcolm Reece, minister of China Grove Methodist Church and the rebuilder of Henrietta Methodist Church, had been the guest preacher for the fall meeting, Oct. 8-13. Rev. F. W. Dowd Bangle is pastor.

Princeton Methodist Church To Observe Homecoming

Former pastors, members and friends of the Princeton Methodist Church will join together on Sunday, October 29, for a day of fellowship and worship. Homecoming events will begin at 9:45 with the regular Sunday school classes. This will be followed by the regular morning worship services at which the Reverend George H. Tyson, pastor of the Pine Forest Methodist Church of Rosewood, will preach. During the morning service the pastor, Rev. John R. Blue, plans to have an official roll call of the membership. Also some highlights of the history of Princeton Church will be given during the morning. Mrs. Sally Langston is general chairman of the Homecoming services. Following the morning worship lunch will be served in the Princeton Community Hall.

Christian Workers School At Centenary Church, New Bern

The New Bern Subdistrict Christian Workers School will begin on Sunday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. The following courses have been arranged and the instructors secured:

Understanding Children, Rev. Frank Berry, for parents and teachers of children up to 11 years.

Mr. Frank Berry is the minister of the Rougemont Charge, Rougemont, N. C. He is a graduate of High Point College presently doing post-graduate studies at Duke University.

Observation Laboratory Course for Junior Highs, Mrs. H. R. Odom, for all workers with Junior Highs.

Mrs. H. R. Odom is a resident of Gibson, North Carolina. She has served as counselor and dean on many occasions at the Louisville MYF Assemblies and at the MYF-ACS. She has been active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

New Testament: Content and Values, Rev. R. F. McKee, a bible course giving background material of value to teachers of all age groups and other interested persons.

Rev. R. F. McKee is pastor of the Methodist Church in Richlands. Mr. McKee is a graduate of the Duke Divinity School. He has taught at Louisville College and has served other pastorates.

Goals and Materials for Teaching in Methodist Church Schools, Rev. W. D. Caviness, for Church School Superintendents, Division Superintendents, members of Commission on Education and Ministers.

Rev. W. D. Caviness is the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Havelock. He is a graduate of Duke Divinity School and served as a Navy chaplain 1943-1946. Mr. Caviness has often served as dean and instructor in Christian Workers Schools. He is at present dean of the school.

This school is for all Church School officers, teachers, associate teachers, prospective teachers, parents and other interested people. It is a good opportunity to prepare for more efficient work for Christ and His Church.

Bladen County Sub-district WSCS Hold Interesting Meeting

The Bladen County Sub-District meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held on October 5, 1961, at Carver's Creek Methodist Church, Council.

Fifty ladies were present, and six societies were represented.

Rev. Wilbur C. Teachey, pastor of Carver's Creek Church, gave a most inspiring devotional, using as scripture St. Matthew 25:34-40, the theme being on missions.

Miss Rebecca Modellmog, a deaconess working with the Lumbee Indians in Pembroke, gave a very interesting talk on her work and pointed out the various needs of the Lumbee Indian.

A delightful hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all as the ladies of Carver's Creek Church served lunch in the dining hall of the historical old church, which is over 100 years old.

Dr. Edwin L. Jones and Dr. John O. Gross Receive Old St. George's Award for 1961

The trustees of the Old St. George's Church, world's oldest Methodist church in continuous service, held the Third Annual St. George's Award Banquet at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, Thursday, October 12, 1961, at 6:30 p.m.

This was the 194th anniversary of the organization of Old St. George's in Philadelphia, and the 188th anniversary of the First Methodist Conference at Old St. George's. The two men singled out for this award this year were Dr. Edwin L. Jones,



EDWIN LEE JONES

of Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tennessee. Those who have previously received this award are Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, James T. Buckley, Charles C. Parlin, George Ruck, Harold C. Case, and Stanley S. Kresge. Dr. E. Benson Perkins of England has been the recipient of the St. George's Certificate of Merit.

The purpose of the St. George's Award is twofold. First, it dramatically challenges thinking people with the opportunities for service which daily confront everyone; and second, it marks the significant contribution individuals are making in the work of the Kingdom of God and for the Church of Jesus Christ.

The recipients of the award shall be Methodists known both for the sincerity of their faith in Christ and the helpfulness of their daily conduct in life. They shall have presented a continuing witness for Christ in every field of activity into which they have entered, and they shall be conspicuous for their devotion to the living Christ, their love of the Methodist Church, and their daily service to their fellowman and his needs.

The award beside being a challenge is also an expression of appreciation by American Methodism's most historic church for the life and example of those who are thus signally honored. It demonstrates that the Church is cognizant of the sacrifices and the devotion of her children and that

she continues to expect from her members the best of which they are capable.

The award is a gold medal suspended from a scarlet ribbon. It is inscribed to the recipient for "distinguished service to the Methodist Church" and it is patterned after the old, original seal of St. George's Methodist Church, a dove carrying an olive leaf and surrounded by the motto, "Let brotherly love continue."

THE CITATION

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 10, 1891; a graduate of Trinity College (now Duke University) where he received his A.B. degree; the recipient of a doctorate from Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Chairman of the J. A. Jones Construction Company; constructor of the Military Air Base, Canal Zone, 1930-1931; Honorary Consul of the Republic of Panama 1937-1948; builder of the gaseous diffusion plant, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1942-1945; engaged continually in construction work for the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States Government; a builder of dams and field works in Okinawa, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Venezuela, Columbia, Panama, Iraq, Canada and others places; a churchman of wide interests being a trustee of nine different institutions and foundations; a delegate to four Jurisdictional, four General, and two World Methodist Conferences as well as two Ecumenical Conferences; a representative to the National Council of Churches; Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council; a member of the executive committee of the important General Conference Commission to study the Jurisdictional Structure of the Methodist Church; a member of the General Conference Quadrennial Commission on Higher Education, a former Conference Lay Leader of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference; Trustee and Chairman of Lake Junaluska Assembly, North Carolina; besides being a leader in many other activities too numerous to mention, Dr. Edwin Lee Jones receives the St. George's Award "for distinguished service to the Methodist Church."

A man with an international reputation for wisdom and action, his advice, help and counsel are eagerly sought by leaders of both the Church and the State. He has labored tirelessly for his country, he has led innumerable activities of his church, and he has accomplished immeasurable good for his fellowman, particularly in the fields of education, housing, care for the aged, and in searching for a Christian solution to the racial problem.

He is a constant traveller both in the interests of his tremendous business enterprises as well as in the interests of Ecumenical Methodism throughout the world. Leaders everywhere turn to him for direction and inspiration.

He has not allowed his broad outlook, however, to take his eyes from the needs

of his local community and his local church. He is a charter member of the Providence Methodist Church in North Carolina. He has been a steward since 21 years of age; he is a former director and president of the Charlotte Y.M.C.A.; a former trustee and chairman of the Florence Crittenton Home; a trustee of the United Community Foundation; chairman of the Charlotte Housing Authority; director of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; as well as trustee of the Charlotte District Mission Society.

He meets without qualification the requirements for the St. George's Award, and he is recommended for this honor to the trustees of Old St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia.



JOHN OWEN GROSS

THE CITATION

An educator of international reputation, Dr. Gross is responsible for a division in the Board of Education of The Methodist Church which includes 120 colleges, universities, secondary schools and schools of Theology, and 183 Wesley Foundations at State and Independent Colleges and Universities. He has served with distinction on National and International Commissions of Methodism, particularly in the field of Education; and his important contributions in this field were recently featured by a national publication, Time Magazine.

He is a brilliant lecturer and a capable administrator, and under his leadership The Division of Higher Education of The Board of Education has grown tremendously in its scope of activity and its place of leadership in The Methodist Church.

He is greatly interested in the youth of our land in whom he sees the potential for the future growth of our nation in righteousness and truth.

He meets without qualification the requirement for the St. George's Award, and he is recommended for this honor to the Trustees of Old St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia.

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"The Church is hindered and the kingdom delayed, not so much by indifference and opposition of the non-Christian influences in the world but by the tepid, unruffled religiousness of us who profess to follow him."

—Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga.

What Aileth Thee?

By ELIZABETH WHISNER

"What aileth thee, Hagar?" asked the angel of the slave woman as she watched her child dying of hunger in the wilderness, and lifted up her voice and wept. The fondest thing she possessed was slipping away from her, and her soul was bowed in distress. The world had no pity for her, and she knew not the Lord God in this her hour of need. But the angel continued, "Fear not, for the Lord hath heard the voice of the lad. . . ."

The soul of man is oftentimes bowed down, burdened with discouragement and grief, and lying in the dust. What aileth thee, O soul?

Is your spirit brought low because your deepest prayer is still unanswered? Could it be that in divine wisdom God knows the time is not yet ripe for you to receive the answer, and is saying, "Wait a while longer, my child?" Maybe you asked amiss, and for your good the Lord withholds the thing for which you prayed. Perhaps God, in His understanding love, has granted a better and richer blessing than that which you asked; and in your blindness you saw it not, but grieved because you thought He had not heard your plea. Every sincere prayer finds its way to the heart of God, and the trusting soul waits patiently, while God reveals the answer in blessings far beyond your power to ask or think.

Is some fond dream vanished, a high ambition unrealized, a cherished goal unattained? God knows the reason for the seeming failure. Perhaps He has withheld the dreamed-of prize to teach the heart humility. In His Kingdom true greatness lies in doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with your God. Love for God, an understanding heart, and a spirit of human kindness—this is the highest ambition and the most worthy goal.

Does the path you tread seem lonely, and the road narrow and steep? Are you weary with the climbing? Take heart, traveler, for so the Master trod the way before you. "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life," He said, and always He points the soul to higher levels, over hills of difficulty and up steep paths that test the human will. But He walks ever beside you, and supplies strength as your need demands. He pours the oil of love upon your bruised feet, and gives the water of life to your parched lips. Be not discouraged, but keep your eyes upon Him, and on the heights that are so worth the climbing.

Has sorrow brought tear-blindness, or loss an aching heart? Does your spirit cry out, "Why, oh, why?" Perhaps only eternity will reveal the reason why, but God is with you *now*—"closer than breathing, and nearer than hands or feet." Jesus said, "I am come to bind up the broken-hearted." Strange oftentimes are His ways of healing. Perhaps your heartache will be healed as you minister to another troubled one—a ministry filled with understanding and sympathy because you have suffered. Or maybe it is for your own purifying that you are being "tried in the fire," that you may



Trinity Church, Thomasville, Breaks Ground for New Church

Sunday, October 15 was a big day for the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church, Blair Street, Thomasville, N. C., as they observed ground-breaking services for their new church structure to be erected on Liberty Drive.

The service began on Sunday morning when the church members met for a congregational service to hear a report on the bids for construction of the new church. Sealed bids were opened at a public meeting at the church on Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. Gilliam Anderson, lay speaker, presented the morning worship service at 10:45 with Mr. Jack Grayson, church lay leader, in charge of the service.

Immediately following the worship service, the entire congregation went to the new location of the church structure on Liberty Drive where ground-breaking service was held. Participating in this service were the Rev. John Carper, district superintendent of the Thomasville District, Rev. A. R. Davis, pastor of the church, charter members of the church, former pastors and church officials.

Following the ground-breaking service a fellowship lunch was enjoyed in the new picnic shelter erected on the church property.

come forth as silver, with all dross and superficiality removed. Surely God is proud of him who bears his sorrow bravely, who makes of it a redemptive experience, and goes forth with a song on his lips and deeper love and compassion in his heart.

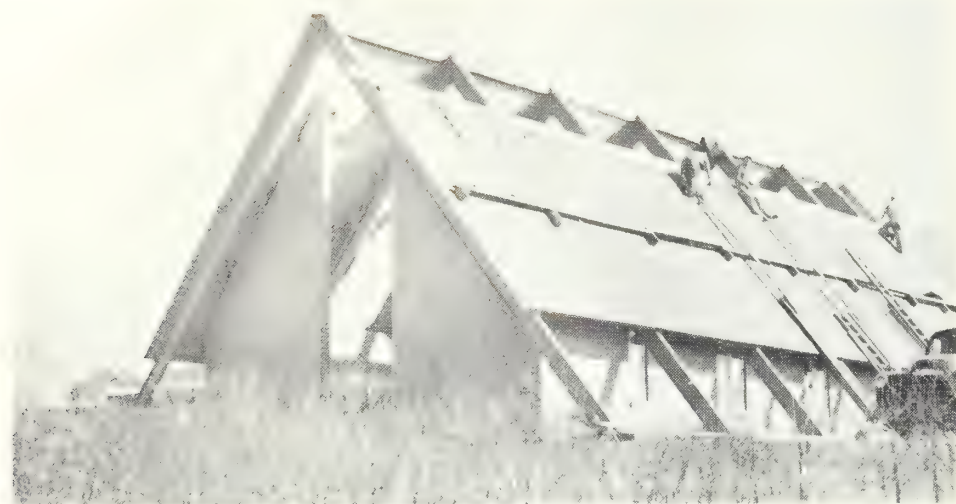
"What aileth thee?" asks the angel of the human soul. Whatever the heart-cry, it is heard by the Father, and in His loving compassion He says, "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . My strength is sufficient for thee."

Northwood Official Board Votes to Build Sanctuary

At a called meeting of the Official Board of Northwood Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 11, 1961 at 7 p.m. the members of the Official Board voted unanimously to build a new sanctuary and convert the much used sanctuary into needed Church School rooms. An architect will be called in to give a proposed estimate of the location and the cost of a new sanctuary. The Rev. Glen Lackey, executive secretary of the Methodist Builders Club of the WNC Conference has been in consultation with the pastor, Rev. Herb Jamieson and the District Superintendent of the High Point District, Dr. Ralph Taylor and has made definite recommendations.

Northwood Methodist Church has at present 147 members and is located in a growing area within the city limits of High Point. The church is in its eighth year of service and at present is free of debt. The church owns three acres of land given by the late Dr. A. A. York, education building which includes the present sanctuary, an annex which houses the kitchen and two classrooms, and the parsonage which was built in 1954.

The members are enthused about the prospects of building a sanctuary in keeping with the education building and it is to measure 80 feet by 36 feet, with a pastor's study, choir room, and two rest rooms. The new sanctuary is also to be air-conditioned. The proposed structure will house the sanctuary for 15 years and will then be turned into a fellowship hall and the permanent church sanctuary will then be built. It is hoped that within the next 10 to 15 years the membership of Northwood Methodist Church will grow to about 600 members.



New Cruso Methodist Church Under Construction

New Builders Club Issues First Call For New Churches

The first call for funds from members of the newly organized Methodist Builders Club of the Western North Carolina Conference was issued Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The first call for funds should produce about \$40,000, according to the Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, in charge of Conference church extension. He said "between 5,000 and 5,500" membership cards have been received from churches of the conference thus far.

Four churches will be aided from funds received in this initial call. Two more calls are expected during the conference year, which ends May 31. Churches to be aided on the first call are:

Cruso Methodist Church in the Pigeon Valley near Cruso, and southeast of Waynesville; Deerfield Methodist Church, about two miles east of Boone; Boiling Springs Methodist Church at Boiling Springs, a town near Shelby; and St. Timothy Methodist Church in a new subdivision of Lexington.

Under the system by which the Builders Club operates, about \$20,000 of the money from the first call will go back into the 12 districts of the conference participating, on the basis of 50 per cent of what is contributed by members of each district. The Charlotte District is not a member of the Conference effort.

The Conference Committee on Church Extension pro-rates, on the basis of need, funds go to churches listed on any particular call.

The Rev. Mr. Lackey said membership remains open in the Builders Club across the conference. The conference hopes to gain enough members within the next year to realize \$180,000 a year on the total of three calls. Memberships are for \$5 a call up to an unlimited amount. Only three calls for funds are to be made in any one conference year.

Before organization of the Conference Builders Club several of the districts operated \$10 clubs for church extension. Total revenue from all districts under this system amounted to about \$30,000 a year.

Here is the information concerning the four churches to be aided in this initial call for funds:

CRUSO—The church is presently constructing a sanctuary and a small adjoining education building. Funds are needed to complete the buildings. The church is located in one of the fastest growing sections of Haywood County. Until organization of the Methodist congregation, the valley residents were served only by a Baptist church.

The Rev. Harry McQueen is the pastor. He also serves Long's Methodist Church, with both congregations on the Pigeon Valley Charge. There are 42 members at Cruso, and they are presently worshipping in a room of the education building. The members hope to have their buildings completed by Christmas.

DEERFIELD—This Builders Club call will enable the congregation to finish the sanctuary. Presently the members are worshipping in the unfinished building. Joe McMurray is pastor and is completing his pastoral training at Appalachian State Teachers College. He took charge of the church July 10 and now has between 70 and 75 members.

BOILING SPRINGS—This will be the first Methodist church in this home town of Gardner-Webb College. The congregation has been meeting in the college for five years, and funds from the Builders Club will enable the members to build the first unit of their church plant.

The church will also serve as a church home for Methodist students at Gardner-Webb College, a Baptist institution, as well as for Methodists of Boiling Springs and vicinity. The Rev. H. W. Haskell is pastor.

ST. TIMOTHY—The Builders Club call will enable this congregation of 75 people to build the first unit of their church plant and take care of a rapidly expanding Sunday school. Presently the congregation is worshipping in a dwelling house, which will become the parsonage when the church gets its first building. The Rev. J. Harley Cecil is pastor for this fastest-growing section of Davidson County. The congregation was organized this year.

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Enough spiritual power is going to waste to put Niagara to shame.

Louisburg College Holds Open House for Mills Building

The public was invited to Open House for the recently remodeled former Mills School building at Louisburg College on October 22, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The property was purchased from the Franklin County Board of Education on June 1, 1961 and was remodeled during the summer at the approximate cost of \$125,000.

The remodeled building consists of an auditorium seating around 750, 19 classrooms, two lovely lounges for faculty and students, six new restrooms, five offices and other facilities. Improvements include new windows, an entirely new electrical system including a projection room and stage lighting, tile floors throughout the building, new doors, and many attractive color schemes in the various rooms. A lovely Baldwin electric organ has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Foreman of Elizabeth City. New hymnals and book racks were donated by Mrs. C. O. Steppe of Charlotte. New venetian blinds, draperies and a lovely stage curtain and new seats and desks in many of the classrooms round out the facilities. Two parking areas have been completed on the southwest and northwest corners of the new property.

Because of the shortage of funds, the remodeling of the cafeteria building into an administration building has been delayed. Also delayed is the remodeling of the old male academy building and landscaping of the grounds.

Planning Conference Being Held At Charlotte Oct. 26-27

Leaders of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference opened the annual Planning Conference in Charlotte Thursday, Oct. 26 in First Methodist Church.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, said the commissions and boards of the conference will be giving their reports Thursday and Friday.

Two outstanding Methodist clergymen will speak to the nearly 100 persons attending. Dr. Ed Kimbrough, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala., was scheduled to preach Thursday morning and also shortly before noon Friday. The Rev. Curran L. Spottswood, Jr., missionary to the Philippines, will preach Thursday night and give devotions Friday morning.

Bishop Harmon opened the meeting with devotions Thursday morning. The music is being led by the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of Forest Hill Methodist Church in Concord.

The program calls for a consecration service Friday afternoon to close the meeting. This will be led by Bishop Harmon. All but five of the boards and commissions will give their reports Thursday.

Those scheduled to attend the Planning Conference include: conference officers, district superintendents, chairmen and other officers of the various boards and commissions, officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and other key persons in the conference program.

A School for Dindi

By SEAVY A. CARROLL

(Editor's Note: Mr. Carroll, whose home is Fayetteville, N. C., is a former member of the North Carolina Senate. A lawyer, he is now serving in Southern Rhodesia as an educational missionary.)

Dindi is exactly 65 miles from Nyadiri Mission Station, where we are living in Southern Rhodesia. It is a community at one of the farthest points from Nyadiri where the Methodist Church has reached its strong arms of friendship and Christian love. Dindi is one of the 28 village schools which I am serving as superintendent or manager.

I traveled to Dindi recently. In order to reverse the 65 miles in time to be present for a program being held at 10:30 a.m., I had to leave at about 5 a.m. I had packed my blankets, a folding cot, my "cooking gear" and some supplies of various types to serve me for a week. I headed from Nyadiri to Dindi.

We travel only about 6 miles over the dirt roads and then turn onto a sand and clay road, which is full of twists and turns, and hills and dips. All of this type of road carries along to another turn-off, and the roads do not improve. The dust is thick, and the nostrils smell it. We pass the mud huts with the thatched roofs. The African children are sitting, walking and running. Parents sit lazily in their yards. Some are crushing the mealies (corn) for food in a very primitive process.

Finally, we reach the Pfungwe area and as we enter it we are made aware of our location by a crude sign which reads, "CHIEF CHITSUNGO AREA—Best Road." It might be the best in that area, but even that distinction doesn't cause us to believe that the road is the best that can be built. Many rocks make traveling difficult. The landscape, in spite of the dry dust floating is marvelous to behold.

In the distance, we see Dindi. There are about four or five crude buildings, and there is another one which seems to be better constructed than all the others. Commanding the central part of the area is a huge baobab tree, from which the children obtain their cream-of-artars and of which they eat a delicious fruit.

There is no church building at Dindi, but there is a church. There is a Methodist congregation, and they are hoping to obtain some money to start building a church in the near future. They have begun making their bricks, by hand labor, digging the mud from the ant hills, which grow as much as ten to fifteen feet high and reach proportions of twenty-five feet and more in diameter.

Specific plans have been made for completing the Dindi Methodist Center, which is located at the heart of a community of more than 10,000 Africans, all of whom are asking for a chance to do a little more than "survive."

The children want to go to school. The parents want their children to go to school. It was a touching sight last January, as school opened, and I saw more than 200 students applying to enter the first class of sixth year students. We could take only forty. I saw many of those students cry. I felt helpless. All I could do was to say "I'm sorry."

I encouraged them to go and do some studying on their own—to get some books and read them. I really thought that I had made rousing speech, and I imagined each of the rejected applicants going home and getting a book and starting to read it—and I could see them reading on at night, by the camp fire.

But I was brought to my senses, when a young girl came up to me and asked me if I could tell her how she could get some books, that she would like to accept my challenge but she had no books at home. She lived more than 100 miles from the nearest town, and the people of her community had no books. And none of her relatives could read or write.

But—there were so many students who year after year wanted to go into the sixth grade. Many wanted to start to school, there was not room in schools, and there were not enough schools. So the first classroom for the upper primary school at Dindi was built with borrowed money, and it must be repaid, because it must be used to provide benches and tables for students who have no seats and no tables at school.

But I do know that there are thousands of people in the Pfungwe area who will be bitterly disappointed. They will be sad and will cry. That's how they feel about schools. They also want to develop the clinic and to build houses to provide living facilities for teachers and their minister. A book store has been constructed in order that it might serve six schools which are presently operating, plus a number which should be opened soon.

Most of these people of whom I write live on almost nothing. Many of them sleep on the ground or on crudely constructed bedding. They eat very little, because they have so little. Many of them work for as little as four and five dollars per month. None of this is by choice. The social system in which they have grown up has not offered them any better.

The Missionaries are hoping at least to give these people a ray of hope for a better existence. They need your help. Perhaps the price of a gallon of gas might be added to contributions from others—and from Dindi there might be a greater leader.

But it does not matter whether a great leader arises from the dust of Dindi. What does matter is that the people of Dindi are God's children, and they want a chance to live a decent life. They are asking that we help them along a Christian pathway. They are asking because they have seen evidences of Christianity at work, and they want to make it a part of their life.

Conference Board of Evangelism Met at St. Paul Church, Goldsboro

The Board of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference of The Methodist Church met at St. Paul's Methodist Church, Goldsboro, in their semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, October 17, to review the work done since Annual Conference in June, to fill the vacancy incurred in the death of the president, Rev. Leon Couch, and to make plans for the remainder of the year.

Rev. Paul C. Browning, vice-president, became president. Dr. Edgar Fisher, pastor



Left to right: Rev. Alison Simonton, Secretary; Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism; Rev. Paul C. Browning, President; Dr. Edgar Fisher, Vice-President.

of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, Greenville, was elected vice-president. Rev. J. Kern Ormond was elected as a representative to TRAFFCO to fill the vacancy of Rev. J. T. Maides.

The nine district secretaries of evangelism gave reports of the progress of the "Knock on Every Door" census in each church in the several districts. Encouraging reports were made of the splendid way in which laymen and pastors are becoming concerned about taking the census on October 22, and going out in visitation teams November 25-28 to win prospects to Christ and the Church.

Rev. C. Freeman Heath, Conference Director of Evangelism in the North Carolina Conference, gave a report of his activities since Annual Conference, July 1. He has traveled some 6,000 miles in line of duty, helped organize the nine district planning sessions (speaking at each of them), taught, preached, trained commissions, and met with groups to plan the "Knock on Every Door."

The high light of the quarter's activities was the Annual Pastors' Conference on Evangelism at Louisburg College, September 5-7, with over 400 ministers in attendance. This is a joint project of the Board of Evangelism and the Town and Country Commission.

The budget for the next conference year was discussed and adopted, amounting to \$18,493.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 14, 1962, at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, immediately preceding the Annual Conference when the annual Conference report will be presented to the Board for adoption.



Have You Sent In Your List Of New Advocate Subscriptions?

We are receiving a number of new subscriptions. A number of charges have taken time to present it, and it produces where it is given an opportunity. We are looking for a large number of others to send in their list of NEW subscriptions right away.

The following have been received since our last report. We are reporting only new subscriptions. We also want all those receiving the paper now to renew it.

Asheboro—First	5	Tarboro—St. Johns	6
Bethel—First	6	Clyton—Horne Mem.	18
Maple Spring	1	Grace—Charlotte	3
Queen St.	7	North Davidson	2
Lenoirville	1	Tabernacle—Raleigh	2
Mt. Airy—Central	5	Red Hill—Tipton	1
Columb Mem.	7	Nathan's Creek	1
Gold Hill	6	Center—Welcome	4
Pisgah—Hidomte	1	Halifax—Ebenezer	1
Linden	1	Leansalem—Zion	8
Tabor City	6	Bath	1
Bowers Chapel—Concord	7	New Bern	1
Rowland	1	Greenville	1
Henderson	1	Dover	1
Enfield	7	Acton	2
Unionville	6	West Macon	1
Wesley Mem. Wil.	7	Lilesville	4
Hay St.—Fayetteville	7	Vanceboro	1
Roanoke Rapids—First	1	Christ—Greensboro	9
Trenton	1	Wesley Mem.—Hi Pt.	9
Follocksville	6	Kittrell—Plank Chapel	9
Bethel—Rones Chg., Mt.	11	East Rockingham	3
Olive	1	Epworth—Charlotte	6
Franklin Ct.	2	Ann Street—Concord	5
Bethel—Asheville	1	Union Chapel—Kittrell	6
Mt. Pleasant—Raleigh	3	Haw River	2
Godwin	1	Bethany—Cotton Grove	2
St. Luke's—Charlotte	10	Westview—Hickory	1
Lumberton	1	Mattamuskeet	1
Wellon's Village	2	Gray Rock	1
Calvary's Victory	1	Forestville—Lilesville	6
Burlington Ct.	1	Rockingham—First	6
St. Andrews—Fay.	5	Norlina	6
Reeves Chapel	1	Calvary—Charlotte	3
Brown View	1	Red Oake—York	4
Marion	1	Roper	2
Central—Mt. Airy	2	Murfreesboro	6
Bethel—Crowell Mem.	6	Seagrove	3
Albemarle Ct.	2	St. Marks—Kinston	1
Ocean View—Yonpon	1	Cliffside	1
Beach	1	Dublin	2
Old Hernbred	1	Walnut Cove	1
Clyde	10	Wesley Mem.—Wil.	8
Oxford—First	9	Wesley Mem.	1
Timothy—New Bern	12	Westview—Hickory	1
South River	3	Union—Millers Creek	10
Brooksdale	1	Mebane	3
Rosemax	5	Oak Grove—Unity	3
Locust	6	Siler City	16
Oakboro	6	Harmony—Statesville	4
Grace—Burlington	6	Nashville	26
		Grace—Wilmington	3

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Many accept the Christ of the cross, but reject the cross of the Christ.



Forty-two members of Northwood Methodist Church School, High Point District, High Point, received pins for perfect attendance. This was the first year for Little's Cross and Crown System and 37 received first year pins. Pastor's family have pins of 14, 6, 11, 10, and 4 years perfect attendance with Mrs. Delalee Fizer Jamieson taking the lead with 14 years perfect attendance at Church School.

Pfeiffer College Adds 1500 Color Slides to Fine Arts Collection

Pfeiffer College is in the process of adding a set of color slides on American art to the resources of its Fine Arts program, through a grant from the Carnegie Foundation of New York.

The foundation has awarded a \$900 matching grant to the college to finance the purchase of the art slide collection covering outstanding pieces of American art. The collection is considered to be the finest of its type available and is based on recommendations made by Professor Lamar Dodd, noted art authority and head of the Department of Art at the University of Georgia.

Announcement of the grant was made by Professor Earl Stevens, chairman of the college's division of Fine Arts.

Professor Stevens noted that the slides would be used in classes in Humanities, Art, History, Drama, etc., as well as for special illustrated lectures on the campus.

"This collection will give our students a resource usually found only at larger colleges and universities and in metropolitan areas. We are most grateful to the Carnegie Foundation for their willingness to assist the college in expanding its Fine Arts program," Professor Stevens stated.

Methodist Home—Cradle Of Methodist Churches

T. S. HOFFMAN, Chaplain

On May 28, 1961 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Walter J. Miller, Superintendent of Charlotte District, organized Plaza Methodist Church in the Ivey Chapel of the Methodist Home in Charlotte, N. C. Plaza is the third Methodist church to be organized in our home within nine years. Rev. Don Beaty was appointed as minister of this church on June 9. The unusual thing about this organization is that the church was organized and the laymen had to make an every-member canvas before a minister was appointed to serve the charge.

In the early fall of 1952, Rev. J. G. M. Warner was appointed by Bishop Harrel to begin establishing St. Luke's Methodist Church in eastern Charlotte. The organization was completed several months later by Rev. Frank Jordan, then district superintendent. This congregation met in the Methodist Home for almost two years before the first unit of their church was ready for use.

In the summer of 1958 Bishop Harmore appointed Rev. G. W. Winecoff to organize Cokesbury Methodist Church in the southeastern part of Charlotte. By this time the Mecklenburg County Mission Society was prepared to assist in a better way the erection of temporary units for Methodist congregations. So before Christmas of 1958 Cokesbury congregation was worshipping in their first unit. However before Cokesbury congregation began using their first unit they used the facilities of the Methodist Home. So in the early chapel of the home Dr. Walter J. Miller, district superintendent, perfected the organization of their church.

Who can say that life in a home for older people is dull, uninteresting and uncreative?

The Methodist Home is 13 years old and within the last nine years three churches have been "cradled." Isn't this some record?

Methodist Men's Club of St. John, Kinston, Wide Awake

As is too often the case, our Methodist Men went to sleep during the summer at St. John Methodist Church, but we woke up with a bang on Tuesday night, October 10. We had 24 men present for our meeting with guests from Queen Street and from the Woodington-Webb Charge.

Mr. Richard Barton, our president, presided. After a short devotion by the pastor Rev. H. H. Cash, all enjoyed a fine barbecue supper. Mr. Herman Dail, our church lay leader, introduced the speaker, Mr. Roy Turnage, from Ayden, who is lay speaker of the New Bern District. Roy brought a great and inspiring message. Rve. V. N. Moore, pastor of the Woodington-Webb Charge, led the closing prayer.

Our Methodist Men are looking forward to a great meeting in November. We will have our wives as our guests. Mr. Cecil Hodges, president of the Methodist Men of the New Bern District, will be our speaker. H. H. Cash is pastor.



Open House was held at the Guilford College Methodist Church Parsonage on Sunday, October 22, 1961. The parsonage consists of three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen-din combination, living room, pastor's study, full basement and garage, and is valued at \$23,000.

Ashley H. Gale, Jr. Added
To Duke Endowment Staff

Ashley H. Gale, Jr., formerly of Greenwood, S. C., has joined the Hospital Section of the Duke Endowment as a field representative to work with hospitals assisted by the Endowment.

Announcement of his appointment was made Monday by Marshall I. Pickens, secretary of the Endowment and director of its Hospital and Orphan sections. Mr. Gale is the third field representative on the



staff. With Carl H. Rowland and B. G. McCall, he will counsel administrative personnel of hospitals on management matters, the keeping of medical and financial records, and other problems.

The Duke Endowment maintains offices of its secretary and headquarters of the Hospital and Orphan sections at 1500 North Carolina National Bank Building in Charlotte and from here operates an extensive service for the benefit of hospitals which receive Endowment funds for charity work and capital improvements and for child care institutions which are aided in supporting orphan and half-orphan children. J. R. Felts, Jr., assistant secretary of the Endowment, is assistant to Mr. Pickens, and George P. Harris is director of field service. Dr. W. S. Rankin and Dr. Wilbur C. Davison are consultants.

In 1960, the Endowment appropriated a record sum of \$2½ million to 179 hospitals and 43 child care institutions in the Carolinas. It also gives financial aid to Duke University, Davidson College, Furman University, and Johnson C. Smith University, to rural churches, and to retired ministers.

Mr. Gale came to the Endowment after serving six years as assistant administrator of the Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood. Previously, he was in training in Rex Hospital in Raleigh for two years. A native of New York, he is a graduate of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., and was in the Navy in World War II. Mrs. Gale is the former Lillian Williams of Stateburg, S. C. They have three children.

“As We Were Saying . . .”

... the victories always make up for the difficulties. But the missionary doesn't always live on the mountain peaks. A good part of his time is spent in the valleys with those who "hath a dumb spirit." (Mark 9:2-29)

After our Pentecost revival, almost any experience would have been an anticlimax. And I suspect that we felt a little like the early disciples as they came down from the Mount of Transfiguration.

Dona Maria was waiting for us . . . in one of the many small slum alleys that dot the city. While making a visit to one of the rat-infested holes in this alley, Dona Maria sent word for me to visit her home, too. I found her very nervous, as if she had been crying. She began to recite an often-heard tale—all the troubles of her family. I told her that many of our problems have spiritual roots and began to inquire into her spiritual life. Dona Maria, like so many others, is a "spiritualist"—a member of one of the many "spiritualist" sects—in this case a type of voodooism. This "religion" plays on the fears and superstitions of its followers. So strong is its hold that the "believers" are afraid to leave the fold, convinced that they will be cursed forever.

As I told Dona Maria about the peace and happiness that Jesus brings into one's heart, her eyes grew larger and larger. "I never heard anything like that before!" she said. But when I invited her to take this Jesus as her Savior, her eyes clouded over once again. "I'm afraid," she whispered.

"This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." (Mark 9:29)

The routine of missionary life is not always so charged with emotion. But there are many problems that can only be resolved by prayer and fasting. Our little congregation has been praying for seven years for a building of its own. But it isn't easy when the average wage is about \$45 per month. It takes real sacrifice.

In July of last year, we received a loan of \$6,000. We had hoped at that time to start construction within a month or two. We were almost desperate to move our congregation out of its cramped, rented quarters. But one delay after another kept us from realizing our dream. Finally when an acceptable blueprint had been drawn, we found that building costs had risen as much as 100 per cent for some things. Our loan was no longer sufficient—not even to complete the first part of the building.

And we prayed . . . and God has graciously heard our voices. Central Council has made our church an Advance Special project. And we have been authorized to raise \$7,500 in the U. S. Any church contributing to our building program will receive Advance Special credit for its gift. With the promise of this additional aid, we can begin construction, possibly completing the first unit before the next rains (in late October).

The local church will raise about 70 per cent of total building costs, further proof of the willingness to sacrifice, but these Advance gifts will mean the difference between finishing and not finishing this project. Your gift NOW will encourage and stimulate our people.

There are thousands like Dona Maria, who live under the shadow of fear and superstition. More ample facilities will help us do a better job of reaching these multitudes with the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your gift will be an investment in the Kingdom of God.

We are grateful for your prayers for us and for the work here in Jundiá. You can now give tangible evidence to this expression of interest by becoming a "builder of the Kingdom." Gifts may be sent to Treasurer, Division of World Mission, 15th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Be sure to

“Crusader Program” Begins At
Centenary, Winston-Salem

The “Crusader Program” designed to implement church membership training for 9th grade boys and girls has begun at Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. This is the second year of this phase of the program which has met remarkable participation.

For a period of eight weeks the ministry of the church is focused upon the 9th grader and his family. Sunday morning and Sunday evening sessions are held for the young people and correlated sessions for the parents run simultaneously with the Sunday evening session for the youth.

The church membership committee of the Commission on Education, the regular 9th grade lay workers, and all the ministers of the church are involved in this training program. Mrs. Howard Morris is chairman of the committee. This year nearly sixty young people and their parents are participating in this special training. At the end of the period they are commissioned as Crusaders at the church service of worship and reaffirm their vows of church membership.

Women Give to New Programs
At Home and Abroad

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions granted a total of \$610,000 for three significant new programs at its recent meeting in New York. The division represents 1,800,000 Methodist women.

The largest grant, \$500,000, was made to help build a \$2,000,000 Christian Center near UN headquarters in New York. The division thus joins with the Board of Christian Social Concerns and other Methodist agencies in initiating plans for the center, which will house Protestant groups with UN activities.

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., division president, said the grant symbolizes the division's "new commitment to greatly expanded efforts toward strengthening the channels and resources for peace in the world, as centered in the UN."

The second gift launches for the division a \$2,000,000 program to raise the status of women in the Congo and train them to be better homemakers. The group granted \$100,000 toward the program, with provision for additional funds up to a million dollars. A third grant, \$10,000, broadens the base for interest in and support of the Alaska Methodist University at Anchorage. This is the first Woman's Division contribution to AMU, which heretofore has been a project only of the board's Division of National Missions.

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Woman's Activities



Channels Of Service In Korea

By MARY GARDNER

The first impression a newcomer to Korea is amazement. It is truly amazing to see the variety of ways in which God's Word is channeled to His children. It is amazing to see the vast array of capabilities that each day proclaims His message of love and salvation. It is amazing to see how the church strives to meet spiritual, mental and physical needs in ways that manifest the gospel of Christ.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church has many projects in Korea. They differ in location, size and services performed, but the primary goal is the same. In striving to attain this goal the projects cease to be merely "projects" and become "the Church of Christ at Work" to serve the Korean people and to proclaim the wonderful gospel. The "project" itself may be confined to a particular building, but the faith it embodies spreads out to the community and countryside.

Each project has its special way of channeling God's love. For this we are grateful because it means that the church is alive to the needs of the people. It means that the church is taking the opportunity to serve even as the Master served. He, too, taught the people of his day many things that they might better their own conditions. He, too, healed that people might live more normally and make a richer contribution to life. He, too, cared for little children, seeing in them the faces of the future. He, too, preached and taught in the synagogues, that others might learn from him. But through all these channels and through the use of all these talents ran one primary motive—complete dedication to the will of God and absolute love in thought and action toward all people. Throughout his ministry he brought people to a closer, more wonderful fellowship with God, because he loved God and loved people.

That is our task in Korea. Each type of work is called a "project" for lack of a better term. But beyond the projects are the people who find God's love.

How well I remember the first "project" I visited in Korea. It was a *Baby Clinic*, one of many conducted weekly in churches near Pusan. Babies are brought — some by mothers, many by brothers and sisters who are hardly able to carry their lively load. After being weighed and measured, each baby is thoroughly checked to see if it needs further treatment. During my visit I felt quite at home when everybody began to sing "This is My Father's World." To some of the people singing God had not yet come to have much meaning, but for

others He had become truly their Father. Worship has a real part in the clinic for it is because of God's love that they exist at all. There is, however, no attempt to force mothers attending these clinics to become Christians, or even to come to church. Many of the mothers do become Christians simply because a Christian shows concern for something very precious to her—her child. She sees love expressed—not because of an obligation but because of God's love—and she responds.—From brochure, *Channels for the Word in Korea*, by Jean Marie Powell, missionary to Korea. (Continued next week.)

Goldsboro District WSCS Holds Seminar

Using the theme "In Thee Our Life in One," approximately 200 women of the Goldsboro District Woman's Society of Christian Service convened recently at the Mount Olive Methodist Church for their annual fall Educational Seminar. Mrs. W. D. Kornegay, district secretary of missionary education and service presided.

The program featured presentation of the four current mission study courses by several district officers and others. These and their leaders included "The Meaning of Suffering," Mrs. Lemuel Dawson, secretary of Spiritual Life; Churches for New Times, Mrs. R. A. McLean, secretary of children's work; the Christian Mission in Latin American Countries, Mrs. Garland Sutton, Clinton, subdistrict leader, and the Christian and Responsible Citizenship, Mrs. L. H. Lane, secretary Christian Social Relations. Literature and publications and program materials were presented respectively by Mrs. Harold Davis and Mrs. Ray Hoover.

The Rev. Christian White, pastor of the host church led the opening prayer.

The Goldsboro district WSCS Executive Committee, in a recent session at the Princeton Methodist Church, heard reports of officers and committee chairmen, planned for promotion of all lines of work, and named dates and places of meeting for the fall subdistrict meetings. Mrs. Lemuel Dawson, district secretary of Spiritual Life, led the devotional using the topic "Prayer." Mrs. Cecil Pate, district president, presided.

Following the meeting Mrs. Ray Hoover, vice president, was hostess to the group at a luncheon at her home.

CRS Filmstrip Available

Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Farmville, N. C., chairman Christian Social Relations, N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, is

recommending a filmstrip "This is Christian Social Relations" for use by WSCS and WSG. It may be borrowed for postage only from Mrs. Carraway.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



What Is The Task Of A Christian?

What, then, is the task of the Christian whose confidence that Jesus Christ is Lord of History gives her courage and composure even in the face of frightening events and possibilities? How does she meet the challenges of this year, one of the most fateful in history. . . . ?

Perhaps one decision she should make is that she will put aside some of the less urgent matters that might occupy her attention . . . and devote as much time as possible in trying to understand the world situation and in finding ways to help others reach a better understanding. Whatever sacrifice is involved should be well repaid by the sense that one has put forth an honest effort to make his own personal contribution to the cause of a better future for all mankind.

Each person will want to work out her own list of ways in which this can be done most effectively.

—*The Methodist Woman*

Do's and Don'ts From Clinic on Promotion

DO circulate promotional ideas and share in: finance, increase membership, sponsor fellowship, make programs more meaningful.

DO stress correct terminology.

DO say emphases—not goals. DO ask that they be presented.

DO cultivate and educate small societies.

DO promote the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

DO have an ACTIVE committee on programs—don't let the vice-president plan ALL the programs.

DO have an active committee on membership—read—and make a special effort to gain new members.

DO have an installation and pledge service.

DO send your reports ON TIME.

DO know your responsibilities and duties and be familiar with your tools of work.

DON'T forget the DO'S!

MRS. S. RAY LOWDER

Conference Secretary of Promotion

Christian Workers' Conference

The rural church and community workers in the Western North Carolina Conference gathered at Mt. Airy on October 22 to teach in the Parish Christian Workers' Conference of the Greater Mt. Airy Parish.

Miss Virginia Miller of Macon County taught a group of teachers in children's classes. Miss Carolyn Thorne of the Denton parish was in charge of the workers with youth groups. Miss Laura Wells of the

Clay County Parish had the class for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The school was planned under the direction of Miss Anita Benoy and the ministers of the Greater Mt. Airy Parish.

While the rural church and community workers were together they worked on the film strip telling the story of their work in Western North Carolina. Part of this was presented at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society last June at Lake Junaluska.

New District Advisory Committee

A new District Rural Workers' Advisory Committee for Macon County was organized at a meeting in Franklin on October 6. Mrs. Velma Moore of Hayesville was elected chairman of the committee.

The group will meet twice yearly for the purpose of sharing ideas and for evaluating and coordinating the work in the district.

Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville, secretary of missionary personnel in the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference and chairman of the Conference Committee on Rural Work, was present for the meeting.

Miss Virginia Miller is now the Church and Community Worker for Macon County. She was at Newland for about a year and moved to Franklin on September 1.

Albemarle District Executive Meeting

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Albemarle district had a luncheon meeting on October 10 at the home of Mrs. Tom Little in Wadesboro.

Mrs. James H. Clark of Lilesville was welcomed as a new member as secretary of Christian Social Relations.

Each officer gave a resume of her work during the past year and many signs of progress were noted in the district work. Plans were made to organize a new Woman's Society in two new churches in the district. The Committee on Nominations outlined some of its plans for the coming district meeting. This is the year for the election of officers in Group I.

Mrs. Ralph Bisel, president, was in charge of the meeting.

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Brevard Methodist Church Will Dedicate Pipe Organ

Brevard Methodist Church, in cooperation with the Music Department of Brevard College, will dedicate the Beulah McMinn Zachary pipe organ Friday evening, October 27, at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. William McGowan of Boston, who is director of music at the Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, Mass., will be heard in a recital at that time. Mr. McGowan has given recitals in many of the larger cities of America. He is exceptionally well trained in this field.

On Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 Mr. McGowan will conduct a master class in organ at the church. Anyone interested in auditing the class is invited to make arrangements through the music department of Brevard College.

Woman's Society of Christian Service To Dedicate Brooks-Howell Home

The new Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 5, in services to be held at the home at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Frank Brooks, former president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and one of the two persons for whom the home was named, will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Miss Emma Burris, executive secretary of the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division, will present the history of the home.

Mrs. Rupert Crowell of Asheville, chairman of the executive board of the home since its organization in 1957, will be in charge of the service. The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville district, will take part in the service.

Invitations have been sent to many officers of the Woman's Society in the Western North Carolina Conference and in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. A general invitation is extended to all friends of the home to be present for the ceremony.

The home will be open for visitors to see each part of it. The members of the Brooks-Howell family will serve as hostesses and guides.

The home, "First a dream, then a reality," represents the gifts of thousands of Methodist women in little churches and in big city churches all over the United States.

The approximate cost was \$768,000. In addition to this many lovely gifts have been made to the home by individuals and groups of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The building is a three-story structure of buff-colored brick, built on a five-acre tract of land located on a knoll that overlooks a fine old residential section of Asheville. It faces Spears Avenue and is built in a U shape, with the three-story wooden home which has served as center of operations, in the center of the U. One wing of the new building houses a 20-bed modern hospital and the other the reception area on the first floor and individual rooms on the second.

Every convenience that could possibly be planned for persons of retired age has been put into the building. There is an elevator to all three floors. There are ramps instead of stairs. Hand rails are within easy reach. The floors are covered with a non-skid material. All electrical outlets are high. There are sit-down showers, wide corridors so that beds can be moved easily, marble window sills where flowers may grow in the sun.

The first floor of Brooks-Howell Home includes a large reception room, a dining room that will seat 200 persons, a large modern electric kitchen that boasts every convenience such as an institution needs and the executive offices of the director and staff.

The second floor has 60 bedrooms for the family, with a bath between each two

rooms. There are also the consultation rooms, doctors' offices, special diet kitchens, nurses station and emergency room. The hospital wing has been very carefully planned to offer every care to the sick, special treatment rooms, sterilization room, all with the most modern equipment.

The basement floor, all above ground, includes the craft rooms, a laundry equipped with automatic washing machines and dryers, occupational therapy rooms, the large storage room for groceries, the large freezing storage unit, a beauty shop, a maintenance shop and lounge for employees.

The entire interior has been planned in harmonizing colors, beautiful and cheerful. All of the furnishings are of fine durable material.

The five-acre tract of land surrounding the new building has not yet been landscaped, but it has all been planted in grass. There will be small garden areas to allow flower lovers to grow their own blossoms. There will be a picnic area and courts for outdoor games, with walkways in all directions. There is a large parking area in front of the building. There are two patios, one for the infirmary and the other on three sides of the old building.

Brooks-Howell Home, established in 1957, was named in honor of Mrs. Frank Brooks, who served for eight years as president of the Woman's Division, and of the late Miss Mabel K. Howell of Asheville, for many years a teacher at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and said to have trained more missionaries than any other person in the Methodist church.

The first gifts for Brooks-Howell were made at the Convocation in Milwaukee in 1954. The property was purchased in 1956 from the T. C. Smith family of Asheville.

Miss Mabel Metzger has served as director of the home for the past four years. She was director of Robin Croft Home for Retired Workers in Pasadena, Calif. before coming to Asheville to supervise the building of the new home. She has been a deaconess for 43 years and is now planning her years of happy retirement.

Miss Reva McNabb of Britt, Iowa, was named director of Brooks-Howell Home several months ago and came to Asheville September 1 to begin her work here. She is a deaconess and served as director of the Frances DePauw Home in Los Angeles, Calif. for several years. For the past few months she has been taking special training in gerontology at the University of Iowa.

Brooks-Howell Home is one of five homes for retired workers owned by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. One is in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, one in Alhambra, Calif., and two in Pasadena, Calif.

Louis H. Asbury and Associates of Charlotte were architects for the new home. Z. B. Robinson Construction Co. of Asheville were contractors for the project.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



HALLOWE'EN COMING UP!

By LAURA GRAY

A queer feeling made Mr. Snubbs throw down his paper and go to the door. Moonlight lit up the scene and glistened on the frosty roof of his car, which was parked before the door and ready to rush him to the early morning train.

A rocket from over the way was sputtered, struggled up into the sky, curved, and exploded, dropping a shower of stars. A packet of firecrackers went off nearby. Children's voices seemed to be everywhere. Hallowe'en, of course!

Snubbs shivered and was about to close the door, when two figures moved away from the car, and the patter of feet faded into the darkness.

"Hub!" He ran down the path, to hear the air fizzling from the tires. Gradually the car sank and finally rested forlornly on four flat tires. "Every boy in the country should be locked up on Hallowe'en!" he snorted. What was he to do now—with no pump, and the garage miles away? Perhaps he could borrow a pump.

Mrs. Brian answered his knock at the door of the little white cottage down the road. "Sorry," she said, "Mr. Brian has taken the boys to a show. This is Hallowe'en, you know, and he likes a bit of fun himself, too."

"You're telling me it's Hallowe'en!" growled Snubbs, and he poured out his grievances, only to learn that the Brians had no pump.

There were the Merrills, in that large shabby-looking house on the corner. Snubbs decided to try there. He got a slight shock when a lighted pumpkin grinned from the gatepost. The Merrills were certainly at home. Lights blazed from every rickety window. Laughter and shouts came from within.

A rumble like thunder followed his knock. The door flew open and a crowd of grotesque faces looked out. Surprised "Oh's" were heard, and masks were torn off. Evidently this was not the visitor they expected. "Give him something anyway," they suggested. A tray, laden with cellophane bags of candy, peanuts and popcorn, was held in front of him. "No, no, I don't want anything. I'd like to see your father."

"Daddy's painting Ronny—for an Indian. 'Daddy!' shrilled a small girl.

Snubbs was ushered into a room gay with Hallowe'en decorations. There was

a blazing fire, and youngsters were everywhere. Merrill—thin and partly bald—rose from kneeling before a wee lad in Indian suit and feathers, whose face was half-painted—a realistic red-brown. Merrill looked as happy as anyone there.

"I want to borrow your tire pump," said Snubbs, and again he related his troubles.

"That's too bad, Mr. Snubbs. Youngsters don't mean any harm really. They become over-excited in their eagerness to have a little fun, and they don't think. But they **should** think, and their parents should **teach** them to think, and to have respect for other people's property. I'm terribly sorry I don't have a pump."

Snubbs went on home, and had scarcely settled himself by his own fireside when a sharp knock startled him. "If they think they can get anything here . . . !"

When he opened the door, there stood two lads. "We are Dick and Pete Merrill," said the older boy. "Dad sent us to pump up your tires. We borrowed a pump next door. When we finish, Dad's going to dress up and go around knocking on doors with us." And their eyes fairly sparkled.

"Gee, thanks—that was sure good of your father," said Snubbs laughingly. "This Hallowe'en business is pretty rough on some of us. But say! Do you mind if I dress up and go along with you and your Dad?"

—From *S. C. Methodist Advocate*

Build A Better World

"Your task—to build a better world."

God said.

I answered, "How?"

*This world is such a large, vast place,
So complicated now!*

And I'm so small and useless—

There's nothing I can do!"

But God, in all His wisdom, said,

"Just build a better you!"

—DOROTHY R. JONES

RECIPE FOR FUN

The one October 31st evening, a million or two dry leaves that crunch under foot, one full moon, a scattering of ghosts, a bunch of goblins, some lighted pumpkin heads, a company of witches, an earful of blood-curdling screams, and oh, of course, an unlimited number of boys and girls with "funny faces." Mix together well with good humor and plenty of laughter, and add gradually

portions of apples, popcorn, lollypops and peanuts.

Here's a recipe for a witch's kettle-full of fun, or we miss our guess. And as it spills over and runs here, yonder and everywhere, there's no doubt that this is good ole Hallowe'en—that once-a-year occasion when the grotesque, the absurd, the wierd, the ridiculous, the fantastic, in appearance and in action, is the order of the evening.

In spilling over, the kettle sends steams of youngsters up and down the streets, knocking on doors and calling "Trick or treat!" This is fine, and we hope friendly folk will put some nice treats in your bag. You won't forget to say "Thank you," will you? And as you go from house to house you will remember not to harm anybody's property. Doing damage isn't in the recipe for fun, you know.

And if your school or church is sponsoring the collection of nickles, dimes and quarters for UNICEF, that wonderful United Nations organization that helps to provide milk, drugs, vaccines, and other much needed help for hungry and sick boys and girls around the world, this can be a grand part of your evening as you say "Trick or treat for UNICEF." If you have your identification tag and special UNICEF carton, you will find many folk who will be happy to contribute to this fund.

So—best wishes from the Editor for a fun-filled Hallowe'en evening for everyone—from two to ninety-two.

Chuckle

Joe: "I'm tellin' you, Jim, I really had the luck fishin' yesterday. I caught a fourteen-pound bass, and was it a beauty!"

Jim: "I can go you one better, fella. I felt a tug on my line, and I pulled up a lantern. An' you know, it was lighted."

Joe: "Now wait a minute, Jim. You know you didn't pull up a lighted lantern out of the water."

Jim: "Well now, Joe, suppose we settle it this way. If you'll take about eight pounds off your fish, I'll put out my light."

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?

1. If God be for us, who can be against us? _____
2. Vanity of vanities . . . all is vanity. _____
3. My soul doth magnify the Lord. _____
4. I will arise and go to my father. _____
5. How can a man be born when he is old? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Ants—Proverbs 30:24, 25
2. Bee—Matthew 3:4
3. Flies—Exodus 8:20-32
4. Moth—Job 27:18
5. Grasshopper—Ecclesiastes 12:5

Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 5

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

GROWTH IN CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Background Scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46,
Galatians 6:1-6

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

The word "concern" in our title reminds one of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, in whose meetings may be heard the phrase "I have a concern." The expression may strike one as a bit quaint, but the fact is important; for without it one can scarcely make any claim to Christian discipleship. Concern for others is the natural response of those who stand within the circle of Christian Community.

Looking first at the reference to Galatians in our background Scripture, we see how the Apostle makes imperative for those to whom he is writing the mutual sharing of spiritual and moral care. "If a man should do something wrong, my brothers, on a sudden impulse, you who are endowed with the Spirit must set him right very gently. Look to yourself, each one of you: you may be tempted too. Help one another to carry these heavy loads, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ" (New English Bible). It would be hard to find a translation of this passage which makes the duty of mutual concern any clearer. But, when we stop to think of it, it is not so much to be thought of as plain duty. Rather it is the spontaneous expression of Christian love.

Turn now to the famous "Judgment Scene" in Matthew 25:31-46. When is the day of judgment? It is today. It is tomorrow. It is every day. This remarkable picture of the judgment is saying something important to each of us. In the words of Dwight Stevenson: "The idea of judgment says to us that sin and righteousness have ultimate (that is, eternal) consequences." It is saying to us that life, which is the gift of God, is not something to trifle with. We are to take it seriously. This is not to say we are to take it fearfully, or sadly. We may take it joyfully, and yet with a solemn realization of its everlasting importance.

The unforgettable emphasis in this story is the element of surprise. Those who have shown loving concern for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the prisoner were amazed when they were commended: "When did we see you ill or in prison, and come to visit you?" "And the

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Try the Spirit that is in you to see if it is of God." —I JOHN 4:41

The carpenter was hired to build the boy a rabbit gum. He built a pony stable instead. He reasoned that the boy would be better off with a pony than a rabbit.

The girl was hired to baby-sit. She thought the fine-looking visitor who came to the door was the next door neighbor, so she let him take the baby to the picture show. The man was a kidnapper.

A college hired a professor to teach metaphysics and he taught physametics instead. They hired him to teach theistic beliefs and he taught atheistic doubts.

All these people belived in freedom of thought. The trouble was they used the freedom and left out the thought. They remind me of the woman who served chicken pie and forgot to put the chicken in it.

King will answer, 'I tell you this: anything you did for my brothers here, however humble, you did for me.' By contrast, the proud and complacent ones; the ones who *knew they were good* were bitterly disappointed.

What is the point of this picture? It is not that those who, without sound of trumpet, or pride in their goodness, go about the task of healing the world's wounds because they need to be healed? But those who insist on "Keeping books with God," who perform their acts of mercy only as a religious duty, with an eye to reward, these people will never achieve the true satisfactions of life, either here or hereafter.

There is another aspect of this story which must continue to amaze those who put all the emphasis upon doctrinal correctness. Notice that the King does *not* say, "Your beliefs have been orthodox, you never doubted the creeds, therefore you may inherit the Kingdom." The accent here is by contrast, upon right living instead. From John Wesley's Journal comes the following words which seem to be a fitting climax for our discussion.

"Being alone in the coach I was considering several points of importance: and thus appeared as clear as the day:—

"That a man may be saved who cannot express himself properly concerning imputed righteousness. Therefore to do this is not necessary to salvation.

"That a man may be saved who has not clear conception of it: (yea, that never heard the phrase.) Therefore clear conceptions of it are not necessary to salvation; yea, it is not necessary to salvation to use the phrase at all." (Journal v. 3, p. 314)

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A cabaret "for adult Christians" where no intoxicating drinks will be served has been opened in Sydney, Australia, by Dr Alan Walker, superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission there.

Western North Carolina Conference Credit Union

Directors of the Western North Carolina Conference Credit Union in Quarterly Session, in Statesville, on October 5 voted a 4.2% dividend for shares holders of 1961. A steady growth in membership was noted with membership now totaling 410. A new high in assets and activity was reflected in the following report of the treasurer, the Rev. Ivon L. Roberts, of Lake Junaluska, N. C.:

LIABILITIES:

Shares	\$174,811.58
Reserve Fund	3,364.32
Undivided Profits	4,350.85
Net Earnings (1961)	6,187.52
Dividend on Investments ..	167.29
Entrance Fees	10.50
Total	\$188,892.06

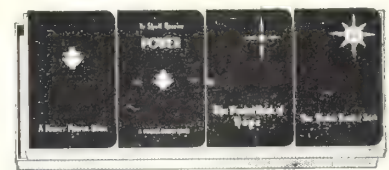
ASSETS:

Loans	\$160,709.29
Cash	13,382.77
Investments	14,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	300.00
Total	\$188,892.06

Ministers and their families and other full-time church employees and their families of the Western North Carolina Conference are eligible for membership. Membership may be established by application to the Rev. Ivon L. Roberts with remittance of \$5.25 which provides the 25¢ membership fee and purchases one share. Shares up to \$2000 are insured so that in the event of death the beneficiary receives double.

Monthly repayment loans may be obtained by members at 5% interest. These loans are insured at no extra cost to the borrower so that in the event of his death the remaining indebtedness is paid in full. The Credit Union is now in a more favorable position to make loans than at any previous time in its history.

Directors present were the Revs. Worth Sweet, chairman; Ralph Jacks, John Carper, Ivon Roberts, and Byron Shankle.



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Revival Services Next Week At Commonwealth Church, Charlotte

Revival services for Commonwealth Methodist Church, 2434 Commonwealth Avenue, Charlotte, will begin Sunday evening, October 29, 7:30 and will run through Friday evening, November 3. Dr. H. Thornton Fowler, pastor of McKendree Methodist Church of Nashville, Tenn., will be the evangelist.

Dr. Fowler, a native of Charlotte, Tenn., is in his tenth year as pastor of Nashville's central city church, McKendree Methodist. During his pastorate of this strategic church in Tennessee's capital city, more than sixteen hundred people have been added to the church, and the church budget has trebled; missionary interest has placed a missionary pastor in the Belgian Congo. As pastor he supervises a multimodal ministry of the church, directing the work of the staff composed of thirteen members. His schedule includes counseling, pastoral calls, administration, but basic is preaching, the results of which are seen in the attendance of three worship services every Sunday.

Dr. Fowler is a trustee of Baxter Seminary, trustee of Tennessee Conference Brotherhood, member of Conference World Service and Finance Commission, member of Conference Historical Society and member of Board of Directors of Conference Home for the Retired. He is a member of the General Board of Publication of The Methodist Church. He was a delegate to the 1960 General Conference and the Tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo. He serves on the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

Bethlehem MYF Will Present Comedy October 27, 28

The Bethlehem MYF in the Albemarle District is producing a comedy—"Ma and Pa Potts on Tour," to be presented at Jackson School—12 miles south of Monroe on highway 200, on Friday and Saturday nights, October 27, 28 at 7:30.

Both the Junior and Senior MYF Groups will participate. Adults from the local church and community will also take part.

The play will tell the story of a mountain family and the uproarious experience they have as a result of winning a trip across the country from a cereal company.

The play was written and is being directed by the head counselor of the MYF—Mrs. Daniel Starnes. Mrs. Starnes is also playing one of the lead parts.

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Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace To Head United Church Women

Mrs. Theodore F. Wallace of Kansas City, Missouri, has been elected president of United Church Women, which represents some 12 million women in the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in America. The new president is a member of the United Church of Christ and has been active in church and community affairs.

Mrs. Wallace was chosen for the next three years at the closing business session of UCW's ninth National Assembly which was held at Miami Beach, Fla.

On assuming the presidency, Mrs. Wallace asserted in an interview that today is a critical moment in the life of the churches. They have not yet assembled their power and strength to act concertedly, she said. Rather, they are too often moving separately as churches and denominations.

The world has moved more quickly than they have been able to respond, she pointed out, due to the lines of tradition, patterns, customs and heritage. Churches may need to change significantly in order to make the reality of Christ their predominant focus.

"My wish for churchwomen is that they will remain sensitive and responsible and work at every opportunity for closer unity among the denominations," she declared.

Twelve million Protestant and Orthodox church women in America were today invited by United Church Women to join in a nation-wide, three-year program to combat racial discrimination in churches, housing, schools and employment.

This project marks the first united effort of the denominations, on such a scale, to assure all people, regardless of race, full participation in their local communions, in councils of church women, and in their communities.

Church women who accept the invitation to take part will concentrate on those areas of greatest racial tension in their own communities. They will work against racial or ethnic discrimination toward whatever groups it is practiced everywhere in the United States.

Some 2,000 women delegates were told that the project will serve as a channel for women across the country to help bring about racial justice. It came about, she noted, because of the urgent desire of many church women to make a greater contribution toward this end.

"Their conviction is that present efforts, however good, are insufficient for the task and the time. Every church woman of every racial background in every part of the United States, who is convinced that God made of one blood all men, and who wants to express this conviction in concrete, effective action, is invited.

"There is no hope of reaching the goals except as genuine and full partnership is achieved at every level of action by all who together comprise the 'one family'."



Be as kind as you can today; because you may not be here tomorrow.

NOTICE TO PASTORS

Due to the emphasis on the drive for funds for Methodism as related to Cuba on November 19, the Golden Cross Sunday for the North Wilkesboro District has been changed from November 19 to November 26. Any pastor of the district who needs leaflets or offering envelopes in addition to those already sent to him, please contact the District Director.

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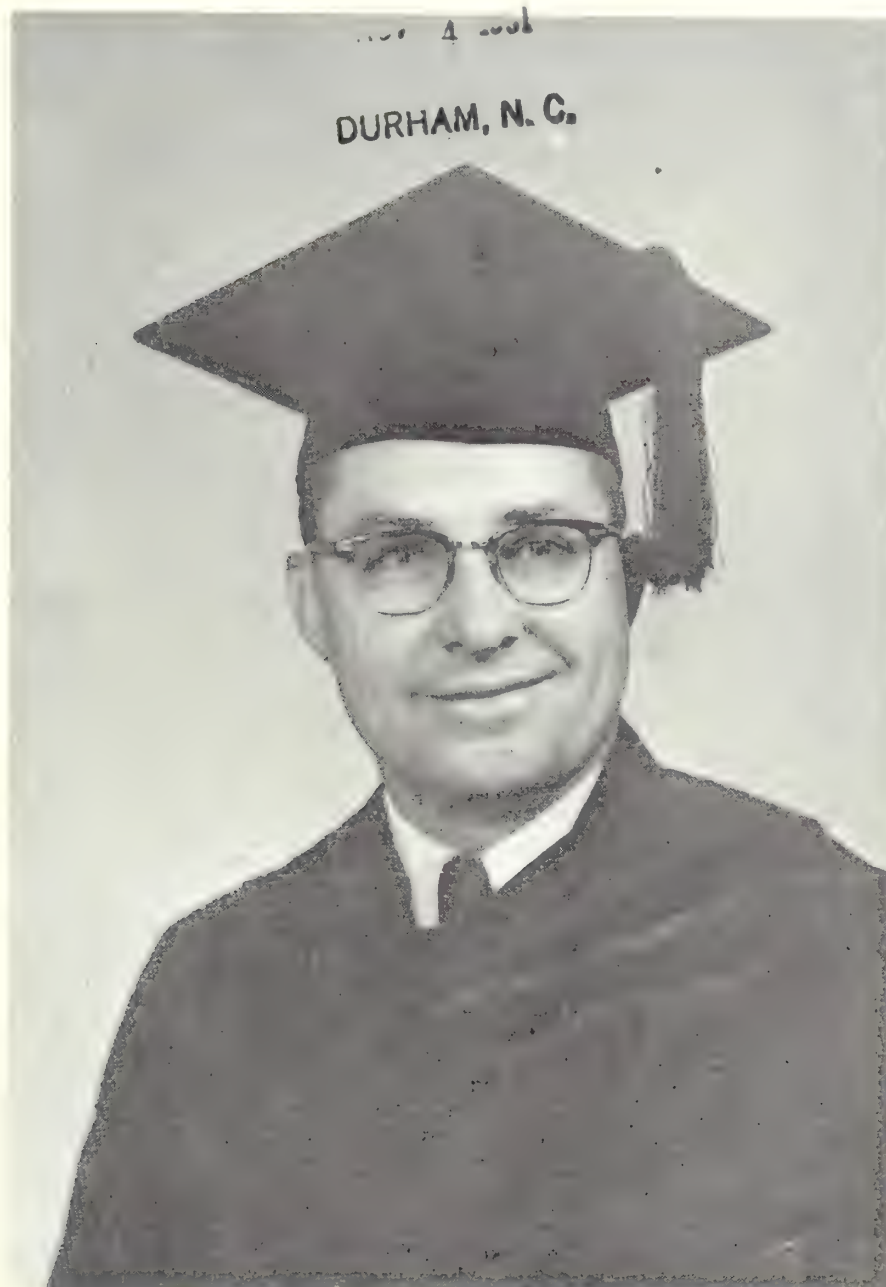
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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ WENDELL METHODIST CHURCH will hold Homecoming services Sunday, November 19. Rev. Allen Wentz, Jr., is pastor.

¶ Rev. J. D. A. Autry, pastor of First Methodist Church, Hamlet, was the preacher in revival services last week at Bethel Methodist Church, near LaGrange.

¶ Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Smithson, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Janet Kay, October 8. Mr. Smithson is pastor of the Brite Meadows Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

¶ Rev. William S. Davenport, pastor of Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, preached in revival services last week at the Hamilton Methodist church, of which Rev. John Pearsall is pastor.

¶ Open house for the new parsonage of the Highland Methodist Church, Raleigh, will be held Sunday afternoon, November 5, from 2:30 to 5:30. This will be sponsored by the parsonage committee of the church.

¶ Mrs. Geraldine Conway will speak at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, November 7, 8, 9. Mrs. Conway is a Methodist laywoman who is known for her effectiveness with all groups, especially with young people.

¶ DR. MARK DEPP, pastor emeritus of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, will speak in a Preaching Mission at Central Church, Monroe, November 12-16. William B. Thomas will direct the music. Rev. Harley M. Williams is pastor of Central church.

¶ REV. AND MRS. JUSTIN HARUYAMA, missionaries who are supported by Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, have arrived in Japan. They will attend language school in preparation for their missionary work in rural Japan.

¶ THE CATAWBA COUNTY Training School will be held at Abernethy Memorial Church, Newton, beginning Sunday, November 5, and continuing through Thursday evening. Eight courses dealing with the work of the church school from the children's department through the adult department will be offered.

¶ Layman's Day services were conducted at Central Church, Monroe, Sunday, October 22. Mr. M. T. Lambeth, superintendent of the Children's Home, Winston-Salem, was the speaker. Messrs. W. H. Rooker, C. Frank Griffin, and Walter B. Love, Jr., local laymen, also participated in the service.

¶ Oak Grove Methodist Church, Route 1, Havelock, dedicated a Baldwin organ and held a recital Sunday, October 15 at 3:00 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Jack M. Hunter, led the service. Mr. Haywood Harris, chairman of the official board, made the presentation. The organ was given to the church by Mr. Curt Leich, Sr., in memory of his wife. The recital was given by Mr. Zoph Potts, of Washington, N. C.

¶ DR. WILSON O. WELDON, pastor of Myers Park Methodist Church, Charlotte, returned to his pulpit for services last Sunday following a tour of Europe and the Middle East.

¶ THE REV. WORTH SWEET, pastor of Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, Ramseur, preached in a union worship service of congregations of that city Sunday, October 29, in First Baptist Church.

¶ THE BILTMORE GLEE CLUB of Asheville sang during the 7:30 p.m. worship service in Biltmore Methodist Church, Asheville, Sunday, October 29. The service was sponsored by the church's Methodist Youth Fellowship.

¶ Revival services will be held at Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, Asheville, beginning November 12. Dr. Walter J. Miller, pastor of Central Church, Asheville, will be the preacher, and Rev. Cecil Myrick will lead the singing. Rev. L. A. Scott is the pastor.

¶ DR. J. V. EARLY, pastor of First Methodist Church, Rockingham, and Mrs. Early are spending a few days in Monterrey, California, where their son, Virgil, is graduating from the U. S. Army Language School. They will tour the West coast and return home via LaGrange, Texas, reaching home around November 10. During the absence of Dr. Early, Rev. E. J. Martin, minister of education, is preaching at First Church.

¶ MR. E. M. DUDLEY, a prominent Methodist layman of Lenoir, spoke at the Central Methodist Church, Shelby, Sunday evening, October 22. He was representing Gideons International, an organization of Christian laymen dedicated to the distribution of the Holy Scriptures. Special music was furnished by a male quartet.

¶ Dr. A. J. Hobbs, superintendent of the New Bern district, will have a meeting of his preachers at Garber Methodist Church, New Bern, on Monday, November 13 at 9:30. Lunch will be served. This will serve as a check-up meeting in the "Knock on Every Door" campaign, as well as the other items in the district program.

¶ DR. G. ERNEST THOMAS, Director of Spiritual Life for the General Board of Evangelism, with headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., was engaged in preaching in a series of Spiritual Enrichment services at Central Methodist Church, Canton, during the past week. Rev. J. W. Braxton is pastor at Canton, and Rev. Leon Larkin is associate pastor.

¶ Dr. J. Lem Stokes 11, President of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, will be the guest preacher for a week of revival and devotional services at the Robersonville Methodist Church beginning Sunday morning, November 5, and running each evening through Friday at 7:30. Devotional services are scheduled each morning, Monday through Friday at 9:30. Rev. John Pearsall is pastor at Robersonville.

¶ Rev. R. Delbert Byrum and Miss Ann Tyler of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of High Point are attending the Methodist Conference on Christian Education in Chicago this week.

¶ BISHOP ODD HAGEN of the Methodist Church of Norway will speak at prayer service at Centenary Methodist Church, Greensboro, Wednesday, November 8th, at 7:30 p.m.

¶ MR. PAUL R. ERVIN, prominent Methodist layman of Charlotte, and son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Ervin, was Layman's Day speaker at Trinity Church, Kannapolis, last Sunday morning.

¶ The Rev. Clyde Tucker, missionary to Chile, home on furlough, will preach at the Mount Herman Methodist Church near Graham, Sunday, November 5, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Hubert H. Hodgins is pastor at Mount Herman.

¶ PREACHER FOR THE fifth Sunday United Christian Service of Churches at Stony Point was the Rev. Kenneth A. Horn, pastor of Stony Point Methodist Church. The worship service was held at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, October 29, in the Tabernacle.

¶ DR. GEORGE SCHREYER of Pfeiffer College spoke twice in the chapel of First Methodist Church, High Point, on "The Meaning of Suffering." His talks were given at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, October 29, and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 30.

¶ Mount Pleasant Methodist Church on the Walkertown road, Winston-Salem, has awarded the contract for a new parsonage. Mr. B. L. Fulp of Walkertown was given the contract. Work is to begin immediately. Rev. G. F. Houck is the pastor.

¶ Providence Methodist church, of the Coal Springs Charge, Statesville district, observed Homecoming last Sunday, October 29. The pastor, Rev. E. D. Cantor, preached at 11:00 o'clock service, and a picnic lunch followed at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

¶ Jonesboro Methodist Church, Rev. Vernon Tyson, pastor, is planning to begin a Capital Funds Campaign to run from January 1 to January 16, 1962, to raise money with which to build a new sanctuary. Rev. Leon L. Blackman of the National Board of Missions will direct the campaign.

¶ Dr. H. G. Allen of Statesville preached at First Methodist Church, Morganton, last Sunday morning. Dr. Allen is listed as a retired member of the Western North Carolina conference, but he is far from being retired, since he is active both in preaching and in representing the conference Brotherhood.

¶ Homecoming services will be held at Marrow's Chapel Methodist Church, Vance county, near Henderson, Sunday, Nov. 12, at 11:00 o'clock. The Lord's Supper will be observed with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Ossman, in charge. A fellowship dinner will follow the service after which a time of hymn singing and reminiscing will be held. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.

¶ **REVIVAL SERVICES** are being conducted this week at the Trinity Methodist Church, Greensboro. Rev. Lawrence Love, Jr., of the Billy Graham evangelistic association, is assisting Rev. Roy Putnam, pastor. Mr. Love has done mission work in Japan, Korea, India, and in South America. Services are being held at 7:30 each evening through Friday, and at 9:00 a.m. over Television Station WFMY, and at 1:00 p.m. a Bible hour will be held at Mayfair Cafeteria.

¶ **REVIVAL SERVICES** will begin at Calvary Methodist Church, Asheboro, Sunday evening, Nov. 5, and run through Nov. 9. Rev. Cecil Hefner, First Church of Asheboro, will preach Sunday night; Rev. Ralph Taylor of High Point, Monday night; Rev. Worth Sweet of Ramseur Tuesday night; Rev. Ron Hall of West Bend Church, Asheboro, Wednesday night; and Rev. Carson Williams, Jr., of Central Church, Asheboro, Thursday night. Rev. L. E. Mabry is pastor of Calvary Church.

¶ Mr. Grover C. Bush, former school principal and superintendent of schools in Caldwell county, died October 6, at the age of 73, and was buried at Colliers Methodist church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sallie Horton Bush, and two sisters, Miss Genelia Bush, and Mrs. W. C. Hartley, both of Lenoir. He had been a member of the University Methodist Church at Chapel Hill and the Robert House Sunday school class for 30 years. He was a cousin of Dr. L. B. Hayes, member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

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Golden Cross Day Observed in Western N. C. Conference

Golden Cross Sunday will be observed in the districts of the Western North Carolina Conference on the following days, according to information we have received:

November 5—Albemarle, Marion, Salisbury and Thomasville Districts.

November 12—Greensboro District.

November 19—North Wilkesboro District.

Thanksgiving Sunday—Waynesville District.

November (no date listed)—Statesville District.

December 24—Winston-Salem District.

January 14—Charlotte and High Point Districts.

Rev. W. Q. Griggs is director of Golden Cross for the conference.

Rev. Roy T. Fouts in Revival At Sharon, Near Winston-Salem

Sharon Church of the Concord-Sharon charge near Winston-Salem has just had a heart-warming experience in a real revival conducted by the Rev. Roy T. Fouts and his wife, also an ordained minister, both of the Western North Carolina Conference, from New Market, Tennessee. Rev. Mr. Fouts is a conference evangelist. Mrs. Fouts' handsome oil paintings illustrating the sermons, as well as her beautiful instrumental numbers, added much to the fine services. Rev. John R. Little is pastor at Sharon.



Regional Pensions Conference Held at Lake Junaluska

Devotions by two Bishops for the regional pensions conference at Lake Junaluska recently both touched on pensions and church employes and their relationship to God.

Bishop Paul Hardin, presiding bishop of the Columbia Methodist Area, told the delegates "all of us need to be reminded that God plays no favorites. God expects us to use the intelligence He has given us to make preparations for tomorrow, both spiritually and materially."

He said the Old Testament theology taught that prosperity was the reward of God and poverty and reversal God's punishment. But, he said, Jesus the Christ taught that goodness was to be sought for no other reason than goodness itself. Yet today, he said, "we don't always attribute prosperity to God, but we still attribute hardship and sickness as punishment from God."

The bishop said we are all subject to the laws of God, nature and men. And, he said, "if you think God plays favorites, remember, God didn't show partiality to His own Son."

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, told the delegates many Christians "get so busy looking after the immediate tasks" they forget to carry forth the work of God.

He said, "the Bible becomes a quarry out of which we dig texts to preach on, and Sunday becomes the day to preach." He said one of the greatest temptations of the Christian church today is "a secularization which takes place under the guise of taking the world for Jesus Christ."

The bishop said too many use "as our measurements the earthly standards instead of the standards of God. We let the social order measure us instead of our measuring them."

The bishop warned against becoming a person who drives ahead with a program at the expense of others. He said we must see the work of the church as a whole. "We've got to look at our work in its perspective. We must realize it is only part of the wider range, the outgoing work of the Kingdom of God."

John M. Tittle, investment counsel for the Methodist General Board of Pensions

from Stein Roe and Farnham, told the delegates from the Southeastern Jurisdiction that pensioners are becoming "disciples of a stable economy."

He predicted that in the future the laboring class, instead of today's present division into crafts, would be divided into those workers who favor a stable economy because of pensions, and those who would push the wage and price spiral higher, regardless of the effect on pensions.

Mr. Tittle said presently pensions cause laborers many hardships. For instance, he said workers 40 years of age and older have difficulty finding jobs because of the effect of their age upon the pension system of a company. And he said pensions are affecting the mobility of the worker, who thinks twice before going to another job since it will usually mean the forfeiture of his pension at the company which he is leaving.

Pension trusts of the General Board of Pensions now total \$100 million at present market values.

The delegates were told how the new hospital and medical expense program covers clergymen during treatment in their homes as well as in the hospital.

Dr. Charles L. Calkins, general secretary of the General Board of Pensions, headed the program. National board members who presided at the sessions included Dr. Adlai C. Holler of Greenville, S. C.; Claude R. Wood of Jacksonville, Ala.; Lowe Watkins of Nashville, Tenn.; Judge Millard F. Pierce of Greenwood, Miss.; and Dr. D. Joseph Imler of Boston, Mass.

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EDITORIALS

Dag Hammarskjöld Awarded Nobel Peace Prize

The influence of a good man never dies, even though he reaches the end of his journey physically. The psalmist gave expression to that kind of faith when he prayed, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." This was very clearly indicated when the Norwegian National Assembly decided recently to give the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously to Dag Hammarskjöld. The monetary value of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1961 is something like 250,232.88 Swedish kroner, or \$48,200. However, the real and treasured value of this high honor cannot be expressed in material things. It comes as an expression of appreciation of invaluable service rendered. Dag Hammarskjöld, as United Nations Secretary General, was devoted to the cause of maintaining peace among the nations of the world. As a matter of fact, he was on such a mission when he lost his life in an airplane accident. "Even though he be dead, yet shall he live." It goes without saying that the peace-loving people in this and future generations will look with gratitude to the unselfish service rendered by this good man. Though in the performance of his duty he lost his life, his example and influence will continue to play an important role in the affairs of men and nations as they strive to solve the problems that confront them and to establish the ideal of human brotherhood among all men.

Let Us Observe World Peace Sunday

A few weeks ago we published a call by the North Carolina Council of Churches asking our citizens to join in prayer for peace and the absence of armed conflict among nations. We now respectfully remind our readers that Sunday, November 5, is designated as World Peace Sunday. This is an especially appropriate time for all Christians of all churches, and even for people of no church affiliation, to join unitedly in earnest prayer to God for the maintenance of world peace. Tensions are high, and we see no way to better conditions unless we as individuals are willing to humble ourselves before Him who is able to "make wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Individuals, families,

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—MATT. 25:40.

churches, and business groups may well afford to be serious about this business. Next Sunday should be observed as a day of prayer for world peace, not only by our nation, but by all the people in every nation. We believe God's ancient promise to Solomon is still in force when he said, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." When we meet the conditions, we can depend upon divine guidance, and then we can say with the psalmist, "The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge." Let us pray!

The Governor's Day of Rest and Worship

We should like to add our approval to the editorial of our esteemed friend and fellow editor, J. Marse Grant, in last week's **Biblical Recorder** with reference to people respecting the Governor's day of rest. We realize that one in political life is subject to all sorts of invitations, and is called upon to perform many and varied tasks. And we can understand how one in such a position of trust, having been elected by the people, would feel a sense of obligation to comply if possible. Before we knew of the editorial referred to above, we had already planned to write one on the subject, having been moved to do so because of what we read about the Southern Furniture Expedition held in High Point on Sunday, October 22. We are not at all convinced that it is necessary to hold such meetings on Sunday. It seems that sufficient time could be found in the other six days of the week for such programs. All too many are contributing to the growing disrespect for the Holy Sabbath by turning it into a day for business instead of a day for worship. North Carolinians remember with gratitude the late Governors Clyde R. Hoey and J. Melville Broughton, both of whom devoted their Sundays to teaching regularly a large class of men in their re-

spective church schools. Because their use of the Sabbath day was so well known they were not besieged with invitations to devote their energies to secular matters. The personal privacies of religious fellowship should not be invaded, and our political leaders should not be deprived from freely exercising that privilege. They need times for quiet meditation and worship if they are to face their tasks with clarity of mind and render their best service. Let's respect their day of rest and worship.

We Salute Wesleyan College And Its First President

A young man who has proved his ability as an administrator and an untiring worker in whatever position he may be placed was inaugurated last Wednesday as the first president of North Carolina Wesleyan College at Rocky Mount. The Reverend Thomas Asa Collins is one of the younger men of the North Carolina Conference, and he has come to be regarded as one of the ablest of his group. He served effectively in the pastorate, and then became executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. In this position he led in the organization and establishment of more Methodist churches in a five-year period in the North Carolina Conference than anyone else in any other conference in American Methodism. When the newly created Wesleyan College began looking around for the right person to head that institution, it soon settled upon Mr. Collins as its selection. Since taking over the responsibility of president he has shown wisdom and exercised good judgment both in the building of the physical plant and in assembling a faculty of ability. We predict continued growth under the leadership of a president whose every ability is dedicated to the building of an institution of sound learning dominated by Christian ideals.

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Miss Barbara Leonard on Tour of Colleges and Universities

Miss Barbara (Bobbi) Leonard of Salisbury, who returned this fall from three year's service as a Methodist missionary to the Philippines, has joined seven other Christian mission workers for a nationwide tour of 325 colleges and universities.

Miss Leonard, who volunteered for work among primitive head-hunters in the Philippine mountains near San Mateo, will be part of four two-person teams who will tell the college students about their work. Nationals of other nations, deaconesses, Board of Missions staff members and other U. S. missionaries on furlough comprise the eight.

The tour is being co-sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement and the Methodist Board of Missions.

Francis Asbury And The Big Change

Francis Asbury sailed from England on September 4, 1771, on a rugged, fifty-three day voyage to the American colonies, reaching Philadelphia on October 27, 1771. Thus, October 27, 1961 marks the 190th anniversary of Asbury's arrival in America for missionary work.

Francis Asbury, preacher for a decade, sent by John Wesley at twenty six, was to become first bishop of American Methodism at thirty-nine, first bishop of any church consecrated in America, virtual creator of American Methodism and "The Prophet of the Long Road." He was to travel 270,000 miles (more than Wesley), preach 16,000 sermons, carry on voluminous correspondence, preside at 224 conferences, write a large journal and give the nation forty-five years of highly active leadership, never returning to his homeland. And he did yet other works.

From 1771, onset of "The Long Road," to its end, on March 31, 1816, in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, Asbury saw several major changes in America. Volumes are required to recount the incredibly useful life, crowded with privations, defeats, hardships and struggles, and they have been written, by Tipple, Strickland, Smith, Briggs, Du Bose and Duren, to list several biographers. Bishop Paul N. Garber added a fascinating account of Asbury and his colleagues' work in *The Romance of American Methodism* thirty years ago. Asbury's incomparable energy observations jostle for attention and space in his famous *Journal*.

What, in too-brief sketch, were some big changes to move in the background of his life and work? How did he relate to them in the formative stages of several aspects of the nation's life, as a leader, guide, inspirer and expediter?

Large population growth. The first federal census showed less than four million citizens in 1790; slightly over five million in 1800; more than seven million in 1810 and more than nine million in 1820. Asbury knew of this vigorous growth. The unchurched, fast-moving, westward-moving had to be reached with the gospel. To that end Asbury consistently directed concern, leadership and effort. He must keep up with them, or direct his preachers to do so.

Establishment and growth of government. From a loose group of thirteen colonies, through a revolution and peaceful years, Asbury watched a nation grow, with a federal government, toward a "more perfect union." New states entered the union: Vermont (1791), Kentucky (1792); Tennessee (1796); Ohio (1803); Louisiana (1812); and Indiana (1816). The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 doubled the size of the nation. In years of strife, he, being of British origin, was held in suspicion, and spent some time in retirement.

Growth of church leadership. His preachers limited in numbers and education, Asbury moved to recruit ministers, those who were to become Circuit Riders in later decades. Years of revolution were years of growth. In 1775 Methodism had 24 preachers; in 1783 it had 82. Asbury ordained about 4,000 men in his thirty years as bishop. Coke and Whatcoat joined Asbury as bishops.

Transition from wilderness to beginnings of cultural advancement. Industrial Revolution lent advantages to the nation. Slater produced machines in 1790. The cotton gin sprang up. Asbury had his horse on roads, books and tools of culture in saddlebags and Good News in his heart and on his lips. He personally introduced fragments of culture in hundreds of homes, where he was welcome. Schools and colleges he founded are located in several states. He and his colleagues strove to give back woodsmen and pioneers some fragments

of learning and more. The frontier could not become a Greece or Rome overnight, in a decade, or a generation, but it could move in that direction. Tipple's biography of him recounts his wide reading to increase his own knowledge for he had not college or seminary training. Asbury's work was a shaft of light in wilderness darkness; he was a Horace Mann in the saddle. Martin Ruter, "Pioneer in Methodist Education," was to come later.

Asbury's amazing contribution to the founding, growth and welfare of America's early days was enormous. The U. S. Government in recent years requested his *Journal* be edited anew and copies placed in U. S. Information agencies around the world, to show the quality of his contribution to America and the world. He was the "Wesley of the Western World."

At the unveiling of the Asbury Equestrian Monument in Washington, D. C., President Coolidge spoke of him: "What a wonderful experience he must have had, this prophet of the wilderness! Who shall say where his influence, written upon the immortal souls of men, shall end?"

While east population, political, social, educational and cultural changes occurred, the most significant he lived through and in which he had immeasurable large part, was the change in the people's hearts. He rejoiced, as the Master, over a lost sheep's return to the fold, for there were countless thousands of conversions. These he helped wrought with God's help—through disciplines of prayer, preaching, Scripture study, imaginative leadership and brilliant living sermon of personal example. His role as evangelist was no mean one.

The big change fulfilled his purpose in

coming to our shores; his *Journal*, begun on shipboard 190 years ago, reads: "Whither am I going? To the New World. What to do? To gain honour? No; if I know my own heart. To get money? No; I am going to live to God, and bring others so to do."

Francis Asbury, "Shakespeare of the Church," beginning his initial American sermon on October 28, 1771, at Old St. George's Church, still standing in Philadelphia, as a shrine, fought mightily and triumphantly to establish "a colony of heaven" on our continent, for in Dr. Umphrey Lee's title phrase, "Our Fathers and Us." The nation will not soon be sufficiently grateful, for it knows too little of him and his work.

—GRADY L. CARROLL.

Postpone Convocation

The College of Bishops of the Central Jurisdiction has announced the postponement of a Central Jurisdiction Convocation which will consider ways of aiding the Methodist Church achieve "racial inclusiveness." The convocation was set for Nov. 20-22 in Cincinnati. A new date is expected to be set by the bishops when they meet in November.

The postponement was necessary to give several committees more time to study, gather data, and adequately prepare for the convocation, said Bishop Charles F. Golden, general chairman of the convocation and head of the Nashville-Birmingham Area.

North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign

Note What Bishop Harmon Says:



OUR NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE is of tremendous help to our Conference and to its every agency. All our people ought to take this paper so as to keep up with the running of the church and with many matters in which they may be greatly interested. Every Methodist ought to see to it that as part of his annual contribution to the church, he pays his subscription to his church paper.

I do trust that in all our homes this paper will come week by week to speak for the church, and to alert our people on all matters concerning which they should be fully informed.

NOLAN B. HARMON
Bishop

A number of our Methodist pastors have recognized their responsibility to the conference *ADVOCATE* and have sent in acceptances on the minimum goals suggested. Join this noble band of *ADVOCATE* boosters and send in your acceptance now. Make glad the heart of your bishop, district superintendent, and your *ADVOCATE* editor by extending this helping hand now. It is easy to reach these goals; it is extremely important to your *ADVOCATE*.

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NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Methodist College Observes Second Founders' Day

Governor Terry Sanford was the speaker for the second annual observance of Founders' Day at Methodist College, November 1. The program was held at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union lounge on the college campus.

Mr. Sanford was elected on July 3, 1956, as the first chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, a position which he continues to hold. Under his leadership as Board chairman, initial plans were laid for the beginning of the new college which was officially chartered by the state of North Carolina on November 1, 1956.

In February of 1957, a 600-acre site was turned over to the college by the Fayetteville College Foundation; and in June of the same year, Lucius Stacy Weaver, superintendent of Durham City Schools, was elected as the college's first president.

Ground was broken for the first building on August 26, 1958, and on September 19, 1960, the first classes began. On that same day, the formal opening of the college was conducted in the Student Union at 10:30 a.m., with Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Methodist Church as the principal speaker.

The first year officially opened with 132 students; and the first Founders' Day was observed October 31, 1960.

As this second Founders' Day is observed, the college has 314 students, an administrative and teaching staff of 21, and 21 service personnel.

Present buildings consist of a Classroom Building, Science Building, Student Union-Cafeteria, and two dormitories. All of the buildings, except the dormitories, are built to accommodate a student body of 1200.

New dormitory facilities will be ready for next fall, with the library being the next building to be constructed in the academic group.

Participating in the Founders' Day program with Governor Sanford were the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, district superintendent of the Raleigh District of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Both Eubank and Hathaway are trustees of the college. Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, presided and presented a portion of the program entitled "Retrospect and Prospect."

Following the morning exercises, a luncheon was served in the college dining hall for the trustees and their wives or husbands, after which the Board convened for the annual fall meeting.

♦ ♦ ♦ Autumn

Autumn leaves are falling,
Up in the hills around;
Autumn leaves are falling,
Upon the cold, bleak ground.
Marauding winds are howling—
Naught of other sounds.
December days are coming,
Autumn will be gone,
Yielding naught but bareness,
Stillness—and forlorn.

—J. D. YOUNG

Pfeiffer College Trustees Hold Important Board Meeting

Pfeiffer College's newly organized Board of Trustees on Monday authorized its executive committee to explore financing and plans for a million dollar plus Student Union building. The trustees also authorized its executive committee to develop a plan which would solve the college's water problem.

Pfeiffer College president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, told board members that the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency, Atlanta, had reserved \$908,000 for loan to assist in the financing of a student union building on the condition that the college itself secure from \$250,000 to \$300,000 in cash to assist in financing the project.

The meeting was the first under a recent reorganization of the Board of Trustees and was attended by over 30 trustees. The Board renamed Charlotte Attorney Paul Ervin as chairman; Mrs. J. N. Rodeheaver, Winona Lake, Ind., first vice-chairman; and Mrs. H. C. Vaughn, Columbus, Ohio, as treasurer. It also named Rev. Julian Lindsay, Lexington, second vice-chairman and L. D. Coltrane, Concord, secretary.

Coltrane, president of the Concord Telephone Company, was named to fill the term of the late Ben Smith, Greensboro.

Chairman Ervin told board members that the newly established plan of co-sponsorship of the 880-student liberal arts college by both the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference and Methodist women "will offer sources of strength which will enable the institution to make an even greater contribution to the state, nation and church."

In other actions the board named an executive committee composed of the officers of the board plus John Fraley, Cherryville, E. B. Stone, and Arthur P. Harris, both of Charlotte; approved the report of a joint faculty-trustee committee to award the honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees to Dr. Garfield Merner, San Francisco, and to Mrs. Harry James, New York, both long-time trustees and patrons of the college; approved a budget of \$1,226,000 for the current year, largest in the history of the college.

Received news of a conditional grant of \$5,000 from the Methodist Board of Higher Education for the addition of library space provided the college secure \$10,000 to cover the planned \$15,000 cost.

Gave consideration of a plan to secure approximately \$30,000 for new instructional equipment for the Division of Natural Sciences.

Approved an increase of \$50 in tuition and general expense fees for students for the 1962-63 year, the added income being assigned to improve faculty salaries.

Received a detailed report from Hartsell Cash of the Trust Department of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company on invested funds of the college, and a report from Mrs. Vaughn, college treasurer, on the financial condition of the college. Mrs. Vaughn noted that the college operated with a surplus of \$3,400 during the past year.

Commended the academic program of the college as reported by Dean Cameron West;

gave a warm endorsement and commendation to the program of the Student Personnel Deans; and received with approval a report which stated that the 1961 freshman class ranked well above average in ability when compared with other colleges and universities in the south.

Observed with regret the serious illness of Mrs. Harry James, long-time trustee, and offered its respect to the family of the late Ben Smith, long-time friend of the college and member of the Board of Trustees.

Rocky Mount District MYF News

On Sunday, October 8, the fall rally of the Rocky Mount District MYF was held on the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College with more than three hundred youth attending.

The speaker for the afternoon was Rev. Conrad Glass, Jr., Conference Director of Youth Work, who spoke on the topic, "The Job of The District MYF." In his talk Mr. Glass mentioned several ways by which local groups can receive help from the District MYF.

Refreshments were served 'Dutch Treat' in the new Soda Shop on the campus. Then Mr. Glass directed a short period of fellowship singing.

Following this period of fellowship, President Glenda Pittman was in charge of the election of officers for 1961-1962. The new officers are:

President: Bob Smith of Rocky Mount.
Vice-President: Glenn Hemmerle of Rocky Mount.

Secretary: Linda Lamm of Elm City.
Treasurer: Susan Kay Beasley of Tarboro.

Publicity Chairman: Betsy Neese of Roanoke Rapids.

These officers met on Saturday, October 21, in Rocky Mount for the purpose of selecting Area Chairmen. The newly appointed Area Chairmen are:

Faith—Johnny Crossno of Enfield.
Witness—Al Stallings of Roanoke Rapids
Outreach—Larry Lamm of Wilson.
Citizenship—Kay Panton of Milwaukee.
Fellowship—Joe Ann Whitehurst of Bethel.

Rev. John Sutton, Jr., of Littleton is the District Director of Youth Work.

The Rocky Mount District MYF is looking forward to a very successful year under the leadership of these officers.

Ask Gifts for Poland

Methodist ministers and their families in Poland are in dire need of funds for food, clothing and other means of sustenance, Dr. J. A. Engle of New York reports. Dr. Engle is general secretary of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions.

"We need desperately 59 Christmas Advance Specials of \$50 each for relief of Polish pastors," said Dr. Engle, who visited Poland in August. "The money will be distributed through the channels of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (MCOR)."

Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland to Speak in Charlotte Nov. 12

Methodist Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Lincoln, Neb., will be keynote speaker for the annual meeting of the Charlotte Methodist District Mission Society Nov. 12 in First Methodist Church, Charlotte.

The Mission Society is the organization which has spurred the starting of 24 new Methodist congregations since its beginning 20 years ago. The district today has 63 churches with 31,125 members.

Bishop Copeland, who presides over the Nebraska Area, is one of Methodism's newest bishops, having been elected in 1960 by delegates to the South Central Methodist Jurisdiction.

Dr. Embree Blackard, Charlotte district superintendent, said a capacity audience is expected for First Church's 1,500-seat sanctuary. The program, he said, will feature a review of the work of the Mission Society, certain other features, and the sermon by Bishop Copeland.

For eight years Bishop Copeland served on the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, and for 11 years was chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

Prior to being elected a bishop, he served as pastor of Travis Park Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, for 11 years, the longest term any pastor has served in that pulpit.

The bishop is author of *A Primer of Beliefs for Methodist Laymen*, as well as numerous articles and sermons in periodicals and church papers.

Presently he is chairman of the Division of Peace and World Order of the Methodist Church, as well as being a member of the Methodist Church's Board of Missions, the Division of World Missions, the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

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The Holiness of Beauty

The autumn leaf is a falling one

In life's foray,

That our earth might be enriched

By its decay;

Yet e'er it falls from its place

If living duty,

God touches it with glorious hue,

The holiness of beauty.

The ugliest thing that invades the

Homes of men is death,

The gruesomest sound in all the world

Is a loved one's last breath,

But the radiant soul, as its last

Human duty

Illumines the dying face with a smile—

The holiness of beauty.

—O. L. EASTER

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Appointment

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon has authorized the appointment of Samuel Belton Bridges to the Camp Ground Charge, Albemarle District, effective November 1, 1961.

W. JACKSON HUNEYUTT,
District Superintendent



Division of Peace and World Order November 6-7

Development of strategy for intensified action for peace, prompted by the current international crisis, will dominate a special meeting of the Methodist Church's Division of Peace and World Order, November 6 and 7 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Calling of the meeting followed a plea from leaders of the division's parent body, the Board of Christian Social Concerns, that peace efforts be given priority among the board's continuing concerns—temperance, race relations, economic welfare and others. Peace and world order already was scheduled among the church's emphases for this year in the quadrennium.

The division, some 30 ministers and laymen, will meet at the Blackstone Hotel, under chairmanship of Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Lincoln, Nebraska. Head of the staff is Herman Will, Jr., of Washington, D. C.

Monday a dinner is planned at Omaha's First Methodist Church, followed by a worship service, an address by the Rev. Dr. Frank Court, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln, and discussion of Christian responsibility in the international crisis. Formulation of plans for action will occupy Tuesday morning.

Is Nature's Beauty Ending?

Does all this perfect blending

Of colors on the trees

Mean beauty's certain ending

With coming of winter's freeze?

Ah, no! Quite soon thereafter

Will come the burst of spring—

With life, and love, and laughter,

While children play and sing.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

Pfeiffer College Receives First Check from WNC Conference

Pfeiffer College this week received the first check representing annual financial support of the college from the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. Dr. Carl King, left, Statesville, in making the presentation to Pfeiffer College president, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, noted that during the current fiscal year, the support from Methodist churches in western North Carolina would provide the college with funds in excess of \$25,000. Sharing in the presentation are Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Evanston, Ill., national leader of Methodist women and long-time trustee of the college, and Professor Mary F. Floyd of the college faculty. The Western North Carolina Methodists voted to co-sponsor the college with Methodist women at their annual conference in June.

W. Jasper Smith Attends Alaska University Board Meeting

W. Jasper Smith, business manager of N. C. Wesleyan College, left Thursday morning by plane for Anchorage, Alaska, for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alaska University. He was invited by the university to attend the meeting as consultant in the financing and building fields. He will confer with the trustees, the administrative officers, and the Long Range Planning Committee of the university.

Mr. Smith, who was a prominent business man in Bethel before coming with Wesleyan College in 1956, has long been active in business and church circles. He is a member of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

Alaska University is one of three Methodist institutions started by the Methodists in the last five years. The other two are North Carolina Wesleyan College and Methodist College in Fayetteville.



The above group constitute the officers of Pisgah Methodist men. Front Row, left to right: Rev. H. R. Wilkinson. Second Row: Crosby Crews, R. B. Jones, J. W. Nelson, J. C. Petticord. Third Row: Joe Weavil, Don McGee, Howard Foster, M. E. Motsinger, Jr. and Wade Crews.

Pisgah Methodist Men Get Charter

The men of Pisgah Methodist church near Kernersville had their charter meeting in the dining hall of the church at 8:00 a. m. on Sunday, October 22. Breakfast was served to 60 men of the church and the community. 47 men joined, signed the charter and received their lapel pins.

Mr. Bill Vanhoy and Mr. Orville Dillon, of the Morris Chapel Methodist Men, were speakers. The officers were installed by the Pastor, the Rev. Howard R. Wilkinson. Mr. M. F. Motsinger, Jr., is president of the newly organized group. Other officers are: Wade Crews and Lee Barrow, vice-presidents; Don McGee, secretary; J. W. Nelson, treasurer; Howard Foster, chairman of devotions; Crosby Crews, chairman of project committee; J. C. Petticord, chairman of membership committee; R. B. Jones, publicity committee; Joe Weavil, reporter.

Pisgah church is six miles east of Winston-Salem on old 421. It was organized in 1893. The present building, the third, was completed in August 1960, during the ministry of Rev. F. Doyle Freeman.

The men are very enthusiastic about the new club, and are already working on several projects; one of which is the sponsoring of a Boy Scout Troop.

School Going Strong

Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City, Mo., reports 142 students from 21 states and three foreign countries at the opening of the 1961-62 academic year. Six denominations other than The Methodist Church are represented in the student body. This is the first year the new seminary, headed by President Don W. Holter, has had all three classes represented in the student body. The school (formerly known as National Methodist Theological Seminary) opened its doors in 1959 with first-year students only.

John Wesley and Reading

"The Methodists may be poor, but they need not be ignorant."

Thus John Wesley gave the world one clue to his beliefs about "the people called Methodists" of his day. Though a graduate of Oxford University, he did not regard his education completed when he had taken his two degrees; he was an omnivorous reader throughout his lengthy life. Early he assumed the responsibility for keeping informed on an extensive variety of topics, in spite of being one of the busiest men of his century. In truth, his literary taste was cosmopolitan, although he once stated that he was a man of One Book. The Scriptures and the writings of the classical authors—Homer, Demosthenes, Lucian, Vergil, Horace and Plato—made up a large measure of his reading diet. Writings of men nearer his own time—Shakespeare, Milton, Dryden, Locke, Gray and Swift—made up another part of it. Little time did he spend within walls of libraries; he, as did his brother Charles, learned to read on horseback. In later years, shelves were installed in his coach for containing reading material for long journeys that made cobwebs of lines traversing the British Isles. His *Journal* furnishes abundant evidences of this reading, plus critical notes on many of the selections. At least one authority has stated that he was one of the best informed men of his day, due in part, no doubt, to this activity.

Wesley encouraged and expected his co-workers, the lay preachers, to read. He supplemented this encouragement by drawing up specifications for their so doing. Books for their use may still be seen in his native land. Personal enrichment and broader knowledge, for those who were without benefits of advanced formal education, was what he desired of those willing to push forward the Evangelical Revival. For one who would not adopt this practice of reading, he suggested that he leave the ministry. Bishop Francis Asbury,

spreading his name across the American scene in later decades, was of like mind about reading and study; he promoted these activities, especially that of reading the Scriptures. He regarded the Scriptures as the primary textbook of preachers. Bishop Paul N. Garber in his book *The Romance of American Methodism* indicates that Asbury decided early in life to read at least six of its chapters daily. Asbury's saddlebag full of books and reading matter for distribution comes to mind almost as readily as does his horse, at the mention of his name.

There were yet others for whom he advocated reading. For the common man, the partially literate folks, miners, laborers and farmers, Wesley prepared diverse reading matter—whether in Fetter Lane, Bristol, Manchester or Dublin. He edited, prepared and distributed many pamphlets for the poor—in clear, straight-forward style, for the cultivation of their minds and spirits, since universal education was not a fact of his century. Of *Separation from the Church*, *Thoughts on Memory*, *Thoughts Upon Taste*, *Calvinistic Controversy*, *Remarks on the Limits of Human Knowledge*, *Thoughts on the Power of Music* and *Of the Gradual Improvement of Natural Philosophy* all came from the same Wesleyan pen. He regarded this as no small part of his total mission as a Christian educator.

Wesley, by reading for personal cultivation and enrichment, advancement of Christian education and for very wise use of limited leisure time, set a fine example. This little scholar established a practice that modern Methodists cannot neglect, for the times are complex, challenging and perilous. The need for better understanding of the peoples and issues of our time could hardly be greater.

For full, enriched living in the service of the Kingdom, Wesley prized highly and strove almost daily for the warm heart linked to the educated mind.

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A Sermon Built of Grass

The power of God burst upon my mind
In the bursting of the milkweed pod;
I knew He could build a mountain

And form the sea,
But since I am so small I wondered
If a God so big ever could see and save me;
Until in the fall of the year,
I saw God's massive hand lay open
This tiny pod,
To sow the milkweed seed that grows
In my garden sod.

The beauty of God burst upon my eyes
In the silken parachutes that glistened
therein;

Never a prettier creation was spun
In the mills of men.

Since beauty is the joy of living
I wondered if a God so big had beauty,
Until across the color-splashed woods
And fields,
I saw God sowing the silvery seed that the
Pod of the milkweed yields.

—O. L. EASTER

Items of Interest From Gold Hill Charge

Gold Hill Methodist Church is now adding improvements to the church building and property that includes a new well, new plumbing fixtures and one large Sunday school room that may be converted into two rooms when needed.

The work is under the direction of Ralph W. Peeler, a layman at Gold Hill. The estimated cost is \$3,000 completed. Much of the labor and some material is donated.

Gordon L. Goodson, a longtime lay leader in the Gastonia district and in the Western North Carolina conference, gave an inspiring message on the subject, "Ye are Witnesses" at Bethlehem Methodist Church on Layman's Sunday, and at Gold Hill delivered a message on Stewardship on the same Sunday. Layman's day was observed on October 22.

The following certified lay speakers from the Gold Hill-Bethlehem charge spoke on layman's day. Glenn Culp from Bethlehem spoke at Rock Grove, Frank Kirk at Zion, and Ervin McCulloch at Yadkin.

Rev. Maynard E. Seehorn is pastor of the Gold Hill charge.



Christian Social Concerns Hold Meeting in Raleigh

The Board of Christian Social Concerns of the North Carolina Conference met Saturday, October 14, at Edenton Street Church, Raleigh. Twenty members were present. Also six visitors, including Rev. Gene Little, Rev. E. F. Bradley, and Rev. H. C. Young, Jr., of the Western North Carolina Conference Board; Rev. Glenn Brooks of the North Carolina Conference, Central Jurisdiction; Rev. James Reynolds of the Virginia Conference Board, and Emerson Smith, director of the Department of Economic Life of the Division of Human Relations and Economic Affairs of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mr. Smith, featured speaker at the meeting, presented a general orientation for social concerns under five major headings: (1) The church should have a total gospel that ministers to the total man in the total world scene; (2) The Judeo-Christian tradition has a strong ethical aspect; (3) The church should work for legislation in all social areas; (4) The basic theological presuppositions behind Christian social work in social concerns are: respect for all persons as God's children; belief in the freedom of man to choose and will to change society for the better; and a belief that justice and equality for all men are God given rights; (5) The church must labor to develop adequate concepts of work and service together with the related concept of leisure time.

Rev. Jack Crum, secretary, reported on action taken in developing a UN Church Center in New York and a new administration building in Washington. He also reported on the peace program which is the emphasis for 1961-1962. Plans for Tri-District meetings on January 3 at Chapel Hill for Burlington, Durham, and Raleigh districts; January 4 at Clinton for Goldsboro, Fayetteville, and Wilmington districts; and January 5 at Greenville for

Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, and New Bern districts.

Definite items which the group selected to begin work on included: a convocation of Christian Social Concerns which will cross conference and jurisdictional lines in scope; interconference training of district directors; an exchange of representatives at board and division meetings.

Dr. C. D. Barclift, a member of the General Board of Christian Concerns, reported on the action of the general board in buying property across from the United Nations at a cost of \$450,000 and in contracting for the construction of a UN church center there. He also reported on other resolutions and actions of the general board.

It is planned to have an overnight meeting of the executive committee in January or February.

Rev. Gene H. Little Attended National Conference in Ohio

The Rev. Gene H. Little of Rural Hall, is one of 3,000 delegates who attended the National Council of Churches' second National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare, October 22-27 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Little also participated in workshop sessions sponsored by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church.

Conferees examined the church's policies, programs and practices in the social welfare field. They are exploring new forms of expressing the church's social responsibility, the relationship of church-related programs to community planning and public policy and providing the opportunity for sharing experiences in employing the resources of the Christian faith in service to fellowmen.

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A friend is one who knows all about you, and likes you just the same.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill" Poster By Upper Room

A new poster, titled "Thou Shalt Not Kill," has been released by *The Upper Room*, world-wide daily devotional guide published at National, Tennessee.

This poster is different from the series regularly issued by that publication. The large poster illustration in duotone color, depicts the results of a tragic highway accident. The copy, in part says, "When Moses recorded the commandment, Thou shalt Not Kill, there were no automobiles. Now motorists cause more deaths than murderers—If we truly love our neighbor we will try to protect him from injury or death."

The picture on the poster is a prize-winning photograph by Lou DeDecker of *Chicago's American*. Author of the poster copy is Hassal T. Sullivan, news editor of that newspaper.

The Upper Room is published in 38 editions, 32 languages with two new other language editions now in prospect. It is circulated in more than 100 countries of the world. It is estimated that ten million persons read *The Upper Room* daily.

New Church Organized in Marion District

On Sunday night, Oct. 22, a new Methodist church was organized at Columbus, in the Marion District. The church begins with 12 charter members. It was organized in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, two and one-half miles out of Columbia, where the Methodists have been holding services for some time.

According to Dr. Fletcher Nelson, district superintendent, the new church is now in the process of securing a piece of property on which it hopes to have a Methodist church building sometime next year.

Methodists Well Represented In World Council Assembly

The Methodist Church will be represented in the coming Assembly of the World Council of Churches by 44 official delegates. Nineteen of the list live outside the U.S.A.

Thirty-four other delegates from fourteen independent bodies will bring the total representation of Methodism's family of churches to 78.

British Methodists will have ten delegates: Australian Methodists will send four. The Methodist churches of New Zealand and of South Africa each will have two. Seven smaller overseas Methodist bodies have been assigned one each. The three U. S. Negro churches, A.M.E., A. M. E. Zion, and C. M. E., were allotted four, three and two delegates, respectively.

MEET IN INDIA'S CAPITAL CITY

This third Assembly of the World Council of Churches will draw to New Delhi, India, 625 official delegates from 176 religious bodies—Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox. Observers, advisors, fraternal delegates and special guests will bring the number of participants to at least a thousand.

Most of the meetings will be held in the Vigyan Bhavan, a conference hall built by the government for a session of UNESCO. Seven services open to the public are scheduled in the adjacent Shamiana, a tent that will seat 3,000.

For 18 days, beginning November 19, these world churchmen "will seek to find how Jesus Christ is the world's true light in every part of the complex life of today."

Among the "observers" at the Assembly will be five named by the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity. This is the first time that Roman Catholics have been authorized by their church to attend such meetings.

On the opening day the 13-year-old World Council of Churches and the 40-year-old International Missionary Council will become integrated if delegates sanction plans that in preliminary negotiations have had general approval.

Likely to provoke debate will be the proposal that the Russian Orthodox Church, long isolated inside the U.S.S.R., be made a member church.

In addition to the 43 official delegates of the Methodist Church elected by the 1960 General Conference certain others will have official Assembly status. Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston is a delegate by appointment of the International Missionary Council. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, N. C., new secretary of the World Methodist Council, is a fraternal delegate. "Official Guests" of the Assembly include Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, retired, of St. Louis, Dr. W. Riehey Hogg, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Howard W. Yoder, New York. Four Methodists classify as "Advisors." They are Miss Marion Derby, Dr. Gerald Knoff, and Dr. Floyd Shacklock, all of New York, and the Rev. James Lawson, Shelbyville, Tenn. Methodist "Youth Consultants" include Walker Adams Bush, Los Angeles; Miss Caroline Louise Dickerson, Washington, D. C.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Let them grow together until harvest"—Matt. 13:30.

We have to take new converts into an imperfect church. My parents could not wait till the older ones were perfect before letting me come into the family. I would not have been born yet.

The church is a museum where we show off the relics. They showed the skull of Oliver Cromwell. One of the visitors said, "You showed that back there." But, said the guide, "That was when he was a boy." So we show off some old saints with the young ones who don't believe in Santa Claus or nothing. But if all were perfect who would make it interesting?

The church is a hospital. We have some members suffering from galloping consumption all the way from the mountains to the coast. Others follow the Scripture injunction where it says: "Drink no more water."

Why don't we turn the rascals out? Because we cannot get a jury. Why not let the preachers turn them out? What I am thinking now must not go to print.

Glenwood Church, Greensboro In "Forward Step" Movement

Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro, is this week engaged in an effort to raise \$100,000 in four days with which to build a new sanctuary and additional educational facilities for its church plant. A banquet was held on Monday evening to which everyone was invited. The next four days are to be spent in the solicitation of funds under the direction of the Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, of the Conference Board of Missions, who is leading in this program. The Rev. James E. Rink, the minister, and his church officials have been hard at work for some time in perfecting the organization for this "Forward Step" movement which is called "A Venture in Faith."

Glenwood Church has an education building, constructed some years ago, and now proposes to add a new sanctuary to replace the present place of worship.

Religious Television Programs To Be Used Overseas

One of the most widely viewed—and used—religious television programs will gain several new audiences this fall, both in the U. S. and overseas.

Kinescopes of the course on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," one of several in the series by Dr. Edward W. Bauman, have been purchased by the U. S. Air Force for use by its Protestant chaplains. The 13-week course will begin in November at bases in Europe, the Middle East and Alaska, with college credit available in some instances. The film lectures will be led by the chaplains, and the training will include lecturers, field trips, reading assignments, term papers and final examination.

Fellowship Across Barriers

Because of questions raised about the Russian Orthodox Church's application for membership in the World Council of Churches, the Committee on Ecumenical Consultation, named by the 1960 Methodist General Conference, has made a special study of the matter and has released a statement through its chairman, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, of Des Moines, Iowa.

The statement is, "for consideration of the 43 delegates of the Methodist Church to the World Council Assembly, convening in New Delhi, India, in November, as well as to the general public."

In its statement, the Methodist committee points out that the World Council of Churches is a religious body, and as such, it judges application for membership on a religious basis.

"Applications for membership," the statement goes on to say, "are not judged by the kind of government under which a church may live. Nor does membership imply an endorsement of any particular form of government (or governmental policy) by the WCC."

The committee points out that the Russian Church, despite unrelenting pressures, has "unceasingly maintained Christian worship in that land." The committee views the application of the Russian Orthodox Church as a sign of its desire—and need—for "the aid and strength it may receive from such an association."

The committee expresses the belief that the entrance of the Russian church into the WCC would do much toward strengthening the ties between the World Council and the great body of eastern Orthodox Christians.

"We rejoice," the statement concludes "that in a world divided into hostile camps and living dangerously near the brink of war, it is possible through the WCC to have sustained fellowship with Christians which reaches across almost every kind of political barrier in our time. In the providence of God, this may be a powerful force for reconciliation and peace."

In Memoriam

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Bessemer Methodist Church wishes to pay tribute to the loving memory of Mrs. E. D. Grubb.

Mrs. Grubb was a charter member of her church and also of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She loyally accepted the office of president of her Society several times as well as other offices later. While she was secretary of Missionary Education the study groups often met in her hospitable home. The Woman's Society of Christian Service honored her several years ago with the presentation of a Life Service Pin commemorating her faithfulness. She was teacher of the Melvin Bible Class for years.

The church as a whole will miss her influence as they commit her to her heavenly Father's care.

MRS. CLAUDE W. BAILEY, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service

**Parents' Day Held at
Louisburg College**

Around 300 parents attended Parents' Day at Louisburg College last Wednesday, November 1, according to Roland E. Home, chairman of the Faculty-Parents Committee.

The program began with a chapel service at 10:00 o'clock in the Auditorium-Classroom Building with Dr. Gunter F. Summer, Bible professor as the speaker. At eleven o'clock parents visited classes or attended a reading demonstration. Lunch for parents and students was served from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Benjamin N. Duke College Union. Another class period and reading demonstration began at 1:00 p. m. At 2:00 o'clock the group gathered for an organizational meeting. During the hour, brief messages were brought by President C. W. Robbins, Dean John B. York W. N. McDonald, director of student activities and C. W. Goldston, director of religious activities. At three o'clock an informal Parents-Faculty Tea was held in the lounges of the Auditorium-Classroom Building to round out the day's events.

Rev. Samuel S. Moore of Raleigh has been named chairman of the Louisburg College Parents Association and a number of parents of students are being asked to serve as sponsors of the organization.

**Unique Money-Raising Project
By Fraternity at High Point**

The Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at High Point College used a novel approach for raising money for a scholarship. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the fraternity sponsored a "car-washing" project. The men bought a 1952 Ford from a junk dealer for \$10, and for 25c, a person could get in a mighty whack with a sledgehammer. Dr. Wendell Patton, college president and Mayor Carson Stout of High Point took the initial demolishing swings.

Proceeds of the project are to be used to establish a scholarship for some deserving student at High Point College. Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity. Al Thompson of Hamlet, is chapter president and Frank Phillips of Charlotte, is projects chairman.

**Methodist Youth Fund Shows
Increase During Past Year**

Giving to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled \$937,228 last fiscal year, an increase of nearly 16 percent over the previous year.

The fund, contributed by Methodist youth, helps missions, Christian education, and youth work around the world.

The announcement was made by Miss Emeline Crane, Nashville, who promotes the fund. She reported to the Methodist Joint Committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields, which had its annual meeting in Nashville October 19.

The Methodist Youth Fund has increased every year since it was established 20 years ago.

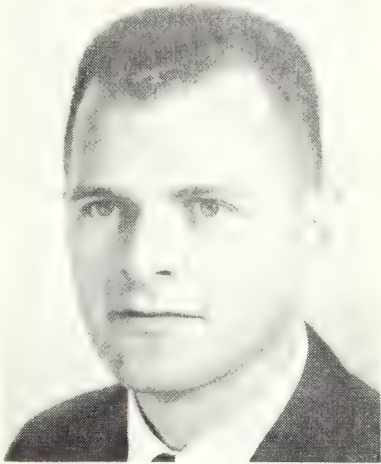
Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, chairman of the joint committee, presided at the meeting.

**Rev. Robert B. Claytor New
Assistant Chaplain at Duke**

The Rev. Robert B. Claytor has been appointed to the newly established position of assistant chaplain to Duke Hospital.

He also will be associated with the Duke University Divinity School as chaplain supervisor for hospital clinical work involved in pastoral care courses.

Duke Hospital Superintendent Charles H. Frenzel said that the position of assistant chaplain was established because of



the increasing demand for chaplaincy services as part of the over-all program of care for hospital patients.

The Rev. Mr. Claytor will assist the Rev. Wesley Aitken, chaplain to Duke Hospital. Commenting on the new position, Chaplain Aitken said that it will "not only provide a more extensive pastoral ministry to patients but also will permit needed expansion of the training program for ministers."

Claytor, a native of Bluefield, W. Va., holds the A. B. degree from Berea College. He received the B.D. degree from the Duke Divinity School in 1960 and the Master of Theology degree this year.

While a student in the Divinity School, he took internship and residence training in hospital chaplaincy under Chaplain Aitken's direction at the Duke Medical Center. He served from 1958-60 as pastor of the Community Church in Butner.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Claytor, Kingsport, Tenn., he is married to the former Miss Joan Irwin of LaFollette, Tenn. They have one daughter.

\$80,000 Offering

Methodist churches of the South-eastern Jurisdiction have been asked to take a special Thanksgiving offering on Sunday, November 19, or any other day, for Methodism's work in Cuba and among Cuban refugees in Florida. The goal is \$80,000. The free will offering was approved by the jurisdictional College of Bishops following a resolution adopted by the Jurisdictional Council in view of a "pressing problem."

**Crime Waves And
Juvenile Delinquency**

Since I have taught schools for a few years and have preached the gospel for 67 years, and have been a close student of affairs, political, social, moral and religious, I think I am capable of forming sound and safe conclusions and opinions in regard to crime waves and juvenile delinquency. I lay the responsibility on the preachers. "The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation," not only of the individual but of the community, the state, the nation. We are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; not just preach—but preach the gospel. Very few preach the gospel; they lecture on different subjects, in a timid opologizing fashion; compromisingly and form a truce with evil.

It takes more courage to preach the gospel, which includes the law of God, condemnation of the evils of the land until people see and repent, than it does to fight lions and bulldogs. No coward can preach the gospel. No self-seeking man afraid of loss of salary or of prestige or standing can preach the gospel. It takes not only men of courage but men empowered by the Holy Spirit, Acts 1:8.

There are enough professed preachers in America to transform the nation in a few months, if the preachers in any city would get where God could use them and take their STAND and STAND with mouth open, that city would be transformed immediately.

Men and women must be born again before they can live the new life. That calls for revivals of religion, not just preach a few days and send out a group of laymen with a select list to talk people into joining the church. That is the club method. But campaign for souls with plenty of time to prepare for a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19, wherein the church and community are stirred, and sinners saved, backsliders reclaimed by the power of the Holy Ghost, perhaps by the scores or hundreds.

Crime waves do not originate only in the countryside or mill villages. They are also the product of the city; they do not originate only among the common people, but also with the universities. Men like Freud, Samuel D. Schmalhausen, Engels, Lester F. Ward, Bertrand Russell and many others. Their teaching of free love, sex promiscuity, behaviourism, determinism, and other immoral teachings. Some of these universities, making the preachers and teachers have so lowered American standards of morality, and consequent results that today it is getting America into the unenviable position of being called the greatest criminal nation in the world. I believe the resurgence of Judaism with its opposition to Christianity and purpose to destroy our civilization, and rule the world, and its cooperation with Communism is largely to blame. Many of them as teachers in our universities are in a position to do great harm.

So I have little hope while we have such universities and the evils are coming on down to our secondary and primary schools. And while out of the thousands of preachers, we have so few who will pay the price to become preachers of the gospel. Crime will multiply till it is arrested by the gospel.

Any man who denies the virgin birth of Jesus is an enemy of the church and the whole moral and spiritual structure of the church and the welfare of the world.

If he is not virgin born he is only a man and on man nothing permanent can be constructed. He is the Chief Cornerstone, the one foundation that is sure and steadfast. The Rock of Ages.

EBENEZER MYERS



Woman's Activities



TWENTY SCHOLARSHIP GIRLS

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference has awarded scholarships to twenty girls at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer. All of these students are preparing for vocations in church work.

These students come from twelve of the districts in the conference. The Marion District has four, Statesville and Charlotte Districts have three each, Thomasville and Waynesville have two each, while the Asheville, Gastonia, High Point, North Wilkesboro, Salisbury and Winston-Salem Districts have one each.

These girls are Fredia Hawkins, Brevard; Doris Davis, Waxhaw; Gloria Coltharp, Charlotte; Melba Griffin, Charlotte; Brenda Jones, Shelby; Doris Goodwin, High Point; Mary Benfield, Bakersville; Jean Long and Martha Griffin, both of Forest City; Sue Wiseman, Newland; Wanda Ledford, Morganton.

Sandra Simpson, Concord; Judith Threatte, Statesville; Brenda McElveen, Mooresville; Beverly Threatte, Statesville; Nancy Zimmerman, Lexington; Betty Richardson, Ramseur; Janice Nichols, Waynesville; Linda Bealdes, Hayesville; and Rebecca Coltrane, Kernersville.

Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville is the secretary of missionary personnel of the WSCS of the Western North Carolina Conference. She says, "We have these fine girls being assisted with the Woman's Society scholarships at Pfeiffer College. Already we have received more applications. Continue to send your contributions for the Scholarship Fund and help some worthy girl prepare for a church-related vocation."

The conference committee on missionary personnel is composed of seven members of the executive committee: Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, Mrs. M. H. White of Charlotte, Miss Mary Bethea of Pfeiffer College, Mrs. I. L. Sharpe of Albemarle, and Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville.

CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS WEEK-END AT

SCARRITT COLLEGE

The annual Christian Vocations Week-end at Scarritt College for Christian workers in Nashville, Tenn., was held on October 21.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheville, secretary of missionary personnel for the Woman's Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, is in charge of the program. Experienced teachers describe the work of a missionary, deaconess, director of religious education, rural church and community workers, and all types of church-related vocations. Inspirational messages will be given and a communion service in

the chapel of *The Upper Room* will be the highlight of the weekend.

Seven persons from North Carolina are attending the conference, from the Western North Carolina Conference Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville, Miss Janice Nichols of Pfeiffer College and Miss Nelda Murray of High Point College.

From the North Carolina Conference, Miss Sarah McCracken of Durham, and two students from Greensboro College, Miss Betty Nelma Edmondson and Miss Sandra Kay Wade.

CLAY COUNTY COUNCIL OF METHODIST WOMEN

The organizations of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local churches in Clay County have been formed into a County Council of Methodist Women.

At a meeting held recently the new officers for the coming year were named and a program of work and study for 1961-62 was outlined.

Mrs. Jessie Penland of the Oak Forest society was named president of the county group. Mrs. Jarelle Beal of the Sweetwater society was chosen as secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Lucille Padgett of Hayesville as publicity chairman.

The countywide mission study program was scheduled, with two studies for jurisdictional credit. The first will be *The Edge of the Edge* to be held at the Marshall's Chapel Church on Nov. 30-Dec. 8th. The study on Christian social concern will be held in April.

Miss Laura Wells is the rural church and community worker in Clay County section. The three ministers in the Group Ministry are the Rev. C. W. Faulkner, the Rev. Ralph Jacks and the Rev. Cletes Pope.

The Clay County Circuit Rider is the official county publication. The October issue contained ten pages.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



WDCS Has New Treasurer

Miss Florence Little has been elected treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, according to announcement by Mrs. Porter Brown, the Division's general secretary.

The new treasurer comes to the Woman's Division from Atlanta, Ga., where she was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company for a number of years and where she had wide experience in accounting,

personnel, and research. Miss Little has also had graduate work at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. During the past year she was a member of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches at Chateau de Bossey in Celigny, Switzerland.

An active member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Little has held offices in that organization on both the local and district levels and is thoroughly familiar with the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

CHANNELS FOR THE WORD IN KOREA

(continued from last week)

Social Centers also provide channels for God's message. In Korea today, the social order is changing rapidly, bringing about many conflicts in social relationships. While social centers do not, by any means, answer all the problems arising from these conflicts, they do provide an atmosphere where people of all ages may discuss and share problems with one another.

As workers in these centers show their concern for people, how often those being helped, in their turn, want to help others! At the social center in Inchon, children of primary school age gathered for a Christmas party. The Christmas tree was "decorated" with mittens from children in America. For refreshments, the children were given sacks with candies and rolls, which they wanted to share. Some asked to be allowed to give one of their rolls to others who had even less than they did. A large pan was placed in the center of the circle, and one by one the children placed their offering there. As I watched, how astonished I was to see one little girl quietly slip two rolls in to give away. Similar instances can be related by workers in Tai Wha Community Center in Seoul, in the Social Center in Pusan, and in the center in Taejon.

Methodist School for Girls in Korea are of a high calibre. Truly the students are trained to develop the minds which God has given them. Yang Chung School in Inchon has been designated an area demonstration school for home economics. Pai Wha School in Seoul is recognized for its high academic standards. These schools witness to the truth that Christian evangelism and high standards must work together to make a truly educated person. One without the other makes poor education and poor Christianity.

The girls who study in these schools know they are very fortunate. In their gratitude they find many ways to serve others. At a Thanksgiving service each fall many students bring money, rice, vegetables, and fruit to be shared with families in the community who have little food. Most of these girls have little themselves. Many of them walk as far as five miles each morning to attend school.

Students at one school are helping to organize and support a church in a small village where there had been no church before. Many girls spend their weekends going to different villages, visiting in the homes, telling people about God's love as

proclaimed by Jesus, and teaching Bible classes.

Truly the students at Holston School and the Kindergarten Training School in Taejon, Yong Wha School in Inchon, Mae Hyang School in Suwon, Pai Wha and Ewha Schools and world-famous Ewha University in Seoul are being served in a wondrous way. These students, in turn, serve others and witness for God, whose love has given them new hope and real meaning for life.

As the training of women and children progress, more and more Korean women are taking leadership as pastors of churches, having received training at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul. These capable women, many of whom are ordained ministers, offer fine spiritual guidance to their congregations. — From brochure, "Channels for the Word in Korea," by Jean Marie Powell. (Concluded next week.)



MISS MODELMOG UNDERGOES SURGERY

Miss Rebecca Modellmog, one of North Carolina Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service's two rural workers in the Pembroke area, has recently undergone serious ear surgery at Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville. Although now recuperating at her home in Pembroke, it will be necessary for Miss Modellmog to return to Fayetteville for further treatment and observation.

CONFERENCE PR. CHAIRMAN CHANGES ADDRESS

The N. C. Conference WSCS chairman of Public Relations has moved from 227 W. Edenton Street, Raleigh, N. C., to 318 W. Edenton Street.

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Not Quitting at Sixty-Five!

*Growing old, but not retiring
For the battle still is on;
Going on without relenting,
Till the final victory's won.
Ever on, nor think of resting,
For the battle rages still,
And my Savior still is with me
And I seek to do His will.*

*Years roll by, the body weakens;
But the spirit still is young;
Breath of God—it never ages,
Is eternal, ever strong.
Rather, year by year it strengthens,
Gaining o'er the things of sense.
By Thy Spirit, lead my spirit,
Savior, till Thou call me hence.*

*Things of earth decrease in value,
Brighter shines the light above;
Less the power of human hatred,
Sweeter far the Savior's love.
Let me tell it to the needy,
Far and wide Thy worth proclaim;
That my closing years may praise Thee—
Glorify Thy blessed name.*

*Let me labor in Thy harvest
More than ever in the past,
Reaping in what has planted,
Till I dwell with Thee at last;
That before Thy throne eternal
I may have some fruit to bring,
Not my work—the fruit of Calvary,
All Thine own, my Lord and King.*

—ANONYMOUS

Race Relations Seminar In Atlanta November 3-5

About 60 Methodist students from colleges and universities of the Southeast are expected to attend a Methodist-sponsored race relations seminar November 3-5 at the Interdenominational Center, Atlanta.

The seminar is being sponsored by the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement, the national organization for Methodist students.

The meeting is planned to provide an opportunity for informal sharing and consideration of theological and ethical questions in the area of race relations, said Miss Rebecca Owen, Saluda, Va., chairman of the seminar planning committee.

"The seminar grows out of a need," said Miss Owen, "that has been expressed by various student leaders of the Methodist Student Movement in the south for students, who have diverse understandings of the problems related to race relations that confront our church and society," to share and consider the problems and questions involved.

The Methodist Student Movement is one of a number of member movements of the National Student Christian Federation that are sponsoring such seminars "in the conviction that honest discussion and informed inquiry can lead us to greater understanding and sensitivity as we are faced with difficult problems of a broken church and society," said Miss Owen, who also is NSCF secretary.

Welcomed to Capital

Now formally welcomed to the nation's capital, the Board of Christian Social Concerns is completing its first year that saw two of its three divisions move there from Chicago, major building revamping, the addition of six staff members and the sponsorship of two major national conclaves.

A welcome dinner for the staff and the board and division presidents was recently given by American University, Wesley Theological Seminary and the Washington Area.

Saxapahaw WSCS Names Nine to Life Membership

Who says women can't keep a secret?

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Saxapahaw Methodist church, Burlington district, kept their plans secret for several weeks before presenting Life Memberships to nine of their fellow members in a recent Sunday service.

Mrs. T. J. Jones, president of the Saxapahaw Woman's Society of Christian Service, awarded the Life Membership Pins and accompanying certificates.

The recipients of the awards were totally unaware of the honor until their names were announced.

It is an honor to have 1, 2, or 3 Life Memberships awarded in a Society at one time. It is believed that the presentation of nine such awards at one time constitutes a record—at least for this size church.

The awards were sponsored by the Society, and not by an individual or family. Those receiving Life Memberships were Mrs. Flossie Hackney, Mrs. Annie Newlin, Miss Lillian Lindley, Mrs. Lottie Johnson, Mrs. June Cheek, Mrs. J. P. May, Mrs. Grover Neal, Mrs. Parks Moore, and Miss Daisy Winningham. The pins were pinned on the ladies by members of the family or close friends.

Tragedies Call for Sharing

"We believe the time has come for a new interpretation of our giving to the Advance," Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, told a meeting of the Advance executive committee in Chicago recently. "The very tragedies of our world situation are opportunities for the Christian to share."

Specific steps to supplement present promotion of Advance Specials will include production of a film and filmstrip, a series of mid-quadrennial promotion meetings and a statement to the church to be prepared by a committee headed by Dr. Elliott L. Fisher of Chicago, general secretary of the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation.

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Trouble may drive you to prayer, but prayer will drive away trouble.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Billie's Stilts

By HELEN DRAKE

When Dad came home from work he found Billie lying on the couch with a wet towel over a big lump on his head.

"What happened, Son?" Dad inquired.

"I fell, and it was all that history book's fault," Billie answered.

"History book's fault?" Dad looked puzzled. "Did it fall on your head?"

"No, but I was reading in it about the army on stilts that was furnished Archduke Albert by the governor of Namur Heljum. The story was so exciting that I thought it would be fun if I had a pair of stilts.

"Oh! So that's what I saw lying out in the yard. I think it would be a good idea if you study carpentry a little, as well as the history of the use of stilts. I'll tell you what we'll do. On Saturday I'll bring home some strips of lumber, and I'll make you a good solid pair of stilts—that is, if you are feeling better by then."

"Oh, I feel a lot better already," replied Billie excitedly.

When Dad came home on Saturday he had two nice long strips of lumber about six feet long, three inches wide, and one and a half inches thick. He also had two small blocks of wood and some bolts.

"First, we'll take the plane," Dad explained, "and smooth off all the sharp corners. Then at the top of the pole we'll trim it smaller so you'll have a good holding place. Here now, you can take some sandpaper and smooth this one while I plane the other."

After Dad shaped up the other pole, he picked up one of the small blocks. They were of the same width and thickness as the long poles, but were only about six inches long. "Now," he said, "these must be shaped for the foot rests."

As they worked, Dad and Billie talked of many things. Dad asked Billie about his school work and play and Sunday school. This subject brought to their minds the life of Jesus and the fact that He had been a carpenter.

"Do you suppose," asked Billie, "that Jesus ever made a pair of stilts?"

"I'm sure I couldn't answer that, Son, but if He did, I imagine Joseph showed him how just as I'm showing you. If He did make a pair, they would have been made a bit different, because they didn't have bolts in those days, such as these." And Dad took six long bolts out of his pocket.

"What are they for?" Billie wanted to know.

"Now you watch," said Dad, "and then you will know if you ever make another pair of stilts." Placing the blocks in a vice, Dad drilled three holes through each one. Then he placed the poles in the vice and drilled three corresponding holes just as high up from the ground as he thought would be safe for Billie. After that he took a larger size drill and drilled in just about a quarter of an inch.

Billie wondered why he did that, but soon found out. Dad put the long bolts through the foot rests and through the poles, and then put the nut on each bolt and made sure it was tight. Now Billie could see why Dad had drilled in with the larger drill. The head of the bolt fitted right into the inset, and the nut on the other end was embedded in the pole. Then Dad took his hack saw and sawed off the little ends of the bolts that stuck out.

"Well, there they are, Son. They are as sturdy as I can make them, and if you are as careful as can be, we will trust the heavenly Father to keep you from getting hurt again."

"I want to thank Him for not letting me get hurt any worse this time," said Billie. "And I want to thank you, Dad, for helping me to make these stilts. I think you're the smartest Dad there is. How did you learn so much?"

"I'll tell you a little secret, Son," Dad answered with a smile. "I learned about stilts just the same way you did. And there's this little scar right here on my forehead to prove it."

—Gospel Herald.

The Prayer of a Christian

This is a good and worthy prayer,
And has a very Christian air.
It is not a prayer of self-petition,
But a prayer to help others become more Christian.

You need not pray in a public place,
Just to show others a righteous face;
You may pray to God alone
Where only to Him your need is known.
You should pray for other men,
Even though they have much sin;
Your prayer may make them better men,
And prevent them from further sin.
If you pray with Christian love,
Your prayer will be heard by God above.

—By Jimmy Coston, age 14
Raleigh, N. C.

The old self-made preacher didn't have much education, but he understood a lot. One Sunday morning he rose to preach his sermon, and read his text from Matthew 4:24: "They brought to Jesus all sick people with divers diseases."

"Now the doctors can examine you and usually cure your ills," he began "but there's one disease that only God can cure. That's the divers disease, and brothers and sisters, there's a regular epidemic of this disease among us.

"Some dive under the cover and sleep on Sunday morning instead of coming to church. Lots of others dive for the couch and watch TV on Sunday night. Some dive for the lake and stay all day Sunday. Others dive for the car and take a trip over the week-end. A few other come to church, but dive into a flurry of fault-finding every time the church takes on a new work program.

"Yessir, the divers disease is wide spread, and only God can cure it."

—Clipped.

Wiser Than She Knew

Jane knew that the kind of man who had helped to make her well was called a "doctor" because he had studied medicine, and had earned the degree of Doctor of Medicine. She also knew that the president of the college in her town was called "Doctor" because he had studied many other things and had also won a doctor's degree.

But when Dr. Black, the new minister came to her church, Jane was puzzled. "Daddy, what kind of a doctor is he?" she asked of her father. He tried to explain that when a minister has made very special studies of the Bible, he too earns a Doctor's degree.

"Oh, I know what you mean, Daddy. He's a God-Doctor, isn't he?"

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?

1. Who touched my clothes?—
2. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?—
3. Art thou the King of the Jews?—
4. Master, is it I?—
5. Here am I, for thou didst call me.

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Paul—Romans 8:31
2. Solomon—Ecclesiastes 12:8
3. Mary—Luke 1:46
4. The Prodigal Son—Luke 15:18
5. Nicodemus—John 3:4

Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 12

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

GROWTH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Background Scripture: Matthew 23:1-36;
25:14-30

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 25:14-29

This lesson is the first in a new unit of eight on another aspect of our general theme of Christian growth. This unit bears the title "Methods of Christian Growth." Among these methods are stewardship, self-discipline, witnessing, Bible study and worship. In a sense, therefore we shall be considering "ways and means" or, to put it differently a "how-to" unit. From another point of view, however, we shall find it difficult to separate the means from the ends. "All for the greater glory of God" was a phrase used by some groups in the history of the Church to justify repression of religious freedom, and even the persecution of non-conformists.

Our Scripture selection is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' parables. It is perhaps the most widely used in stressing the stewardship of material wealth. While this is important and needs constant emphasis, we need to remember that it is only one aspect of stewardship. We need to recall Wesley's famous rule: "Make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can," but not to forget the fact that there is more to give than money.

Moving now to a consideration of the three types of people portrayed in the parable of the talents, we discover that the main emphasis seems to center upon the inequality of gifts.

We Americans have been saturated with the doctrine that "all men are created equal." This is true as far as rights are concerned, but hardly true of abilities. That individual human beings are definitely unequal in ability is one of the plainest facts of life. Sometimes we hear of young people being told that they can be anything they want to be if they will only try hard enough. This is really unfair to youth, for one of the things one must learn in life is that we are all limited in our abilities.

However, having recognized the fact of our limitations, it is unwise to allow this to be an excuse for doing little or nothing. This was evidently the trouble with the one-talent man. It has been said that the evil of the world is due more to the inactivity of good men than to the activity of evil men. The excuse of the one-talent man was this: "I was afraid." One of the reasons why millions of ordinary people all over the world have yielded up their freedom to dictators can be explained by that same phrase: "We were afraid." No one of us alone can shoulder the responsibility of freedom's defense, but each of us has the duty to stand up for it whenever we can. The right to vote is a stewardship of the most important kind. We can grow in this respect by accepting our full duty

Thomas Asa Collins Inaugurated First President of N. C. Wesleyan College

Wednesday, October 25, was a great day for Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, when Rev. Thomas Asa Collins was inaugurated as the first president of the new institution. Literally hundreds of people from over the state, mostly eastern North Carolina, gathered at the college for the 3:00 p. m. ceremonies.

Many dignitaries, including both the educational and political life of the state and nation were present. Governor Terry Sanford brought greetings from the state educational institutions. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Senior U. S. Senator from North Carolina, together with Congressmen Harold Cooley and L. H. Fountain, Honorable Allan C. Mims, mayor of the City of Rocky Mount, were also on hand to give their blessing to this dream which is being realized in the educational life of the state. Some seventy-five colleges and universities from this and other states were represented in the academic procession as it moved to the front of the Braswell Administration building where the ceremonies were held under the open sky on one of the most lovely days this fall weather has produced. The Wesleyan Singers, under the direction of William Sasser, furnished music for the occasion. Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean of the Duke Divinity School, gave the invocation, and Mr. Luther Hill, chairman of the board of Trustees of Wesleyan College, introduced special guests. Dr. R. Wright Spears of Columbia College, South Carolina, spoke for the Commission on Higher Education of the Methodist Church,

as citizens, not leaving the direction of public affairs to someone else.

At the end of the parable the master of the three stewards orders the one-talent man to give what he has to the ten-talent man and comments: "For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away." This statement has been considered by some to be a cynical observation upon the way things are in this wicked world, and no doubt most of us have shared this view at one time or another. But there is a deeper truth here. To the extent that we accept the fact of our limitations as something for which we are not responsible, but at the same time try our best to do what we can in spite of them, we shall grow into larger spheres of usefulness and satisfaction as time goes on. Someone has said: "It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all there is of him." As Dr. Roy L. Smith, in his valuable book "Stewardship Studies," says of the one-talent man: "Being a man of only one talent was something for which he was in no way responsible. But being afraid was something for which he was entirely responsible." The religious teaching, then, seems clear. It is our duty and privilege to make the most of all the abilities God has given us. Only by so doing we express our thanks for the gift of life.

and Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, represented the Archie, a (OncarcPcy.v moharowador hh h church-related colleges. Dr. Jack Moore, dean of Wesleyan, introduced Dr. William C. Archie, Director of the Board of Higher Education of the State of North Carolina, who delivered the inaugural address on the subject: "The Idea of a Christian College." Bishop Paul N. Garber, under whose episcopal leadership two new colleges have been established within the bounds of the conference in the past few years, delivered the charge to the new president and conducted the impressive ceremonies in which Rev. Thomas Asa Collins, 40, was inducted into office as the first president of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

In his inaugural address president Collins said, "We speak under the solemn sense of being trustees of a great heritage. The heritage is not one of years but numbers of persons in Eastern North Carolina dedicated to Christian Higher Education. We are concerned that students at Wesleyan be challenged to achieve their best. This we shall seek to do with an offering of academic excellence, a spirit of Christian concern, and a vision of ideal service to God and man."

A reception honoring President and Mrs. Collins was held at the President's Home immediately following the recessional.

The activities had started with a routine meeting of the Board of Trustees in the morning followed by registration of guests and delegates. A luncheon was held in the new Student Union Building. After lunch an Open House of the College buildings was held for the delegates and guests.

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Methodists who are to speak on this year's program are:

November 5, Dr. Chester A. Pennington, minister of Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis, Minn. (13th annual youth night with Church Federation of Greater Chicago).

December 31, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, evangelist, author and missionary leader.

March 4, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Church (Methodist), New York, and preacher on the National Radio Pulpit.

Joseph O. Hanson is the lay president of the Chicago Sunday Evening Club.

Scarritt College Adopts Ten-Year Development Plan

A ten-year master plan for Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., has been approved by its board of trustees. The plan includes the erection of five new buildings.

The Rev. Dr. D. D. Holt, Scarritt president, said the school's student body is expected to double in size in the next decade. He said present facilities and the five new buildings would enable Scarritt to accommodate 300 resident students. Present resident enrollment is about 150, with the total student body numbering about 225.

The five proposed buildings were outlined in the plan in the order of their priority as follows: 50-unit residence for men, 50-unit residence for women, student activity building, 50-unit residence for men, 50-unit residence for women.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Nahsvlile, chairman of the board of trustees, presided at the board meeting October 17.

Scarritt is owned by the General Conference of the Methodist Church. It is primarily a graduate school for persons planning church vocations.

Dr. Holt said the board is looking toward the celebration of the college's 75th anniversary in 1967.

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Liberian President Pledges Support to United Nations

A Methodist who has been his nation's president for 17 years, a tenure believed unequalled, has called for continued work together "hand in hand toward the new day of brotherhood."

The president is William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, a local preacher in the Liberia Annual Conference, who was making a presidential visit to Washington.

Addressing a luncheon at the National Press Club, he said that the lessons learned in the recent gaining of independence by many African nations indicate that self-determination is a key factor in peace and progress. Pointing out that not all of Africa is yet free, he declared it "wishful to think that any section, however small, will remain a colonial possession in this era of change." He stressed that he felt strongly about the right of self-determination, regardless of the continent involved.

As to peace, said President Tubman, "there can be no universal peace, and I see no prospect of any, so long as some people arrogate to themselves the right to govern without the participation and consent of the governed." He called the United Nations "man's greatest hope for survival, (which) we shall continue to support unswervingly."

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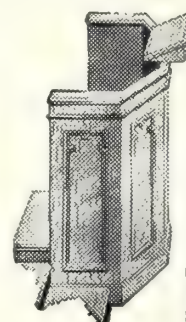
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Entrance to the Methodist Children's Home on Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh

Children's Home in Raleigh in Expansion Program

The Methodist Home for Children in Raleigh (formerly the Methodist Orphanage) belongs to and is dear to the heart of the people of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Having been founded in 1899, the Home is dedicated to the care of needy children. Just as Jesus felt that the child is to be considered when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," our church as its arms and hands extended to the child in need of a home away from home.

Today we not only serve the total orphan and the half-orphan (a child with one deceased parent), but also the child who is the victim of divorce, separation, desertion, abandonment, and where severe sickness has rendered the family unable to care

for the child. Should we as the church permit a child to suffer because he is a victim of circumstances beyond his control? There are persons who dare call themselves Christians who believe child care should be turned entirely over to the state. To be sure, we need the help of the state and are thankful for what it is doing, but the church should be, and it is, at the forefront setting the standards and goals of which it can best conceive in child care programs.

We are now serving 150 boys and girls from 36 counties in North Carolina. They may remain until their families are able to offer a secure place for them to live or until they are old enough to make their own way in the world. Although it is a large family, our Home strives to offer the same warmth, the same spirit of mutual helpfulness, understanding and affection that is found in smaller Christian families.

TWO NEW COTTAGES

The Methodist Home for Children is moving with the total child care program in the direction of smaller groupings. There was a time that forty-two or more children were housed in one cottage. The Standards and Goals of The Methodist Agencies for Child Care recommend twelve or less children per housemother. Our Home is glad to announce the opening of two new cottages: the M. B. Smith Cottage and the L. S. Massey Cottage. These cottages will serve twelve children each. This will make possible for us to take in at least ten to twelve additional children at this time. Children may be referred to us by the pastor, parent, relative, church official, or an agency within the community.

The M. B. Smith Cottage was donated by the family of the late M. B. Smith, the

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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

• Dr. Hugh Anderson, professor of Biblical Theology at Duke University, was the speaker for the second annual Finch Lecture Series at High Point College this week.

• Miss PAISY MATTHEWS, sophomore at North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount, reigned as queen of the Nash County Harvest Festival this month.

• ST. PAUL CHURCH, Asheville, will observe Family Night Sunday evening, November 12. Everyone is asked to come and bring a covered dish, after which worship services will be held at 8:00 p.m.

¶ DR. C. C. NORTON, professor of Bible at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., spoke to the Methodist Men's Club at First Church, Gastonia, last Thursday. The supper meeting was held at 7:00 p.m.

• DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, Professor of Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, was guest minister at Weldon Methodist Church on Sunday, October 22. Reverend Ralph Epps is pastor.

¶ Rev. J. W. Vestal, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, preached at the 11:00 o'clock service last Sunday at Central Church, Spencer. Rev. Worth B. Royals is the pastor.

¶ DR. RALPH TAYLOR, superintendent of the High Point District, and family have moved into the new High Point district parsonage, located at 1409 Lyndhurst Drive, Emerywood Forest, High Point. Open house will be held at a later date.

• Miss BRENDA ROBINSON, sophomore at North Carolina Wesleyan College, was elected Miss Eastern Carolina Skate Queen. She will travel to Miami, Florida, November 13, as a contestant in the National Skate Queen Contest.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS, of North Carolina Wesleyan College, spoke to the Pink Hill Methodist Men's Club and the Rose Hill Methodist Youth Sub-District meeting at Woodland Methodist Church on Monday, October 23, 1961.

¶ THE REV. AND MRS. EMERSON M. THOMPSON, JR., of Stantonburg announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, on October 31, 1961, at the Woodard Herring Hospital in Wilson. Mrs. Thompson is the former Catherine Traynham.

¶ REV. J. HILLARY BRYANT, pastor of the Sea Level Charge in the New Bern District is the guest speaker this week in revival services at the Salter Path Methodist Church, Nov. 5-11, with services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rev. H. M. Owens, Jr. is the pastor.

¶ PAUL ERVIN, Charlotte attorney and a member of the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, spoke to the Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Lexington, Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. This was the organizational meeting of the Methodist Men of the church.

¶ Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church, of Greenville, held open house at the parsonage last Sunday from three to five o'clock honoring Dr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Fisher.

¶ Rev. H. Langill Watson, pastor of the Westminster Methodist church, Kinston, is preaching in revival services at the Gum Branch Methodist church near Richlands this week. Rev. H. Q. Quigley is pastor.

• The Statesville District Youth Rally will be held Sunday, November 12 from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the Fairgrove Methodist Church. All MYF members are urged to attend.

• Mr. Walter F. Anderson, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, will speak at the supper meeting of Methodist Men of the Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, Thursday, November 9:00 at 6:30.

¶ Dr. F. Olen Hunt, presently connected with the Methodist Foundation of the North Carolina Conference, will preach at Trinity Church, Wilmington, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock services on Sunday, November 12.

¶ BLACK MOUNTAIN METHODIST CHURCH was host for the annual World Community Day observance of the United Church Women of Black Mountain, at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 3. The Black Mountain Methodist Church reports a total of 1,100 volumes in its library.

¶ On Monday, October 30 from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock in the evening, the members of the Aulander MYF canvassed the town in a "Trick or Treat" effort for UNICEF. After meeting at the church and counting the "fund treats," which amounted to \$45.00, the children were served refreshments by the adult counselor, Mrs. Mary Anne Rowe.

¶ A school of evangelism will be held at Leaksville Methodist Church Sunday, November 12, at 4:30. A study of evangelistic opportunities will be made. Rev. John Kincaid, pastor of the Reidsville circuit, will lead the study. Similar studies are being made in several of the surrounding churches.

¶ Bishop Nolan B. Harmon will preach at St. Luke Methodist Church, Charlotte, next Sunday morning, November 12 at 11:00 o'clock. This will mark the first time a Bishop has preached at this comparatively new church, which recently celebrated its ninth anniversary. Rev. Richard J. Crowder is pastor.

¶ "The Circuit Rider" began its eighth year of broadcast over station WRAL-TV Raleigh, last Sunday at 1:30. Rev. Malloy Owen, pastor of the Horne Memorial Methodist Church, Clayton, originated the program several years ago when he was pastor of St. James Church, Greenville, and has carried it on continuously. The program consists of song and sermon under the direction of Rev. Mr. Owen, and is heard each Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

• OPEN HOUSE was observed Sunday, November 5, at Fallston: Friendship parsonage.

¶ DR. JACK W. MOORE, dean of North North Carolina Wesleyan College, was guest speaker at the Universalist Church of Rocky Mount on Sunday, November 5.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College was the speaker for homecoming services at Windsor Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Carl Wright, presided at the services.

¶ REV. JAMES R. HAILEY, professor of Religion at North Carolina Wesleyan College, was guest minister at Englewood Methodist Church of Rocky Mount recently. This is a new congregation beginning in the Englewood section of the city.

¶ AVERY COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL will be held at Newland Methodist Church November 12-14, 1961, sponsored by the Conference Board of Education and the Avery County Group Ministry Lay Council. Charges and ministers are: Avery, John Duvall, pastor; Elk Park, Ben Steele, pastor; Linville Falls, Phil Nordstrom, pastor.

¶ Mr. Alan Newcomb, of Station WBTV-WBT in Charlotte, will be the Layman's Day speaker at Stoney Point Methodist Church next Sunday, Nov. 12 at 11:00 a. m. Mr. Newcomb has gained prominence through his informative radio and television programs about Communism, its goals of world conquest and plans for this.

¶ Mrs. Benjamin W. Lanier, mother of Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, pastor of Broad Street Church, Statesville, died in the Stanley County hospital at Albemarle last Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon. The funeral was conducted from Norwood Methodist church, of which she had been a member for many years, by the pastor, Rev. Ralph Miller. Burial was in Norwood cemetery. She is survived by one daughter and five sons; one brother and three sisters.

¶ A CHECK FOR \$500 was presented by Mrs. Charles Doak of Raleigh to President Thomas A. Collins of N. C. Wesleyan College near Rocky Mount Saturday, October 14, 1961. This is to establish the Littleton College Memorial Loan Fund and individual loans are to be called the Vara S. Herring Fund in honor of Miss Herring of Raleigh who served for many years on the staff of Littleton College. Funds will be added to this original sum.

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High Point College Elects Top Ten Seniors For Year

The senior class of High Point College has elected its top ten seniors.

They are Debbie Calloway of Mt. Airy; Jimmy Edwards of Simpson; Peggy Hill of Winston-Salem; Leonard Lewin of Camden, N. J.; Viviane Lloyd of Tampa, Fla.; Miriam Modlin of Jamestown; Jane Saferight of Jamestown; Peter Sturm of Midland Park, N. J.; Yvonne Vaughn of Mt. Airy; and Larry Wilson of Greensboro.

Each of these students is active in the life and program of the college.



L. S. Massey Cottage



M. B. Smith Cottage



Rev. Robert L. Nicks, Superintendent, and six-year-old twins, Danny and Michael Smith from Apex, newcomers.

Methodist Children's Home In Raleigh In Expansion Program

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beloved servant of our church from Burlington. The L. S. Massey Cottage was built with money left to the Home by the Reverend L. S. Massey, member of the North Carolina Conference, who believed "the work of the Children's Home to be one of the most Christ-like services our church renders."

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving time is here again and we know you will want to show your gratitude to God for your many blessings by thinking of the children at the Children's Home in a very special way. One of the ways you can help is by receiving a Special Thanksgiving offering. If you need Thanksgiving

envelopes, please let us know as soon as possible the number you desire.

Last year the Thanksgiving offering was applied to the fund to build a new chapel, our dream for the near future. This year we will be permitted to use this offering in our operating budget. Here our needs are many. We need to increase the salaries of our housemothers, a director of children's services, and four new case workers. Of course, we know these goals will be reached gradually, but won't you help us all you can?

ROBERT L. NICKS, Supt.

New Subscriptions Keep Coming

Since our last report the following NEW subscriptions have been added. We are in a receptive mood, and are looking for a list from EVERY CHARGE.

Grace—Wilmington	5	Mocksville	2
Walnut Cove—Winston-Salem	1	Central—Shelby	4
Thomasville—Thom.	1	Albemarle	1
St. Mark—Kinston	1	Davis St.—Burlington	1
Jerusalem-Zion Chg., Norlina	1	Bailey—Bailey	6
First—Henderson	1	Sharon—Gastonia Dis.	8
St. John's—Greensboro	6	Tabernacle—Th'ville	10
Coburn—Salisbury	1	Bailey—Bailey	6
Oak Grove—Unity Chg., Kannapolis	3	Sharon—Shelby	5
Seagrove Chg., Seag.	3	Tabernacle Chg., Lex.	10
Beth—Gold Hill Chg.	3	Trinity Mem.—Trinity	6
Beth—Gold Hill Chg.	1	Newton—Abernethy	6
Badin—Badin	4	Central—Asheville	1
Nashville—Nashville	26	Pleasant Gr., Th'ville	1
Harmony Chg.	6	Etowah	3
St. Luke's—Morg'ton	3	Bethesda—Gastonia	6
Creswell	3	Four Oaks Ch.	4
Union-Miller's Creek	1	Orange—Mebane	4
N. Wilkesboro	10	Jamestown	2
Swansboro	5	Harlowe-Oak Grv.	7
Aulander	5	Grifton—Grifton	8
First—Siler City	10	Atlantic—Atlantic	1
Mebane—Mebane	3	Devon Pk.—Wil'ton	3
Hightower—Mebane	9	Hightower—Burlington	1
Woodland—Woodland	3	College Pl.—C'boro	1
Murfreesboro	6	Shiloh—Catawba	3
City Road—Hend.	1	First—Siler City	10
Glenwood—R'ham	6	Nash Chg.—Spr. Hope	7
Robbins	1	Bethesda—Al'marle	4
S. China Grove	1	Lea's Chapel—Warren's	3
McMannens—Durham	1	Grove—Roxboro	3
Temperance Hall	1	Burkhead Chg.—W-S	5
Jerusalem-Zion	2	Mt. Shepherd—	1
Central—Mt. Airy	2	St. James—Newport	6
Asbury—Durham	2	Asheboro	3
Oakview—Hi Pt.	11	Mt. St.—High Point	3
Wesley Mem.—Hi Pt.	1	Cliffside—Moore-shoro	1
South Camden	9	Whitakers—Whitakers	5
Vanceboro Circuit	2	Ebenezer—Belmont	3
Sandy Cross	2	Rosemary—Roanoke	1
First—Roanoke Rapids	2	Rapids	1
Bradley Mem.—Gast.	18	Garner—Garner	1
Edenton	1	Smith—Roanoke Rpd.	6
Trinity—Wilmington	2	Salter Path	10
		Midway—Stella	2
		Rose Hill	88
		Northwood—High Pt.	2

Hopewell Church Awards Sixty Attendance Pins

Sunday, October 29, Hopewell Methodist church on the Peachland charge, Albemarle district, presented perfect attendance pins to sixty church school members for the year 1960-1961. All eleven classes from the nursery through the older adult class were well represented.

Over fifty percent of the Primary class and Intermediate girls class and nearly fifty percent of the Young Peoples' Class had perfect attendance. Only twelve of the sixty were first year pins and Roy Taylor of the Young People's Class led with his eighth year award. David and Chuck Kiker, brothers, received their 2nd and 4th year pins, respectively, and Cherry Kiker received her 2nd year award, representing perfect attendance all their young lives. There were five other pre-schoolers also.

We wish to commend our large number of children and young people, and we foresee in them a greater future for the Hopewell church of tomorrow.

Our Sunday school has an approximate membership of 250 with an average attendance of 175.

CHARLES A. NANCE,
Sunday School Superintendent

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EDITORIALS

North Carolina Methodism Has Growing Pains

The November issue of **Together** magazine is given largely to church extension. It is called the Mobility Issue. It is said that one out of five families in the United States moves every year. This shift of population necessitates a constant church extension program to keep up with the shifting groups. In this issue is shown also the change in architectural designs from the older established plans to the more modern type.

Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, General Secretary, Division of National Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, has in this issue an article "New Churches Are Big Business." He gives something of the new church building program under the leadership of Charles C. McCabe in the past Century, when he answered the attack of the infidel Robert G. Ingersoll on Christianity. According to the record Ingersoll had declared "the churches are dying all over the land. They are struck with death." McCabe wired Ingersoll: "Dear Robert, All hail the power of Jesus' name! We are building more than one Methodist church for every day in the year and propose to make it two a day!" "Building two a day" became the rallying cry for the new Methodist extension movement.

The thing in Dr. Snoke's article that interests North Carolina Methodists mostly, perhaps, is the reference he made to the unusual growth in the field of church extension in this state. He says North Carolina is suffering growing pains, and refers to the fact that in the North Carolina conference in the past ten years 84 new congregations have been organized, and that for 70 straight months the conference had averaged one new Methodist church each month. He says one out of twelve Methodists in the conference is a member of a church started since 1950.

The same spirit of extension also exists in the Western North Carolina conference. The current issue of **Together** carries a picture, which they borrowed from the North Carolina **Christian Advocate**, after this paper carried the story about a year ago, showing a large number of horses tied in the church yard of a church that had been abandoned. The accompanying picture shows Mr. F. J. Rogers, a local preacher of Elkin, conducting services. (We might say that

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Matt. 7:21.

the "Methodist Recorder" of London, England, also wrote us to borrow this picture and carried it in their publication). Many new churches are being organized throughout the state. Both of the conferences in this state have strong church extension programs, supported by the "Ten Dollar Club" and "The Church Builders Club."

A little comparison will be sufficient to show something of the marvelous strides made within the past decade: For instance, ten years ago the Western North Carolina Conference had 470 pastoral charges, 233,297 members, ten districts, and raised a total of \$6,734,803 for all purposes. Statistics for the past year, 1960-1961, show 260,569 members, 13 districts, 627 pastoral charges, with a grand total raised of \$16,804,371.

Likewise, in the North Carolina conference ten years ago there were 168,629 members, seven districts, 281 pastoral charges, and a grand total raised of \$4,310,651. While the statistics for 1960-1961, show 192,562 members, in nine districts, 514 pastoral charges, and a grand total raised of \$9,705,976.

This gives North Carolina Methodism 453,131 members; in 22 districts; with 1141 pastoral charges; and a grand total of \$26,510,347 raised for all purposes during the past year.

When one reads these comparative figures it is easier to understand why the phenomenal growth of the church in this state is held up as a challenge to other sections. With the present campaign of evangelism in progress, if it is properly carried out, still further encouragement should result.

Duke Divinity School Alumni Hold Annual Banquet

One of the pleasant experiences in connection with the Duke Convocation and Pastors' school to which a number of the brethren look forward each year is the alumni banquet of the divinity school. This year's program was no exception and was highly enjoyed by those present. The Rev. A. C. Waggoner, president, presided in his usual delightful manner. After an excellent meal, Dr. Robert E. Cushman, dean, presented plans for what is expected to be

quite an expansion of the facilities, making the work of the school available to a larger number of students and giving added equipment which is needed to meet the demands of the school. Dean Cushman reviewed the beginnings and growth of the school and emphasized the need for development. There are 337 students now enrolled, and the library consists of 175,000 volumes. He also announced the acquisition of the Frank Baker collection, said to be the best collection of the writings of John and Charles Wesley which exists on the American continent and one of the most outstanding in the world. It is estimated that the proposed expansion of the physical facilities of the divinity school will cost something like \$1,500,000. It will require several years before the entire plans can be completed.

It was also reported the Gilbert T. Rowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has reached around \$7,300 of the \$25,000 goal. It is hoped to realize this goal within the next several months.

New officers of the divinity school alumni elected were Rev. Paul Carruth of Raleigh, president; Rev. Robert N. DuBose, of Spartanburg, S. C., vice-president; Rev. Lee P. Barnett, Winston-Salem, secretary.

As District Conference Approaches

With the passing of November ministers and laymen are reminded of district conferences and the fact that approximately one-half of the conference year is passed. The District conference is a time when the work of the church is evaluated for the first half of the year and plans are made for the last half. It is the time when pastors ask themselves how many conversions have been recorded and how many members have been added to the church on profession of faith. Also, how the financial obligations of the church stand, and what progress, if any, has been made in building programs, retirement of debts, etc. It is a good time to look at the various groups and find out if the proper organizations are in effect and functioning properly. A look at the Men's club, the Woman's Society of Christian Service the Youth program, the church school and educational, missionary, church extension, and other phases of the work may well be checked. At this time of the year the church should be able to detect much progress in the entire program. It is customary to have at least half of the financial obligations paid by district conferences, and some churches go far beyond that mark. There is still time between now and the district conference for pastors and laymen to be able to present a very fine report. But time is passing, and now is the time to act!

Bishop Hagen of Norway Speaking in North Carolina

Bishop Odd Hagen, presiding bishop of the Northern European area of the Methodist Church, addressed the upperclassmen at Pfeiffer College last Tuesday, November 7th. The Swedish church leader is a former professor of Theology and Philosophy at the Scandinavian School of Theology, Go-



thenburg, and just served as host bishop to the Tenth World Methodist Conference in Oslo in August, 1961. He is holder of medals from the King of Norway and King of Sweden for war-time leadership and the bettering of international relations.

Bishop Hagen also spoke last Sunday at Dilworth church, Charlotte, and at the Methodist Ministers meeting at the Retirement Home on Monday. He speaks in Greensboro Wednesday at the 12:30 mid-week prayer service at West Market Street church, and at the Centenary Methodist Church prayer service on Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning he will address students at Greensboro College during the regular 10:00 a. m. Chapel service in Finch Memorial Chapel.

November 12 Is "College Day" In North Carolina Conference

Sunday, November 12, is "College Day" for the churches of the North Carolina Conference. This Sunday is in observance of the third anniversary of the College Capital Fund Campaign. On this Sunday, the Conference is making every effort to emphasize "Paying Up" or "Paying Out" on pledges made for the Methodist Colleges. This is a vital factor in the life of the colleges, especially is this true of the two new colleges. These colleges are now in the second year of academic work on the new campuses, with an enrollment of more than 600 students. A new class will be added each year for the next two years, at which time the complete student body of four year classes will be realized at each college.

An increasing awareness of the needs of these new colleges and the expansion of the other institutions of Higher Education is being felt more and more, especially is this true, when it is realized that 4,500 boys and girls from North Carolina were

turned away from colleges in the state for lack of room this year.

New buildings must be erected, endowments and scholarships must be established to take care of the ever growing demands on the colleges. To do this, it is imperative that every person pay his or her pledge which was made three years ago to the College Capital Fund Campaign.

The pastors and members of all local churches are requested to give special emphasis to these urgent needs on College Sunday, November 12.

College Stewards and College Committees are asked to solicit every member of the church who has not completed his pledge, and by so doing help to complete this campaign by the end of this year.

Of the total pledges amounting to \$3,571,149.33, there has been paid to date \$2,176,782.00. There is yet to be raised on unpaid pledges \$1,394,367.00. As of October 30, 6,886 people who made pledges to the colleges have paid nothing on their pledges. The amount of money involved in these pledges is \$703,283.38.

It is the sincere hope that the people who made these pledges will honor their pledge, because they were made in good faith. The colleges have built and expanded, and have borrowed money on the security of these pledges.

Boone Methodist Church Dedicates Memorial Tree

In an impressive ceremony on the grounds of the Boone Methodist Church Sunday, October 29, a memorial in the form of a beautiful balsam tree was dedicated to the memory of John Z. Kirk, Jr., and his son Steve, age five, both of whom were drowned in a boating accident in Watauga Lake last June.

The tree was planted recently by the Methodist Men's Club and was presented to the church at the ceremony immediately following the regular Sunday morning worship service by James Council, president of the club. The Rev. Preston Hughes, pastor of the church, accepted the gift on behalf of the congregation, and spoke on the appropriateness of the evergreen memorial as a tribute to John and Steve. Participating in the program also were the Rev. Herman F. Duncan, Methodist District Superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, of the Charlotte area, who preached at the Boone church on Sunday morning.

John Kirk was one of the most loyal and influential members of the Boone Methodist Church, a highly respected teacher and administrator at Appalachian State Teachers College where he was Dean of Men, and Assistant Professor of History, and Line Coach in football, and was an outstanding sportsman and supporter of community projects. At the time of his death he was Charge Lay Leader, a member of the official board of the church, and a teacher in the Sunday school. He was one of the organizers of the Boone Methodist Men's Club several years ago, was the club's first president, and his effective support of the activities of this organization through the years set a high example of Christian service and devotion.

New Parsonage Will Be Built

Groundbreaking was held Sunday for the new parsonage for Chapel Hill Methodist Church on Salisbury Road, Statesville, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dan H. Dennis.

Officials also taking part were Gilbert Raymer, chairman of the finance committee; Marvin McCoy, chairman of the build-



ing committee; Robert Marlow, Sunday School superintendent; and David Cline, church treasurer.

The pastor pointed out that the church membership, now at 145, is growing rapidly both physically and spiritually.

The home is to cost about \$18,000. It is expected to be fully paid for within two years.

The Rev. Mr. Dennis, 72 years of age, has built many parsonages and churches, but he says this will be his last building project.

The minister has spent several years in mission work. The last mission work he did was with the Cherokee Indians.

This small group of faithful church members hope to have their new parsonage paid for soon, and be able to carry the full budget of the church. In dividing charges, this church was left to itself, and Rev. D. H. Dennis was appointed to serve it for the present. They are making fine progress under his leadership.

Tabernacle Church To Hold Evangelistic Mission Nov. 12-17

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the Tabernacle Church near Greensboro on the Liberty Road has planned to have an Evangelistic Mission at the church November 12-17 at 7:30 each evening. The plan is for the ministers from the neighboring Methodist churches to preach one evening each and for special music to be furnished by the choirs from each of their respective churches and for their congregations to join in worship with their minister.

November 12: Rev. Fred A. Carlisle, Jr., Pastor of Bethel, Julian, Shiloh.

November 13: Rev. J. R. Duncan, pastor Bethlehem.

November 14: Rev. Albert W. Wellons, Pastor Mount Pleasant Circuit.

November 15: Rev. Paul A. Bruton, pastor Pleasant Garden.

November 16: Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor Calvary, Greensboro.

November 17: Rev. Harold F. Schram, pastor Moriah.

Mr. Paul Price is Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, and Rev. H. L. Blackwelder is pastor of the Tabernacle church.

Duke University Acquires Most Outstanding Collection of Wesley Writings in America

By CLARENCE E. WHITEFIELD

Duke University has announced the acquisition of the largest and best collection of the writings of John and Charles Wesley which exists on the American continent and one of the most outstanding in the world.

Known as the Frank Baker Collection of Wesleyana and British Methodism, the holdings include some 17,000 volumes, documents and manuscripts.

The 1,500 editions which make up the Wesleyana collection constitute about half of the 3,000 Wesley publications known to exist. Among them are nearly 300 first editions, along with 10 rare ephemera which are not listed in previously published Wesley bibliographies.

According to Duke officials, nearly 500 of the 1,500 items appear to be unique on the American continent, and a few are unique in the world.

The Wesleys are well known—John as founder of the Methodist Church, and Charles as a poet and hymn writer.

Acquisition of the Baker Collection was announced by Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, Duke University Librarian and past president of the American Library Assn., and Dr. Robert E. Cushman, Dean of the Duke Divinity School.

In a joint statement, Dr. Powell and Dean Cushman described the Baker papers as "one of the most outstanding collections ever acquired by the Duke University Library. Because of the scarcity of materials in the area of Wesleyana and Methodistica," they said, "no other collection of such quality and volume is likely ever to become available. We here at Duke University are extremely fortunate to have secured the Baker collection.

"It is appropriate," they added, "that such a collection as this should rest in the library of an American university which has strong ties with the Methodist Church. While it will serve as an invaluable reference source for students of church history, it also will be extremely useful to students of the 17th and 18th Century European history. It is a collection which should be used fruitfully by many future generations of Duke University students and faculty members, and by others who have access to our volumes through cooperative arrangements with the Duke Library. We are indebted to Dr. Baker for his willingness to share this treasure with Duke University."

The former owner of the collection is a native of Hull, England. A minister and a teacher, Dr. Baker has been a collector of such items since he was 15 years old. What began as a boyhood hobby later became a lifetime work.

Since 1949, Dr. Baker has served as secretary of the Wesley Historical Society in England, and for 16 years (from 1944 to 1960) he was both a member of the World

Methodist Council and joint secretary of the International Methodist Historical Society.

As a member of the British Methodist Conference, Dr. Baker served churches in various parts of England for 25 years.

Duke now has acquired not only Dr. Baker's collection, but the man as well. He was named to the faculty on Sept. 1, 1961, and holds a joint appointment as associate professor of church history in the Duke Divinity School and as associate professor of religion in the University's Department of Religion.

In addition, he is serving as associate editor and bibliographer for the Wesley Works Editorial Project, a 10-year enterprise launched earlier this year by Duke, Emory, Drew and Southern Methodist Universities to publish the complete works of John Wesley.

A breakdown of the 17,500 items in the Baker collections shows 1,500 items in the Wesleyana collection; 8,000 relating to Methodistica; 4,000 in background material; and 4,000 in manuscripts and documents.

Duke officials cited a number of rare items in the Wesleyana collection. Among them: (1) A volume belonging to one of Wesley's early preachers (Robert Costerdine) containing a complete set of the annual "penny minutes" of the Methodist Conferences during Wesley's lifetime, and two after his death (1765-1792), apparently the only complete run in any library; and copies of all but one of the seven collected editions of "large minutes" (or disciplinary regulations) of the Methodist Conference from 1749 onwards, two of which are believed to be unique in the United States;

(2) The largest collection in the Americas of Wesley's extremely rare tracts, such as "Remember the Sabbath Day," and "A World to a Drunkard";

(3) Over 30 editions of Wesley's famous "Collection of Hymns for the Use of the People Called Methodists," including all but the fifth of the seven published up to the year of John Wesley's death;

(4) Seventeen editions of Wesley's "Primitive Physick," including first (1747), and the last (1791) published during his lifetime;

(5) A printed circular letter by John Wesley (not listed in the standard Wesley Bibliography by Richard Green), "To Dr. Coke, Mr. Asbury and our Brethren in North-America," dated "Bristol, Sept. 10, 1784." This is described by Duke officials as Wesley's "apologia" for his ordination of Coke with the intention of transmitting to and securing ordination and a revised Anglican liturgy for the Methodist preachers in America. The circular ends: "Our American brethren are now totally disentangled both from the State and from the

English hierarchy; we dare not entangle them again either with the one or the other. They are now at full liberty simply to follow the Scriptures and the Primitive Church. And we judge it best that they should stand fast in that liberty wherewith God has so strangely made them free. John Wesley."

(6) Five other circular letters by John Wesley: one sent in 1766 to various clergy, seeking to coordinate the evangelical witness—this copy is addressed by Wesley to the hymn-writer John Newton, and endorsed by him; three circular letters asking for help towards the General Debt of Methodism (1767, 1769 and 1772); and one of 1790 outlining his projected itinerary for the summer of that year; and a circular about his projected collected works, which were then (1771) "In the Press"; and

(7) A first edition (1735) of Wesley's first published sermon: "Where the Wicked Cease from Troubling."

The Methodistica collection was described by Duke officials as "one of the best in the world," and is especially strong in the general field of ephemera and in reference material such as runs of periodicals (some extremely rare), works on Methodist biography and local history, and hymnology from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

The 18th century material includes a strong representation of controversial literature.

The collection also is rich in the basic literature of Methodist devotion, theology, and administration during the 18th and 19th centuries, including strong collections of the writings in their original editions of George Whitefield (80 items), John Fletcher, Thomas Coke and Adam Clarke.

It also is very strong in the literature of internal Methodist controversy and of the offshoots of the parent Wesleyan Methodism, with complete sets of the Minutes of the Methodist New Connexion from 1797-1907, of the Wesley Methodist Assn. from 1836-1856, and a run of Primitive Methodists "Minutes" from 1819-1883, as well as other periodicals published during the period from 1829 to 1886 and in the 20th century.

Important among the 4,000 miscellaneous items of background material are 500 on hymnology and long runs of the "Monthly Review" and "Gentleman's Magazine," 1731-1800, and shorter runs of "Lloyd's Evening Post."

Among the exceptional items numbered among the manuscripts and documents are:

(1) Nine letters by John Wesley, together with two pages of the Dublin Society Book, recording membership there, partly in his hand; two pages from his manuscript Journal for December 1751; and two pages of an apparently unpublished controversial pamphlet;

(2) 28 letters by Charles Wesley the poet;

(3) Four letters of George Whitefield, including a lengthy and important one to John Wesley, dated July 11, 1735; and endorsed by Wesley; and

(4) Many other letters written by Dr. Adam Clarke, the Rev. John Fletcher, the Rev. Samuel Wesley, rector of Epworth and father of John Wesley; and Mrs. Sarah Crosby, Wesley's first woman preacher.

Salisbury District Schedules Rallies

Dr. Mack B. Stokes of Emory University is to be in the Salisbury District during the week-end of November 12 for a series of rallies and discussion meetings. Beginning on Friday evening, November 10, he will have several sessions with Senior High young people who are interested in Church-Related vocations.

On Saturday night, the District Lay Leadership will sponsor a district-wide rally of Methodist Men. At least one layman from every church in the district is expected to attend and as many more as can be accommodated for the supper meeting at 7 p.m. at the Central Church of Concord. Mr. J. F. Harrelson, District Lay Leader, is in charge of the rally, for which the main theme will be Stewardship.

The annual District Evangelistic Rally, on Sunday night, will bring together at Trinity Church, Kannapolis a throng which is expected to tax the spacious facilities of that church. Pastors and their laymen will gather at 7:30 p.m. to sing and listen to special music, and to hear the guest preacher bring a message on the general theme of our evangelistic mission and opportunity. The Rev. Roy Bell, District Director of Evangelism, is in general charge, with the assistance of the District Committee on Evangelism.

The series of events will be concluded with a luncheon meeting of the ministers and their wives on Monday, Nov. 13, in a session to start at 10:30. The sparkling new plant of the Epworth Church, Concord will be the scene for this meeting, at which Dr. Mack Stokes will bring his closing message, this time specifically for the ministers.

Training Workshops for various lay leaders in the local church are being planned for January and February.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: *"I am come to set fire on the earth."* —Luke 12:49

Dean Brown at Yale said, "Young gentlemen, either put fire in your sermons or put your sermons in the fire."

My neighbor went through his house and threw his wife out the back door and dashed two babies through the window and pushed his invalid father down the steps. Before you call the neighbor a scoundrel, let me remind you that the house was on fire. When I hear a man preaching with urgency and fury I figure that there is a fire somewhere and he is warning his people not to go near it.

In the early church there was the fervor of spirit and the contagion of gladness. Burning enthusiasm is just as catching as the measles, especially when it is broken out on you.

So get you some kindling of repentance, some nuggets of Gospel truth, and pour on the oil of salvation, and depend on God to set you on fire.



Opening Of St. Mark Methodist Church, Held November 5

The formal opening of St. Mark Methodist Church, Marion District, was held Sunday, November 5, 1961. Dr. Fletcher Nelson, Superintendent of the Marion District, brought the message at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Open House was held from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The need of a Methodist Church in the Pleasant Gardens community was first brought to the attention of the Marion District by the late Reverend J. Ernest Yountz. Before this plan could materialize, the Reverend Mr. Yountz died but the basic thought had been planted and, under the supervision of the Reverend B. S. Lyndon together with Dr. Nelson, who succeeded the Reverend Mr. Yountz, plans were made for the organizing of a Methodist Church in this particular area.

On September 11, 1960, a group of interested persons met in the Pleasant Gardens High School Auditorium to consider the possibilities of organizing a church. Such plans were outlined and on October 2, 1960, the first service was conducted by Reverend Lyndon in a three room house owned by Troy Earley and located in the Pleasant Gardens community. Later the attendance grew and the group moved to a large six room brick house owned by Mr. Payne.

On November 27, 1960, the formal organizational service was held by Reverend Glenn Lackey, Conference Director of Church Extension, Dr. Nelson and Reverend Lyndon. A total of 36 persons were received into the church at that time as charter members. The membership has now grown to 56. The name St. Mark Methodist Church was selected and adopted by the charter members.

Shortly thereafter, a building committee was elected consisting of Bill Boaz, Chairman; Con Bost, Floyd Brooks, Earl Hollifield, James Gills, James Norton, R. E. Pipes, J. E. Smith, J. C. Williams, Mrs. J. C. Williams, and John B. Young. Plans were drawn by Louis H. Asbury & Associates, Architects of Charlotte, N. C., for a single unit covering 4,300 square feet of floor space to be built on a site located on Highway 70 West which had been purchased from Mr. Harold Cardell. The building contract was awarded to Mr. Frank Edwards of Marion.

Ground breaking services were held on

February 26, 1961 and construction of the building began the following week.

The present structure, at a cost of \$36,500 and consisting of a temporary Sanctuary, six Sunday School rooms, a nursery, fellowship hall, and kitchen, was completed in July and the first services were held in the new building the early part of August.

The lovely, modern contemporary designed Sanctuary has open laminated arches finished in natural pine and indirect cove lighting over the cathedral glass windows. The pews and other furnishings were designed by Southern Desk Company of Hickory. The Sanctuary has a seating capacity of 175.

From a fund set up by the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church providing for the organizing of new churches, a contribution of \$2,500 was given to the St. Mark Methodist Church. The Marion District Board of Missions and the Founders Club contributed a sum of \$9,800. A total of \$5,000 will be given over a two year period by the Duke Endowment. Other contributions have been made by local individuals.

The Official Board of St. Mark's for the 1961-1962 conference year is composed of the following: Cecil Moody, Chairman; Bill Boaz, Mrs. Bill Boaz, Con Bost, Mrs. Con Bost, James Gill, Joe Greene, Earl Hollifield, Robert Morris, James Norton, R. E. Pipes, Mrs. R. E. Pipes, J. E. Smith, Linda Whitson, J. C. Williams, Mrs. J. C. Williams, Jim Young, and John B. Young. Reverend B. S. Lyndon is pastor.

Clyde Methodist Church Holding School Of Missions

A church-wide School of Missions will be held in Clyde Central Methodist Church each Sunday night during November, according to the Rev. Robert P. Bunch, pastor. The sessions will run from 6-8:15 p.m. Study will be for primaries, juniors, junior highs, seniors and adults.

The Rev. R. H. Nicholson, pastor of First Methodist Church in Waynesville, led the first study, on Cuba and Mexico, Sunday Nov. 5. Other leaders will be Mrs. Bonnie Shook, Nov. 12, on Costa Rica and Panama; Jim Keigler, Nov. 19, on Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina; and S. L. Rogers, Nov. 26, on Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

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Rivers (and men) get crooked by following the line of least resistance.

FOCUS ON NEW DELHI

BY HILDA LEE DAIL

Part I: The City and Its People

From the tower of Centenary Methodist Church the last strains of "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" had died away. And the loud zooming of a jet plane leaving the Delhi airport filled the sanctuary stillness.

The Reverend Hendrix Townsley stood to give the Sunday morning invocation: "Draw back the curtain of the familiar so that we may see the divine," he prayed.

Outside the open window the grey hulk of a giant Muslim tomb about one-third the size of the church cast its shadow over the twentieth century congregation. Its decaying remains reminded us that the ground on which we worship had not only been the dwelling place of the great Mogul emperors, but had endured the rise and fall of seven previous Delhis.

Now Delhi 1961 is preparing for the greatest event for Christians in its forty years' history — the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

Host to World Council

The host city, capital of the world's largest democracy, has grown from a cluster of about twenty mud-walled villages to a sprawling metropolis of two and one-half million. Today there are really two cities — Old Delhi and New Delhi, their skylines revealing not only relics of past glory but also shining new embassies paying tribute to the new India, a free nation.

When the fifteen hundred Christians from every continent and fifty nations converge in Delhi, November 19 this year, their coming will be a dramatic witness to the place of Asia not only in the secular world but in the modern church.

To bring Delhi into focus for the many Americans who will not be among these visitors, I spent a number of days exploring this city, talking to its people and discovering the place of the church in the midst of other religions.

Temples of All Faiths

On the right bank of the Yamuna River, between Old Delhi and New Delhi, I found Rajghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. I was told, as I stood beside the memorial garden, that his last words were, "O God!" and I became acutely aware that this Christian Assembly had chosen to meet in a land with an intense emphasis on religion.

As these visiting Christians travel back and forth from their hotels and the homes of church people to the Vigyan Bhavan—the government constructed hall (1956) where the Assembly will meet — they will pass Hindu temples. Muslim mosques, massive Anglican churches (built while British were in power), Roman Catholic cathedrals, Assyrian churches, the Free Church (union of English Baptist and English Methodist), three Methodist churches and the Y. W. C. A., where the Union Congregation holds services.

On the streets, Assembly participants in their own national and clerical dress will mix with saris, salwar-kameez (the pajama-like costume for women of the Punjab), and dhotis, which are white cloths wrapped around men and sometimes accompanied by long, loose shirts. Men's felt hats and women's gay bonnets will take their places, bare, black heads, those covered with the ends of saris, an occasional Muslim behind purdah, and the turbans of long-haired Sikh men. All this great variety of humanity will be moving about the city on bicycles, bullock carts, two-wheeled horse carriages, motor rickshaws, taxis, buses, private cars and by foot.

City of Contrasts

Visitors will find evidences of India's struggle to compete in a technological world while clinging to ancient traditions. They will see hundreds of India's young people emerging from institutions like St. Stephen's College, Delhi University and Hindu College, and find others squatting under trees, cooking their rice and curry on an open fire, or lying in doorways, under bridges or simply under the stars.

They can discover, as I did, five thousand families living in brick houses behind a huge cotton mill company in comfort comparable to American mill villages. Or they may take a look at a modern insecticide factory where a huge black panther was discovered and killed only two years ago. Mingled with glass factories, flour mills, oil companies, and school houses, I also found, in the vicinity of Delhi, herds of black goats, the privileged cows who blissfully weave in and out of traffic, elephants bearing holy men, brilliant peacocks, a pair of black bears led by two men, camels pulling treadmills, and hundreds of nude children splashing in pools of water or playing under trees, completely unaware to any lack in their lives.

Visitors will not see many beggars in Delhi. For even though receiving of alms and giving to charity have been a part of both Hindu and Muslim religions for centuries, the government has cracked down on begging in the capital city. A survey by the Delhi School of Social Work in 1959 revealed that the city had approximately 6,700 beggars. After the practice was outlawed, the police rounded up about four hundred, placing them in a number of homes and camps, according to specific classifications. Where the other six thousand are is not certain — perhaps migrated to other cities.

Impressive Public Buildings

Newcomers to Delhi will be impressed by the beautiful columned, circular Parliament House and the other governmental buildings. Americans can well be proud of the tribute paid to India in the outstanding embassy built by the United States. It has been called the Glass House, because of its artistic use of glass and gold.

Many Indians believe this is the brightest spot on Embassy Row.

Clusters of modern homes have sprung up all over New Delhi. However, most of them are owned by the government and are categorized for higher, medium and lower salaried groups. The ultra modern Ashoka Hotel in the vicinity of Vigyan Bhavan, also built by the government, caters to internationals who come to New Delhi for conferences.

In between sessions of the World Council, those who want to do a bit of shopping will find that New Delhi is one of the most systematically laid-out cities in the world. At Connaught Place is a circle of streets whose stores have columned fronts with roofs hanging over the sidewalks that make the shopper feel he is walking on the front porch of a friend's house.

The Cottage Industries that Gandhi encouraged send their wares to New Delhi, and these are sold in the large Emporium on Janpath, one of the streets leading off the circle. Here citizens of the world can admire (and purchase) the artistic handicrafts of the Indians — handloomed rugs from Mirzapur, gold-bordered saris from Benares, brass from Moradabad, marble from Agra, (home of the Taj Mahal), south Indian silver, Kashmir shawls and rugs, and Madras bleeding cottons.

I talked to one Hindu merchant about the capital's growth since independence. He said, "Oh, Delhi is spoiled now. It is no longer a small town where one can relax and feel at home. Too many foreigners here."

"But how about business?" I required.

He grinned broadly. "Oh business has increased four and one-half times. We have made money but lost our peace," he ended philosophically.

Methodist Builders Club Has 5450 Members

The Methodist Builders Club is off to an excellent start. To date there are over 5450 members with more enrollment cards coming in daily.

A report will be sent to the ministers and the District Superintendents showing the number of enrollments by churches at the earliest possible time.

The cooperation of the laymen, the ministers and district superintendents is greatly appreciated.

A. Glenn Lackey, Director
Church Extension
Western North Carolina Conference

Decision Reversed

Reversing its own 1960 decision, the Tennessee Board of Equalization has ruled that The Methodist Publishing House is exempt from City of Nashville property taxes.

The new ruling said that the proof before the board this year clearly indicated that only about \$200,000 to \$300,000 of the publishing house's annual income of \$18,000,000 "could be considered by any rule to be beyond the scope of a religious purpose" and said this portion of the publishing house revenue is only "incidental to its over-all operation."

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA EVANGELISM

United Witness 1961-1962

Progress Report No. I, October 15, 1961 — Report by Churches

ACTION	Albemarle	Asheville	Charlotte	Concord	Cornelison	High Point	Marion	W. W. C. O.	Salem	Spartanburg	Waynesville	Thomasville	Winston-Salem	TOTALS
Depth Evangelism														
Have examined evangelistic spirit and performance of church.....	42	67	49	62	42	66	79	97	51	40	59	21	50	778
Will participate in a School of Evangelism.....	30	67	30	42	27	36	40	104	40	34	59	13	50	582
Will study the plan called "The Twelve".....	40	67	42	58	35	65	69	102	49	51	75	23	64	740
Will initiate groups of "The Twelve".....	29	49	43	64	34	60	67	84	40	49	61	21	62	673
Breadth Evangelism														
Will build Church Membership Responsibility Roll and co-operate with the "United Seeking" phase of the United Witness.....	33	67	41	54	42	71	74	106	50	56	79	26	69	773
Will make assignments of Church Membership Responsibility Lists for cultivation.....	32	61	42	65	38	61	66	86	50	47	71	25	59	703
Will have continuous visitation evangelism.....	28	67	33	61	35	68	75	79	50	47	81	24	63	717
Will complete by January 28, Church Membership Responsibility List.....	44	67	41	53	39	65	79	98	50	40	76	24	61	737
Will co-operate in the Conference-Wide Week of Visitation, March 25 - April 1.....	44	67	41	51	35	70	67	85	48	57	73	22	60	720
Plan Membership Training Classes for Children..	44	62	43	62	36	69	74	91	51	41	74	22	64	738
Plan for the baptism and care of babies.....	42	67	46	62	40	73	82	97	52	44	88	25	71	789
Church Membership Responsibility														
Prospects for P. F. other than children in membership classes.....	256	382	403	418	468	765	345	450	305	249	712	143	330	5226
Prospects for children's membership class.....	293	175	891	385	310	578	276	345	271	240	328	141	452	4685
Prospects for transfers from other Methodist churches.....	207	231	1225	401	350	400	172	134	220	147	158	80	362	4087
Prospects for transfers from other Denominations.....	174	177	503	267	253	268	183	138	188	142	208	70	215	2786
District Evangelism														
District Committees met.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	13
Presented United Witness Program at District Set-Up Meeting.....	yes	....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
District held special meeting for inspiration and instruction.....	yes	yes	no	yes	....	yes	yes	yes	....	yes	yes	no	yes	10
Districts will plan simultaneous participation in United Weeking, January 21 - 28.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	13
District will plan simultaneous participation in United Witnessing, March 25 - April 1....	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	....	yes	yes	yes	yes	12
District will conduct District-Wide United Seeking using Com. on Town and Country.....	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	9
Courses in Evangelism planned for Christian Workers Training School.....	....	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
Local Church United Witness Packet Distributed..	108	93	114	84	74	48	95	57	51	63	136	41	117	1081
Churches received Commission Handbook Packets..	41	14	50	50	36	30	15	13	50	50	50	11	27	437
District has District Evangelism Fund.....	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	8
NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN DISTRICT.....	90	93	56	90	83	73	89	109	65	86	91	86	105	1116
NUMBER OF CHURCHES REPORTING.....	78	67	49	79	54	73	84	109	54	62	91	26	72	898

Sutton Park Methodist Church Organized At Monroe

The new Sutton Park Methodist Church of Monroe was officially organized Sunday night, October 29, in impressive ceremonies conducted by Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, superintendent of the Albemarle District.

Dr. Huneycutt was assisted by T. A. Plyler, Jr., who was appointed as pastor of the new church October 1st, and the Organizational Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Lackey, Director of Church Extension of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. This is the first new Methodist Church organized in Union County in approximately 50 years.

The membership of the new church was called en masse to the altar, where they renewed their vows as members of the Methodist Church. The solemn and dignified service of the Obligation of Membership was read by Dr. Huneycutt, and the membership responded in unison.

The Sutton Park congregation, meeting in the former Red Cross Center on Walkup Avenue, has removed a wall separating the

two east rooms of the building, thus making a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 100 to 125 persons. Interior decoration is in white, with matching Colonial white pulpit and Communion table with mahogany trim. The large windows are shaded with dark green curtains, giving the room a very worshipful atmosphere. A dark green dorsal cloth hangs behind the pulpit, and the altar is adorned with the usual cross and candleholders.

Numerous visitors from other churches attended the organizational meeting.

Bishop Odd Hagen Of Norway Spoke In Charlotte Nov. 5-6

Bishop Odd Hagen of Norway preached in Charlotte last Sunday and Monday, Nov. 5 and 6. He preached at 11 a.m. Sunday in Dilworth Methodist Church and at 7 p.m. Sunday in Oak Grove Methodist Church. Monday he addressed the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministers Association, meeting for lunch in The Methodist Home. While in Charlotte, he was guest of the Rev. Fridmann Rossburg, pastor of Oak Grove Church, and a native of Norway.

High Point College Elected To Entrance Examination Board

High Point College has been elected to membership on the College Entrance Examination Board, Dr. Wendell M. Patton, Jr., president of the college, has announced.

Dr. Patton made the announcement following a two-day trip to New York, where he conferred with officials of the examining board.

High Point College made formal application this fall to be admitted to the board. In order to be eligible, 90 per cent of the entering class must have taken the scholastic Aptitude Test given by the board from its headquarters at Princeton, N. J.

A non-profit membership association composed of colleges and school representatives, the board is best known for its program of college entrance tests. The tests are required by many colleges as part of their admissions and scholarship programs.

The board maintains 1,400 testing centers throughout the world.

Hayes-Barton Raleigh Celebrates Silver Anniversary

"And some (seed) fell into good soil and yielded a hundredfold." — Luke 8:8.

Hayes-Barton Methodist Church at Raleigh, N. C., was created by Bishop Paul B. Kern and his cabinet at New Bern in November 1936, and on December 6, 1936 Rev. Leon Russell holding the first services in Myrtle Underwood School received twenty-seven members into this Church. This month, with a membership of more than fourteen hundred and an annual budget of nearly one hundred thousand dollars, it celebrates its Silver Anniversary.

During this amazing quarter century of growth, seven pastors, including Bishop Ralph S. Cushman's interim service in 1956, have served this Church. Bishop Cushman, Reverend Elmer D. Weathers (1940-'41 and Dr. Harry C. Smith (1948-'56) have moved on in that endless line of splendor in Christian service to join their Master, but the four remaining ministers will participate in Hayes-Barton's special period of rededication this month. On November 12th, Dr. William Stanley Potter (1945-'48) will preach at both morning services; on November 19th, Rev. Robert L. Jerome (1941-'45), on November 26th, Dr. W. L. Clegg (1956-'60), and on November 3rd Rev. Leon Russell (1936-'40), the founding minister, will conduct the services. On Sunday evening, December 3rd, Bishop Paul N. Garber, presiding bishop of the North Carolina Conference, will address a community-wide service launching Founders' Week at the Church. On Wednesday, December 6th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first service of the Church, a banquet in the Fellowship Hall of the Church will honor the charter members of this great congregation.

The characteristic of phenomenal growth was evident in this congregation from its beginning. Starting with twenty-seven, thirty more joined the second Sunday, and at the end of the third Sunday, which was observed as "Charter Member Sunday," there were eighty-seven members. When the formal, organizational meeting was held on January 4, 1937, there were one hundred and seven members — and two hundred more were added during the first year. Before the Church was three years old it had more than three hundred members. W. L. Nevins was the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees; M. G. Mann, who was later to serve ably as Chairman of the Board of The Methodist Home at Durham, was the first Chairman of the Board of Stewards; and B. F. Russell was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The first budget was \$2,750 and before the year was over, a site for the Church had been purchased for \$3,500. Two years later the lot was paid for and work begun on the \$18,000 chapel, designed by Duke University architect, Howard N. Haines. The editor and publisher of *The Raleigh Times*, John A. Park, was Chairman of the Building Committee. The debt grew with the congregation; in 1943 it was \$12,000, but by 1948 the cost of the chapel and all

other accumulated debts had been paid in full. In 1941 a lot adjoining the chapel had been purchased for \$1,200, in 1947 the former parsonage on Stone Street at \$16,500, in 1950 the parking lot opposite the church for \$84,000, and in 1953 the house an dlot used as the Sunday School Annex at a cost of \$28,000. In 1960 the old parsonage was sold and the present one purchased for \$40,000, an additional \$10,000 being applied to furnishing it. In 1948 the Education Building was constructed at a cost of \$65,000, and the chapel moved to the east end of it, elevated for basement rooms, brick veneered, and a new heating plant installed, at a cost of \$70,000 in 1954. The cost of the new sanctuary built in 1956 was approximately a quarter of a million dollars; with the furnishings, stained glass window, and \$30,000 organ, the total cost exceeded \$300,000. The total capital assets of Hayes-Barton Methodist Church, after but twenty-five years of existence, are in excess of a half million dollars and would probably appraise at \$600,000. North Carolina Methodists share with the congregation at Hayes-Barton a sense of pride and thanksgiving in the marvelous growth of this church.

When Bishop Kern gave Rev. Leon Russell the task of starting a new church, Mr. Russell wired his mother: "Have received my appointment. No church, no members, no parsonage, no salary." He, and his successors, soon changed that. Today, Rev. Paul Carruth is the spiritual leader of a congregation of 1,427 members having current annual budget of \$92,942.

The emphasis in this survey of the growth of Hayes-Barton Methodist Church has necessarily been upon numbers and dollars, but it should be quite obvious that there are but material manifestations of deeper spiritual values. The church plant today is but a resultant of the vision, the faith, the courage and the dedication of the members and leaders of yesterday. Remember that this church was launched, not in a period of abundance such as the present but, in the depression of the '30s when incomes were low and unemployment high. It took great faith and a profound sense of dedication to launch a new enterprise when bitter experience had taught extreme caution and compelled thrift. Yet, these men and women dared to dream of a better tomorrow — and to risk their little to bring it to pass. Such times test to the utmost the moral and spiritual fibers of a religious community. Hayes-Barton Methodist today is a tribute to the sterling quality of that leadership which has been continuous in the life of the church. Symbolic of that leadership was the eight year ministry of Dr. Harry Smith which extended over nearly a third of the life of the church in its most crucial period of growth. Saintly in character and beloved by all who knew him, in a lifetime of prayer and meditation he had tested the teachings of his Master and made them his own. His counsel and his sermons came not so much from his study as from his rich experience. His was an inner, spiritual glow which radiated outward to all who knew him, lifting them too toward a new certitude of faith and assurance. Tenderly sensitive and warm in

compassion, he listened with patience and counseled with wisdom. Whether by a sick-bed or in the councils of his church, his presence alone was reassuring. From him, as from some inexhaustible reservoir, those about him took hope, renewed their faith, and drew courage. Hayes-Barton Methodist Church is the end result of such leadership. Humbly thankful for its heritage of clear vision and spiritual vigor, it moves into the second quarter-century of its life as a dynamic and vital Christian community profoundly aware of the continuing need of the blessing of a kindly Heavenly Father who has so bountifully favored it in the past.

Stress Recruitment

The need for more deaconesses and for creating a new image of the deaconess dominated the discussion and business of the recent annual meeting of the Commission on Deaconess Work in New York. Miss Mary Lou Barnwell, New York, executive secretary of the commission said a goal of 75 new deaconesses by 1963 had been set, one new recruit for each of the 75 years the deaconess movement will have existed.

Dr. Harry Denman at Erwin Methodist Church Nov. 10-12

Dr. Harry Denman, Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, will preach at the Erwin Methodist Church, of which Rev. Kenneth Sexton is pastor, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 10, 11 and 12. On Friday and Saturday services will be held each morning at 10:30 o'clock and at 7:30 each evening. Sunday services will be at



11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Dr. Denman will also speak at the sub-district youth rally at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, November 12 at Fluquay Springs. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

For two days preceding Dr. Denman's coming, the Erwin church will conduct a visitation campaign, directed by two laymen from Wilmington, Mr. Eldridge Furgus, and Mr. Bob Hundley. Both Messrs. Furgus and Hundley are members of the Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Wilmington, and are both active in evangelistic work.

Louisburg College Opens New Concert Series

The famed Winged Victory Chorus opened the 1961-62 Louisburg College Concert Series in the renovated College Auditorium last Monday, November 6, at 8 p. m.

Joe Baris, choral arranger and conductor, organized the Winged Victory Chorus in 1952. Since then the group has toured extensively in Europe under the sponsorship of the U. S. State Department, participated in Music Festivals around the world, and toured coast to coast under sponsorship of the Civic Music Association. The Chorus is noted especially for the quality and variety of its singing and for the crisp perfection of its choreographic routines.

Every man in the group of fourteen is selected not only for his outstanding ability to perform in the Chorus, but each is an expert soloist in his own right.

The two other concerts offered this year are William Clauson, "World's Leading Balladeer," who will perform January 5 as an attraction of the 175th Anniversary of Louisburg College, and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra conducted by William Haaker on May 1. Appearing as guest soloist with the Symphony will be Jan Bobak, violinist from Norway, and winner of the 1961 Artist's Award.

Auditorium doors open at 7 p. m. and admittance is by season ticket only. Complimentary tickets are available from Allen de Hart, Director of Cultural Activities.

Upper Cleveland Methodists Plan Mission Studies

The churchwide mission study for all the Methodist churches of the upper Cleveland area will begin November 12, and go through November 15.

It will begin with a rally Sunday night at 7:30 at Friendship Methodist Church. A covered dish supper will be held at 6 o'clock. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and join with the church in the fellowship supper.

The Rev. Clyde Tucker, who has been the southernmost Protestant missionary in the world and pastor of the southernmost Methodist church in the world, will speak to the rally.

Tucker, a 1952 graduate of the Duke Divinity School, has been the only Methodist missionary and minister in the Magellan District in Chile, and 1,000 miles south of the nearest Methodist minister.

Only twice a year does he have contact with other Methodist ministers. He is pastor of the Methodist church in Punta Arenas, the southernmost city in the world, the Natales Methodist Church, 165 miles to the north, and the Porvenir Village Methodist Church, across the Strait of Magellan, the southernmost Methodist church in the world.

He will give something of the story of the increasing importance of South America in the world today in line with the Methodist mission study on South America.

Monday through Wednesday night the

various church groups will be studying the churchwide mission study book, *Latin American Lands in Focus*.

As part of the program each night, Dr. Horace McSwain or Alberto Rodrigues will speak or films will be shown.

Dr. McSwain is executive secretary of the Board of Missions of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

"Cuba Today" will be a report by Alberto Rodrigues, who has just come from Havana. He has served as a local preacher of the Methodist church there, and can give something of the story of Castro and Cuba and the church in Cuba today.

Large Number Attending Christian Education Conference

Twenty-five Methodists from throughout the Western North Carolina Conference attended a six day Methodist Conference on Christian Education in Chicago last week. The meeting began Nov. 1 and lasted through Nov. 6.

The 14th annual conference featured study in the fields of work of children's, youth and adult workers, directors of Christian education, executive secretaries and board presidents, camp and conference administrators, general church school workers, and professors of religion.

Those attending from the conference area included:

Asheville, Mrs. G. L. Gilpin; Charlotte the Rev. William R. Brantley, George Blackburn, Mrs. W. H. Hoefflich, the Rev. Edward Ritter and the Rev. DeArmon Hunter; Durham, Dr. W. A. Kale of Duke University; Greensboro, the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Miss Pat Floyd, Kenneth G. Fansler and the Rev. Howard L. Coleman; High Point, the Rev. Delbert Byrum and Miss Ann Tyler; Misenheimer, Dr. George M. Schreyer of Pfeiffer College; Salisbury, Dr. James C. Stokes; Statesville, Dr. J. Elwood Carroll, Dr. Carl H. King, the Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., the Rev. Paul H. Duckwall, Miss Louise Robinson and Miss Ramona Morton; Thomasville, the Rev. Rodney C. Brown; Winston-Salem, Miss Angela Brown, the Rev. Richard Hanner and Miss Susan Lutz.

High Point Professors Attending Language Meeting

Dr. Walter Blackstock and Dr. William J. Sowder will represent High Point College at the annual meeting of the Southern Atlantic Modern Language Association this week.

The meeting is to take place in Atlanta, Ga., November 9-11. SAMLA has approximately 12,000 members, consisting of professors of English and foreign languages, from colleges and universities throughout the South and Southeast.

Dr. Blackstock is head of the Department of English at High Point College. Dr. Sowder is a member of the faculty of the English department.

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One-half of the world could live on what the other half wastes.

Youth Activities Week At First Church, Wilson, Nov. 12-15

Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m., business meeting; 7:30 p.m., Class: "Dating and Going Steady," with Rev. Marvin Vick, of Queen Street Church, Kinston, as leader. 8:30, recreation.

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m., Worship, "I Believe In Jesus Christ," Rev. James Bailey, Wilson; 7:30, Class, Rev. Marvin Vick; 8:30, recreation.

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00, Worship: "I Believe in the Christian Life," Rev. Murphy Williams, First Presbyterian Church, Wilson; 7:30, Class: "Problems We Will Face In College," Rev. T. A. Collins, president N. C. Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount. 8:30, Recreation.

First Methodist Church, Wilson, will observe Youth Activities Week November 12-15. The theme is "I Believe." On Sunday, Nov. 12, at 6:00 a snack supper will be served and at 7:30 a panel discussion will take place. The subject will be "Juvenile Delinquency." Members of the panel will be, representing: Court—Mr. M. G. Fulghum; Police—Mr. E. F. Balkcum; School—Mr. W. W. Woodard; Home—Mrs. Charles Fleming; Church—Rev. L. E. Lugar; Youth—Miss Ann Jennings. Rev. Mr. Lugar will serve as moderator. At 7:30 a worship service, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Lugar will be conducted. The subject of the message will be "I Believe In God."

Rev. Robert F. Nay Welcomed To Fort Gordon Chaplaincy

National Guard Military Police units newly assigned to The Provost Marshal General Center were welcomed to Fort Gordon, Ga., with special services at Chapel 6 in the PMGC Area, Sunday, October 15th. Chaplain (1st Lt.) Wade N. Houston, PMGC and 54th MP Battalion chaplain joined in welcoming both the new units and their chaplain, (1st Lt.) Robert F. Nay to the post.

Chaplain Nay, assigned to the 156th Military Police Battalion, formerly of London, Ala., served as a Technical Sergeant with the US Army Air Force during WW II, in the China-Burma-India Theater. He was an aerial gunner with the 14th Air Force. He was commissioned in the Chaplain's Corps as a 1st Lieutenant in November, 1957. A Methodist minister in civilian life, Chaplain Nay received his BA Degree from Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, in 1949. He earned his BD Degree from the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in 1952.

Prior to entry into active Federal service, Chaplain Nay served as pastor of the Camp Ground Charge of Union County, N. C. He transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference in 1958, after a long period of service with the Mississippi Conference.

Chaplain and Mrs. Nay, the former Mary Ethel Mize, of Jackson, Mississippi, reside at 312 Acorn Road, Augusta. They have one son, Kenneth Neal, 4.



Woman's Activities



Mrs. Fralix Thanks Guilders

By MARY GARDNER

During the Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Wesleyan Service Guild in Raleigh last April, the Conference Guild's outgoing secretary, Mrs. Harriett Fralix, was honored by the conference with a \$270.00 scholarship in her name to be used by a native student in Africa. Mrs. Fralix has expressed her appreciation for the honor in the following letter:

"Dear Wesleyan Service Guild Members: Ever since our annual meeting last April, I have been trying to find adequate words to express to you my deep appreciation for the scholarship which you gave in my honor. I still can't find words.

"Nothing that has ever happened to me has thrilled and touched me as much, and at the same time made me feel so humble and unworthy. I thank you from the bottom of my heart not only for the honor to me, but for the person who will have the monetary benefit of your generosity.

"I am grateful for the privilege of having served as your conference secretary. The growth which I have experienced, the love and loyalty which you have given me, and the fellowship which we have as Guild members have greatly enriched my life. I wish that in some measure I could have been the blessing to you that you have been to me.

"I covet your love and prayers as I attempt to serve you on a jurisdiction level. My love to each of you. Sincerely, Harriett Fralix."

CHANNELS FOR THE WORD IN KOREA

(Concluded)

The wonderful news of the Saviour is unique because it has just as much meaning for persons with no formal education as it has for the highly educated. *Village work* is therefore very important. The district evangelistic missionary, the district superintendent, pastors, Bible women, and volunteer students—all cooperate to bring the Word into villages, however remote some of them may be. *Literacy classes* provide opportunities for many people to learn to read so that they, too, may read the Bible, and join with others in singing. *Christian Education Clinics* train teachers of children, youth, and adults, so that their work is more effective. *Woman's Missionary Groups* help village women feel a part of a world-wide fellowship of service. *Bible classes* open up new hope through study of the greatest book of hope and love the world has ever known. *Christian Family Life Groups* seek to incorporate the teachings of Jesus into everyday family living.

The Healing Ministry is always an effective challenge of evangelism. Throughout Korea, in village and city, the opportunities for proclaiming the Saviour's love through healing are unlimited. Mobile health clinics visit many villages taking medical help, a vital Christian witness, and, so important, the proof that someone cares enough for the people to come to help them. Some clinics are organized through district public health nurses; others by the Christian hospital at Inchon.

Severance Hospital, an interdenominational institution in the heart of Seoul, ministers daily through medicine, surgery, tuberculosis care, physical therapy, laboratory work, medical and nursing training. Workers in this area have many opportunities to evangelize. A senior medical student recently came to a Woman's Division missionary who had been instrumental in helping him finish his education. He had not hitherto been a Christian, but because he had received help he had begun to think very seriously about Christianity. God had given him talents that enabled him to become a doctor; Christians had given him the opportunity of receiving proper training. Now he faced the tremendous task of serving people and realized that he could not do it alone. So, with God's help, his patients will receive spiritual care as well as physical care.

Little children who come to the hospital to have tiny polio-stricken limbs gently massaged and exercised back to usefulness know that someone thinks they are important. The mothers who bring them find new hope that their children can live a normal life.

In the new hospital at Wonju, The Methodist Church and the United Church of Canada share in the responsibility of ministering to the medical and spiritual needs of a large rural area . . .

These are ways in which the Woman's Division of Christian Service is seeking to share the Gospel of Christ with the people of Korea. These are ways in which Koreans are seeking to witness his love. That is, indeed, evangelism—From brochure *Channels for The Word in Korea*, Jean Marie Powell.

METHODISTS MAKE NEWS

Regarding the public image of the deaconess, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles, commission chairman, said: "Deaconesses are not pietistic, withdrawn, other-worldly people as they are so often thought of. They are creative, attractive women involved in the most direct kind of work on today's social frontiers."

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Mrs. Carl King Speaks At Planning Conference In Charlotte

Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, told the Conference Planning Session in Charlotte that the Methodist women of Western Carolina Conference had contributed \$708,148 to missions during the past year.

Mrs. King explained that \$299,000 of this was sent to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for five missionary funds; \$225,232 on pledge to missions, \$16,164 for Week of Prayer offering, \$25,547 for Supply Work, \$6,279 for 20 scholarship girls at Pfeiffer College, and \$25,787 in supplementary giving. The remaining \$409,000 was spent in local church and community work.

She cited the fact that the membership of the Woman's Society has reached an all time high of 48,309 and that there are 955 local societies in the 1,115 churches in the Conference.

She expressed concern over the fact that there are 192 churches within the bounds of the Conference with no organized society. She distributed a list of unorganized churches in each district and urged the ministers and district superintendents to assist in the goal of having every church in every district with an organized group of women.

Mrs. King paid tribute to the fine work being done by the six church and community workers in the conference. These are Miss Vera Falls of Cherokee, Miss Anita Benoy of Mt. Airy, Mrs. Arthelia Brooks of Burnsville, Miss Virginia Miller of Franklin, Miss Laura Wells of Hayesville and Miss Carolyn Thorne of Denton.

She told of the twelve deaconesses employed by agencies in the Conference. This was later cited for commendation by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon when one of the district superintendents announced that the Western North Carolina Conference had furnished more deaconesses than any other conference in Methodism.

The women were also commended for the very fine program of missionary education reported by the president. She said that each society is asked to have four studies per year, one in the home field, one in foreign mission work, one in Christian social relations and one in Bible study. She said that this plan is one reason why Methodist women are the best informed women of the world.

In describing the missionary institutions within the conference, she issued an invitation for all to attend the dedication service of the new million dollar Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses in Asheville on November 5th.

The other institutions are Allen high school for Negro girls in Asheville, Bethlehem Center in Charlotte, Bethlehem Center in Winston-Salem, Pfeiffer College in

isenheimer and Bennett College in Greensboro.

The Conference Planning Session was held at First Methodist Church in Charlotte on October 26-27, with Bishop Nolan B. Armon presiding.

Seven women of the Conference executive committee attended the conference, Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt of Charlotte, secretary of missionary service in foreign fields of the Southeastern Jurisdiction; Mrs. Carl King of Statesville, Conference president; Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey of Asheville, vice-president; Mrs. Hugh Wilkin of Charlotte, recording secretary; Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville, missionary personnel; Mrs. S. Day Lowder of Lincolnton, promotion; Mrs. John Wright of Weaverville, public relations.

Two deaconesses, Miss Mary Bethea and Miss Mary Floyd of Pfeiffer College joined the group on Friday.

MISS MARY BETHEA DESCRIBES DEACONESS WORK

Miss Mary Bethea, deaconess at Pfeiffer College, gave a progress report on the Deaconess Board of the Western North Carolina Conference at the Planning session in Charlotte.

She said that today there are 414 deaconesses in the Methodist church. 88 of these are in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and 12 in the Western North Carolina Conference.

The type of work these women are doing centers in local churches, community centers, educational and student work, Town and Country, hospitals, homes for children, elderly and young people, and various other church-related work.

She cited how the Deaconess Board is carrying out its mission outlined in the Discipline. "To create and maintain interest in Deaconess work," they participate in every seminar and conference possible and visit colleges in teams. "To establish and interpret Deaconess relationships to the annual Conference," they have exhibits on Deaconess work at the Annual Conference, work in close harmony with related boards and commissions of the Conference."

"To cooperate with the Commission on Deaconess Work in forming policies and making recommendations regarding Deaconess work," they analyze the annual report of the national Commission on Deaconess Work and present to the board any recommendations that seem wise and desirable.

All deaconesses are cooperating in the plan for the 75th anniversary of Deaconess Work in Methodism in the United States.

The next meeting of the Deaconess Board of the W.N.C. Conference will be held at First Methodist Church in Gasparilla on Feb. 1st, 1962.

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The Rev. Clifford P. Albertson, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Cornwall, N. Y., and a district missionary secretary, has been named circulation manager of *York Outlook*, Methodism's magazine of missions. He began his work in the Methodist Board of Missions offices in New York September 1.

Sharon Harks Back To Its Heritage

BY PEARL D. LITTLE

A church that cherishes its heritage and realizes the value of teaching its history to the younger generation is Sharon on the Concord-Sharon charge near Lewisville and Winston-Salem, N. C.

The preacher's family had hardly unpacked from moving last year when we were besought by the Junior Class of the Church



school to buy tea bags. Purpose: to make money to have the ancient tombstone of George McKnight restored. George McKnight was someone special with lovely Sharon. His resting place is in Sharon cemetery a few miles from his chapel of early days of Methodism. And at his chapel early Methodism experienced a mighty boost. Here was one of its very first meeting places. Four or five Conferences were held, the first being in April 1789 and was attended by the Holston preachers. The North Carolina preachers had been waiting nearly two weeks for Bishop Asbury to arrive from a hazardous journey through Kentucky and East Tennessee. With him came Bishop Coke and Richard Whatcoat, the latter to become bishop eleven years later.

Of special significance was this Conference. The Arminian Magazine, the very first periodical of American Methodism, was started at this time. John Dickins of Philadelphia, Book Steward, published it. Changing its name finally to Methodist QUARTERLY REVIEW, it continued its publication till recent years.

Heeding the advice of John Wesley to



Methodism to read and read some more, the Conference here planned a school for the first time, took its first collection for education, and gave the first Discipline, according to Sharon's history compiled by Reverend G. C. Graham.

According to Mr. Graham, when Asbury landed on these shores there were ten Methodist preachers and when he died there were seven hundred. It is well known that it was he who welded Methodism in America into its present far-flung organization.

It was in April 1789 that George Washington was elected first president. In May 1789 Asbury and Coke were received by him in New York and letters in the form of addresses exchanged.

McKnight's Chapel "On the Yadkin" is mentioned six times in Asbury's Journal and "a living people" reported there. A living people continue as his spiritual descendants, even if his chapel is elsewhere. He lived near Lewisville and a mile and a half west of Clemmons in Yadkin, now Forsythe County. It was an important place. After the Conference had waited for Asbury for nearly two weeks, he reported: "We rejoiced together, and my brethren received me as one brought from the jaws of death."

Conferences were held at McKnight's home, a hostelry, in 1789, 1790, and 1791. His marker, quite weather-worn by now, has been set in a larger stone of white most effectively, and reads as follows:

"The memory of George McKnight Senu (Senior) born July 8, 1765.

Departed this life March 22, 1847. He lived 81 years, 8 Mont and 14 days. .

In youth joind the Method (Methodist) then get setkft (sophisticated)

Joined the Morafens (Moravians) then moved to Steks.

Had preaching in his home."

A slave, who requested burial at his feet, is buried by his side. And "McKnight's" was the renowned birthplace of the lovely Sharon, quaint with its hand-made brick and hand-hewn pews, nestling among the trees.

Rev. Ed F. Smith and Family Are Home on Second Furlough

The Edward F. Smith family, supported by churches in the North Carolina Conference, has just returned from their second term of service in Africa. They served the past few years first in the Kasai province at the Katubwe Union Secondary School where the Lulua-Bablua tribal wars found them on the line of division of the two tribes; later, they moved to Elisabethville just before the coming of Independence and the subsequent outbreak of hostilities. They were in Elisabethville during the recent fighting between the Katanga armed forces and the United Nations; much of the combat took place in their section of the city.

They are living for the next months in Durham, at 1238 North Miami Boulevard. Along with the usual activities of furlough year, Mr. Smith will be teaching and studying in Duke Divinity School as well as visiting in the churches of this area as opportunity affords.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Taking the Afternoon Off

Mark went down the lane whistling like a blackbird. He could do anything he pleased the whole afternoon, or nothing at all if he'd rather. And if you are a boy of handy age, and live on a farm, you know that afternoons when you don't have to weed the garden or dig potatoes, or help oil the pigs or dip the sheep or salt the cattle, don't come often, and you have to make the most of them when they do.

So Mark guessed he'd go by and see Granny a few minutes, and then make his way along by the alders and elderberry bushes, and through the woods that had turned all red and gold in recent days.

Granny's house was small and old and sweet like herself, and Mark loved to go here. She was busy in the front yard when Mark came up. "Hello, Gran," he called.

"Dear boy, I'm so glad to see you," she said. "Sit down. I've just baked a fresh batch of cookies." She hurried in the house, and when she came back she had a plate of cookies in one hand and a mug of cold milk in the other.

"My, Gran!" said Mark admiringly. "You always have something good on hand, don't you?" Granny beamed at him over her specks. When he finished eating and got up to go, he asked, "What are you doing out in the yard, Gran?"

"Well, just job work," she replied. "I'm trying to fix that rose trellis that's ready to fall down. And I've been trying to stop that hole in the fence. Just see here, Mark, how that pesky pig has rooted up some of my plants!"

"I can fix it," said Mark. "Where's the saw and hammer and nails?"

"Right here," said Granny.

Mark hunted up a stout board and sawed it the right length, and then with a good many licks he nailed it firmly in place. When he finished it was a ship-shape job that half a dozen pesky pigs couldn't undo.

"I do declare," beamed Granny. "It's a downright comfort to have a man about the place for such jobs as that!" She brought him some water in a gourd from the well close by. Mark drank thirstily, after working with hammer and saw for an hour or more.

When he had rested a bit, he said, "Better show me how you want that trellis fixed, now that I'm started."

"You see," said Granny, "it's rotted out here, and if I don't get a new piece

put in it's all going to topple over. But it's a bad job on account of the rose vine being so thorny."

It was rather a bad job, sure enough, but she cut away some of the worst runners, and Mark crawled under and braced the trellis securely. Then he nailed back some loosened cross pieces, so it had a new, trim look about it.

"I do know, Mark," said Granny excitedly, "you're the handiest boy I ever saw!"

"That's all right, Gran," said Mark, grinning and wiping his face on his sleeve. It was getting rather late by then, but Mark thought he'd go down to the woods for a while. But as he went out the back gate he saw that it was hanging on one hinge. The lower one had pulled out. He went back and got the hammer and nails and went at it.

Just as he finished Granny called, "Now Mark, you've done enough. Come in the house now and eat supper—it's six o'clock."

Supper at Granny's was different and nicer than anywhere else. There was a blue-checked tablecloth and a bowl of autumn flowers on the table. There was a loaf of bread Granny had baked that day, and clover honey in a blue pot, and a pat of butter, and a yellow stone pitcher of fresh, cold milk. Mark ate heartily, and then said, "Thanks a lot, Granny. I'd better go now, I reckon. I'll be back tomorrow."

He let her kiss him on the cheek, and then he went back along the lane toward home, whistling like a blackbird.

"Well, son," said his mother, smiling when he came in. "How about it? Did you have a big time taking your afternoon off?"

"Sure did, Mom," he replied with a grin, "the biggest time I've ever had."

—Christian Observer

"If I Should Die . . ."

Donnie was kneeling at his grandmother's knee for his bedtime prayer. "If I should die before I wake," he began, then hesitated. "I pray . . ." prompted the gentle voice. "Wait a minute," said the small boy, scrambling to his feet and hurrying downstairs. In a few moments he returned, and dropping to his knees again, took up his prayer where he had left off.

When the little fellow was tucked in

bed, his grandmother asked him the reason for the interruption in his prayer.

"I just didn't think what I was saying, Grandmother, and that's why I had to stop. You see, I had mixed up Ted's toys and stood all his wooden soldiers on their heads, just to see how he would tear around in the morning. But if I should die before I wake, why — I wouldn't want him to find 'em that way, so I had to go down and fix 'em right. There's lots of things that's funny if you are goin' to go on livin' but you don't want 'em that way if you should die before you wake. See what I mean, Grandmother?"

"Yes, dear, I understand," she replied, as she kissed him good-night.

—Clipped

Deep Red

I love the trees at Autumn-tide
That crown the sunset days—
Pure gold, red-tipped and rusty brown
Aglow on woodland ways.

And Oh, that lovely deep red oak
More stately than all beside—
God, let it wear a crimson robe.
Next year at Autumn-tide.

—E. Whisner

Chuckle

David, a second grader, was bumped while getting on the school bus, and suffered a two-inch cut on his cheek. At recess he collided with another boy and two of his teeth were knocked loose. At noon, while sliding on the ice, he fell and broke his wrist.

Later at the hospital, his father noticed David was clutching a quarter in his good hand. "I found it on the ground when I fell," he said, "and it's the first quarter I ever found. This was my lucky day."

"If I Should Die . . ."

Bible Quiz

(Who Am I?)

1. I built a boat quite big and fair, And of each animal I had a pair. —
2. A queen who heard about my fame To me with many questions came. —
3. I took my son up a hill to slay, But God for faith my hand did stay. —

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Jesus—Mark 5:30.
2. The Disciples—Matthew 18:1.
3. Pilate—Mark 15:2.
4. Judas Iscariot—Matthew 26:25.
5. Samuel—I Samuel 3:6.

Sunday School Lesson

For November 19

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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Greensboro College

GROWTH THROUGH SELF-DISCIPLINE

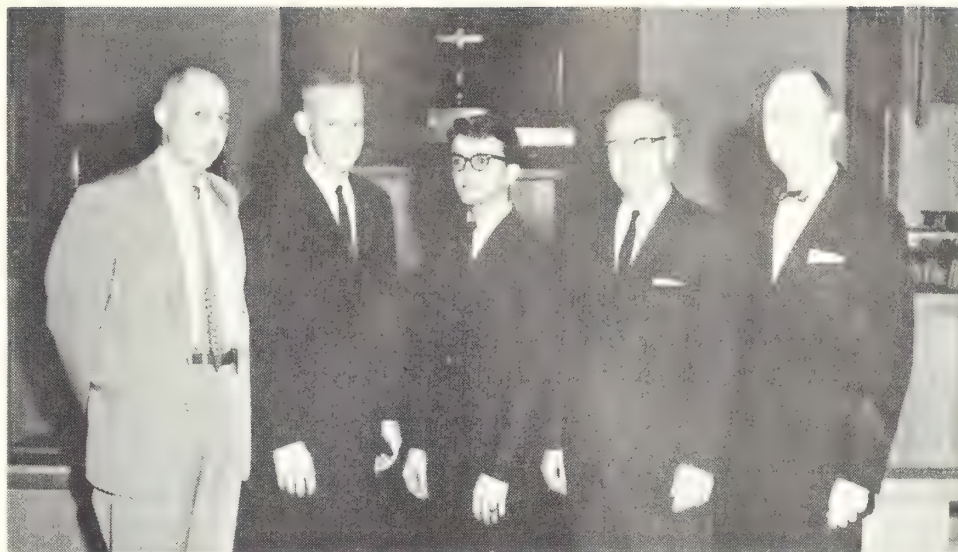
Background Scriptures: Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 9:23-25; I Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 4:25-32; II Peter 1:2-11.

Lesson Scriptures: II Peter 1:2-11.

Our topic for this lesson is one which has stimulated so much writing that one who attempts to discuss it briefly is at loss to know where to begin. The reader will be rewarded by following up carefully the references in the background Scripture, for these contain many passages that bring out the thought of the lesson even better than the short passage chosen for our main study. If a copy of Phillip's translation, or that of the New English Bible, is available a reading of these will amplify the meaning of the Scripture lesson. Phillips' title for this section of Second Peter is as follows: "God has done His part; see that you do yours." The need for strenuous preparation for the Christian struggle comes out clearly in the suggested memory verse: "Every athlete goes into strict training. They do it to win a fading wealth; we, a wreath that never fades"—(New English Bible).

Notice in verse 2 the author of II Peter reminds his readers that God has given us what we need to live a good life. He means the promise of spiritual power by which we are to escape "the corruption with which lust has infected the world." Then follows what someone has called "A Lesson in Addition." Faith must be supplemented with virtue. The word "virtue" has been defined as effective power or force; which suggests that we need more than faith. We need a power to put faith into action. But we need not only to act, but to act wisely. This means we have to have knowledge added to our virtue. Next is mentioned self-control which may be said to be the very heart of discipline. We have to "get ourselves in hand", or we cannot make proper use of faith, knowledge or virtue. To self-control we must add steadfastness, or endurance; and to this quality godliness, or piety. The word "piety" has fallen into bad company and is not in frequently associated with Pharisaism, but it has a good ancestry and means devotion to the best as seen in religion. In a word, it means a quality of humility that we have in the presence of that which is infinitely greater and better than ourselves. Then in added "brotherly kindness". This means kindness to those within our own circle, especially. But there is yet another kind of consideration. This is the quality of Christian love which goes out to all people regardless of whether or not they belong to "our group". It is the subject of Paul's great hymn in I Corinthians.

In the above paragraph we have a summary of what the author of this ancient letter considered to be the behavior of a Christian. The ages since it was written have not lessened its truth. It remains an



Methodist College sophomores, Amos McLamb, of Garland, and Larry Warren, of Dunn, second and third from left, gave a most interesting program for the October meeting of Methodist Men at Haymount Church, Fayetteville. They reported on their trip in August as Methodist College delegates to the National Methodist Student Movement Conference at Urbana, Illinois. The men of Haymount Church contributed fifty dollars toward their expenses to the conference. Bill Aycock, extreme left, is president of the Haymount Methodist Men. Fourth from left is the Reverend T. R. Jenkins, pastor, and fifth, Maurice Braswell, who presented the program.

excellent standard, but it is one which comes by practice. One must grow into these qualities by constant attention and effort; in a word, through Christian discipline. Havelock Ellis wrote: "For the artist life is always a discipline and no discipline can be without pain." We might substitute the word "Christian" for the word "artist" in this quotation and it would still be true. William Penn once said: "No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown." Jesus described the path to eternal life as narrow and rugged, and the way to destruction as broad and easy. The New English Bible puts it this way: "Enter by the narrow gate. The gate is wide that leads to perdition, there is plenty of room on the road, and many go that way; but the gate that leads to life is small and the road is narrow, and those who find it are few."

We conclude our lesson with an emphasis on temperance. While we all know there are many forms of intemperance, yet there is scarcely one which poses so great a threat to personal and national well-being as that of beverage alcohol. This was the kind of intemperance William Lloyd Garrison was writing about in these words: "Since the creation of the world there has been no tyrant like Intemperance, no slaves so cruelly treated as his." Today's newspaper carries the story of the proposed establishment of the ninth liquor store for the city of Greensboro. Only one word comes to mind—*shame!*

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Before passing judgment on a sermon be sure to try it out in practice.

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Pfeiffer Dean To Chairman Important Discussion Group

Dean Cameron West of Pfeiffer College has been named chairman of a major discussion group at the Annual Delegate Assembly of the North Carolina School Board Association.

The conference, held November 8 in Chapel Hill, had as its theme "Achieving Excellence in Education: The Role of the School Board." Featured speakers for the conference were Dr. Henry Hill of Peabody College and Governor Terry Sanford.

In recent years, Dean West has gained recognition for his views on public school affairs; particularly in the area of teacher preparation.

Set Latin American Sessions

Two meetings of major importance to the Methodist Church in Latin America are scheduled within a three-week period in Buenos Aires, Argentina, early in 1962. At one meeting, delegates from seven countries will elect a bishop to supervise Methodist work in Costa Rica, Panama, Peru and Chile. At the other, 70 representatives from 10 Latin American countries and a smaller number from other parts of the world will discuss future Methodist strategy in Latin America.

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Our Training Schools Are Announced For WNC

Four Methodist Christian education training schools will begin early in November, it has been announced by Dr. Carl H. King, executive secretary of the Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference, which co-sponsors the schools along with participating churches.

The schools, part of 36 being conducted in Methodist churches for 12,000 men, women and young people of the conference, will be held at Lincolnton, Newton, Elkin and Albemarle.

During the three to five days of training offered in each school, those attending will study about prayer, music, stewardship, the prophets, work with children, youth and adults, how to prepare for marriage, and the meaning of Christianity.

Here are the dates for the schools.

The Lincolnton Area Training School, Gastonia District, in First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, Nov. 5-9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Catawba County Area Training School, Statesville District, in Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church, Newton, Nov. 5-9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Elkin Area Training School, North Wilkesboro District, in First Methodist Church, Elkin, Nov. 12-14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Albemarle Area Training School, Albemarle District, in Central Methodist Church, Albemarle, Nov. 12-16, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Religious Emphasis Week At Emory University

The pastor of a Greenwich Village Church who has won national attention for his service to an urban community will be the speaker at Religious Emphasis Week at Emory University.

The Rev. Howard Moody, a native of Texas, now pastor of New York's Judson Memorial Church, will speak each day at 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, Nov. 6-10. The theme is "The Plight of the Post-Christian Man."

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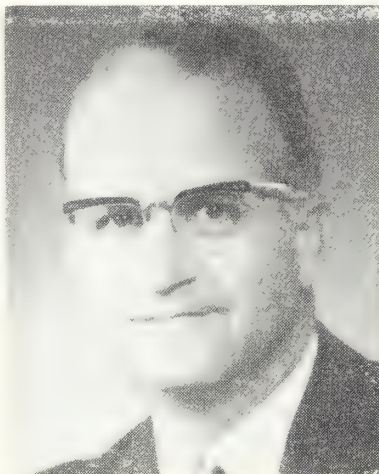
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Charlotte Mission Society To Observe 19th Anniversary

On Sunday evening, November 12th, the 63 churches of the Charlotte District will observe the 19th anniversary of the founding of the Charlotte Mission Society. Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, of Lincoln, Nebraska, will speak on the subject "Suicide, Surrender, or Salvation."

At this service the Builders' Club will be presented. Nov. 19th has been designated



"Builders' Club Sunday" at which time each church is asked to present the challenge of the Builders' Club. It is hoped that the Charlotte District can have enrolled 2,000 members in the Builders' Club.

Since the Charlotte City Mission Society was formed on Oct. 1, 1942, twenty-four new churches have been organized. These churches now have a membership of 7,650, and churches and parsonages valued at \$3,019,811.00, on which there is an indebtedness of \$823,305.00.

The challenge has been so great and the need so urgent that the Charlotte District Mission Society has had to borrow at the banks and elsewhere to meet the opportunities. The churches of the District have not only given their \$1.00 per member, promoted the \$10.00 Builders' Club, but have raised Capital Funds, the latest drive for which amounted to approximately \$50,000.00. The Society itself still finds it has an indebtedness of over \$100,000.00.

But still the challenge comes. One layman offered to give \$41,500.00 on a \$61,000 six acre lot in a newly developing residential area. The Society had to accept the challenge and is asking a committee to secure the balance from individuals.

Last Conference a pastor was assigned to a newly organized congregation with no lot, no church, and no parsonage. Again the Society has had to meet the challenge by borrowing money to buy the lot and to build the first unit of the church. Unless unforeseen challenges come, the Society must wipe out its indebtedness and strengthen its weaker churches before further expansion.

Among the special features at the Anniversary Service Sunday evening, Nov. 12th, will be in addition to the sermon by Bishop Copeland, a statement by Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, a great choir under the direction of Mr. William B. Thomas of the First

Church, the "Parade of Churches" and a musical number of the "Sextet of the Deaf." It is anticipated that the large sanctuary of the First Methodist Church will be filled to capacity.

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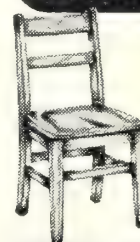
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As We Approach Thanksgiving

For clouds that send their drops or rain
And give the little seeds their birth;
For fields that yield their crops of grain,
And skies that shine above the earth;
For mountains, valleys, plains and hills
That make the landscape grand to see;
For oceans, rivers, streams and rills,
O God, in thanks we look to Thee.

For birds that sing their cheerful songs
That greet us at the break of day;
For ev'ry heart of man that longs
To bless us all along life's way;
For food to eat and clothes to wear,
For friends and loved ones, homes and beds,
For health and strength and daily care,
O God, in thanks we bow our heads.

For our great privilege to live
Where schools and churches dot the land,
Where men their best to others give
In time and service that is grand;
Where Christians love and pray and sing
And add dear brothers to their rolls;
Where men to right and freedom cling,
O God, in thanks we lift our souls.

For thy good Word and saving grace,
And for our glorious flag unfurled;
And for the right to fill our place
In this great nation of the world;
For Christ who came from Heaven's throne
And died upon the cruel tree,
That He might crown us as His own,
O God, we thank and worship Thee.

Rev. Walter R. Isenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.



* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ ST. PAUL CHURCH, Asheville, Rev. L. R. Akers, Jr., pastor, is installing a new Allen Organ in the sanctuary.

¶ DR. STACEY WEAVER was the speaker for Methodist Men at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, Tuesday evening, November 7.

¶ THE REV. MILTON ROBINSON, Methodist missionary to Bolivia, spoke in First Methodist Church, Lexington, Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

¶ DR. HARRY DENMAN was the speaker at the Fayetteville District MYF Rally held at Southern Pines Church last Sunday afternoon.

¶ DR. L. STACEY WEAVER, President of Methodist College was the Layman's Day speaker at the Burkhead Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, on Sunday, November 5.

¶ LAYMEN'S DAY was observed Sunday, Nov. 12, in First Methodist Church Hickory, during the 11 a.m. worship service. Stoye Starnes, an outstanding layman of the Statesville District, was the speaker.

¶ MR. MARVIN J. COWELL, treasurer of the North Carolina Conference, and Eva Murphy, both members of Hayes Barton Church, Raleigh, were united in holy matrimony recently. They will live in Raleigh.

¶ DR. L. STACY WEAVER, President of Methodist College, was the Layman's Day and College Day speaker at the eleven o'clock service in the Fuquay Springs Methodist Church, Sunday, November 12.

¶ BISHOP ODD HAGEN, presiding Bishop of the Northern European Area, who is spending some time in America, and is filling speaking engagements while here, was the guest speaker at Westover Church, Raleigh last Friday, November 10 at 7:30.

¶ CHARLES K. McADAMS, Director of Public Relations and Development at Methodist College, spoke and showed slides of the college to the Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church, Laurinburg, Friday evening, November 3.

¶ A SPECIAL charge-wide Thanksgiving service will be held by the churches of the Coleridge charge, Rev. John Oakley, pastor, on Wednesday night, November 22, at 7:30. The service will be held at Concord Church.

¶ CHARLES K. McADAMS was the College Day speaker for the eleven o'clock service at the First Methodist Church, Mebane, on Sunday, November 12. Mr. McAdams is Director of Public Relations at Methodist College, Fayetteville.

¶ REV. CLAYTON LUCE, Missionary Evangelist, will be speaking for six nights at the Devon Park Methodist Church, Wilmington, beginning November 14th. Mr. Luce has been a co-worker in India with Dr. Harry Denman and has participated extensively in world wide mission work. Rev. Cyrus B. Hutcherson, the pastor of the church, will lead the singing.

¶ BORN TO REV. AND MRS. Joseph M. Taylor, Jr., of Concord Sunday, November 5, a son. Mr. Taylor is pastor of the Mount Olivet Church, Salisbury District.

¶ NORTH MONROE Methodist Church is holding revival services this week, with the Rev. Alton G. Perkins, pastor, preaching each evening at 7:30.

¶ Dr. B. G. Childs of Durham was the Layman's Day speaker at First Methodist Church, Hickory, last Sunday morning. Dr. Childs will also speak at Layman's Day services at Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, next Sunday.

¶ A SON, MICHAEL ALAN, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Jackson, November 1st at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg. Rev. Mr. Jackson is the Associate Pastor of Fairmont Methodist Church in Raleigh. Mrs. Jackson is the former Myra Stowe of Hamlet.

¶ BETHANY METHODIST CHURCH, near Albemarle, Rev. David Cowart, pastor, held opening services in their new education building last Sunday morning. Cost of the new facility is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Mr. Cowart preached on the subject "The Edification of Believers."

¶ DR. MARK DEPP, of Winston-Salem, is engaged in a preaching mission at Central Church, Monroe, this week. Dr. Depp was for 15 years pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, until his retirement last June. He is a gifted preacher, and is the author of several books. Rev. Harley M. Williams is pastor of Central Church.

¶ THE FREMONT METHODIST CHURCH has been given a piano for the use in the sanctuary. The gift was made by Mrs. Margaret Whitley and her son, H. Lamont Whitley, Jr., in memory of their husband and father, Mr. Harvey L. Whitley. The instrument is an Everett, and is said to be one of the finest pianos made for use by both church and school. It was dedicated at the morning service November 5.

¶ REV. KARL KOESTLINE, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, living in Clearwater, Florida, wants to thank his many friends who sent "Get Well" cards during his recent illness. Mr. Koestline had an appendix removed, and then an infection set in which he says nearly killed him. He was on the critical list two days, but is now well again, and thankful to God. His address is 2152 Burnice Dr., Clearwater, Fla.

¶ STANLY COUNTY Leadership Training School is in session this week at Central Church, Albemarle. Sessions will be held each evening at 7:30-9:30. The teaching staff is composed of Rev. William Brantley of Charlotte; Mrs. E. C. Few of Gastonia; Dr. J. H. Phillips of Durham; Mrs. J. E. Carroll of Statesville; Mrs. Virgil E. Queen of Elizabeth City; Prof. Glenn Bush of Pfeiffer College; Miss Marion Craig of Wadesboro; and Rev. J. B. McLarty of Concord.

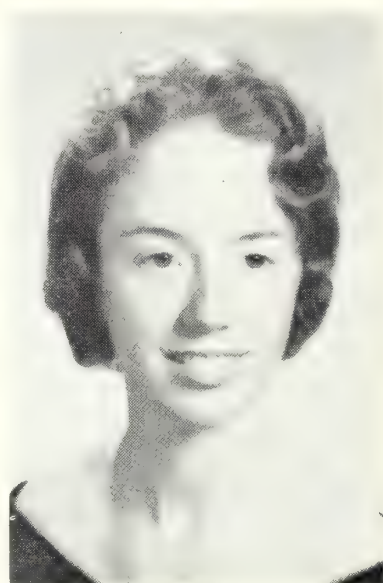
¶ MISS ESTELLE C. CARVER, outstanding Episcopalian church woman, is leading Pfeiffer College's Religious Emphasis Week November 13 to 16. Miss Carver is using as her theme "Christian Character and Christian Living" in six worship services and two informal discussion programs. The noted churchwoman is known as a "modern master of spiritual life" and is a frequent speaker before various denominations in the South, Southwest, and in New England.

¶ IT WAS A delightful experience to preach at the Mount Holly Methodist Church Sunday morning, Nov. 5, and at Covenant Church, Gastonia, Sunday night. Both Rev. Aubert M. Smith and Rev. D. L. Stubbs are in fine favor with their people, and they have splendid church plants. Each group is in a building program, and are planning to add a sanctuary later. We enjoyed the noonday meal with Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the evening meal with Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs. Each of these pastors is emphasizing the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and their people are responding. The Editor's wife enjoyed the fine fellowship of these good people also. On Monday morning we attended the Methodist Ministers meeting in Charlotte at the Methodist Home.

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"We need to lead our members to a new appreciation of what it means to be a part of the people of God, called to be a royal priesthood and sent into the world to proclaim the good news. . . . The laity are not mere fragments of the church scattered about the world who come together for worship instruction and Christian fellowship on Sunday. They are the church's representatives wherever they are found. It is the laity which draws together work and worship."

—Dr. Robert G. Mayfield of Chicago.



A National Methodist Youth Scholarship was recently awarded to Miss Eddie Lynn Garner of the St. James Methodist Church, Newport, N. C. This scholarship, awarded to outstanding Methodist young people, is valued at \$500 annually and is renewable for two years. Miss Garner, who was a leader in her local MYF, and valedictorian of her graduating class, served as New Bern District MYF president last year. She is a member of the freshman class at High Point College.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Bishop Harmon has received an urgent letter from Bishop James W. Henley of the Jacksonville Area calling attention to the urgent need for the collection for Cuban refugees to be received on November 19th. Bishop Henley says the need is "staggering." District superintendents have received a letter asking that they alert their pastors about this important matter so the churches can be given an opportunity to respond to this call. As is well known, there are literally thousands of Cuban refugees in Florida who have fled the Castro regime, and they are dependent upon the church to give the needed assistance to sustain them until they can get settled. Every pastor is urged by the bishops to give their congregations an opportunity on November 19th to assist in this very urgent appeal.

Francis Asbury's First Year In America

Francis Asbury, a missionary sent by John Wesley to the American colonies, reached Philadelphia on October 27, 1771. A long, distinguished career as virtual creator of the Methodist Church in America stretched ahead of the twenty-six-year-old Englishman. What briefly, constituted his first year's labor, his first step, in the American vineyard, portending succeeding years of service?

His purpose in coming, penned on shipboard for posterity, was stated in questions and answers, thus: "Whither am I going? To the New World. What to do? To gain honour? No, if I know my own heart. To get money? No: I am going to live to God, and bring others so to do."

His first year was filled with travels in Pennsylvania, New York (and Staten Island), New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, with perhaps a preponderance of it spent in New York. His *Journal* (E. T. Clark edition is used here) gives a fairly full account of this work, though regrettable gaps occur in it in other years. All twelve months are represented by numerous entries for reading and study.

His *Journal* (Vol. I) yields specific references to his delivering at least 197 sermons in the 12-month period in the colonies, a splendid beginning for a clergyman who would deliver an estimated 16,000 in this country. Sermon themes and texts are given on occasion, as were sizes of congregations and their reactions. He was not averse to noting their dullness. He preached at five in the morning more than once, as was the custom with John Wesley in England. The first sermon was delivered in St. George's Church, Philadelphia, and, perhaps coincidentally, the first year's work ended in that colonial city of 18,000. The regularity and quality of preaching later earned him that epithet "Shakespeare of the Church."

There are *Journal* entries of love feasts being held, another Wesleyan custom, in addition to preaching. Sometimes a night-watch was held, as at the end of the year. Francis H. Tees, in his *Methodist Origins* (p. 148), states the first American night-

watch service was held at St. George's Church by Joseph Pilmoor in 1770.

He gave intimations of his desire to adhere to Methodist discipline in the new land. During the year he wrote: "Whatever occurs, I am determined, by the grace of God, to proceed according to the Methodist doctrines and disciplines." He was strongly urged by Wesley in letters to do this.

Only one letter from Asbury's pen during this time has been preserved in Dr. J. Manning Potts' edition of the *Letters*. It was to his parents, on October 7, 1772. They lived to the end of the century, but he never saw them again. Numerous others to them appeared in later years, preserved for our reading. Asbury mentioned letters to and from Wesley; he read from one or more of them from Wesley to congregations, though their exact number may not be known immediately. After his departure from England, he never saw Wesley again.

Noteworthy are several items engaging his attention, evidenced in the *Journal*: association with Joseph Pilmoor and Richard Boardman; his twenty-seventh birthday; observation that clergy liked to stay in cities; important congregations worshipping in New York (Episcopalians, High Dutch, Low Dutch, Lutherans, Moravians, Methodists, Seceders, Baptists and Jews) and his reading of Wesley's *Notes on the New Testament*. He called attention to slavery and commented on it. Ill health was recurrent, a hindrance throughout the years.

Little sign shows of homesickness in crowded months in a strange land. He did not recall in the *Journal* that October 27, 1772, was the first anniversary of his arrival here. He did remember this occasion in later entries.

Almost a decade transpired before Asbury and his horse reached North Carolina on an itinerary, although plans for one were made in 1775.

On the national scene George Washington was 39; John Adams was 36; Thomas Jefferson was 29; Benjamin Franklin was 65 and already quite distinguished; Patrick Henry was 36; Paul Revere was 35; Daniel Boone was 37; Alexander Hamilton was 16 and Andrew Jackson was 5. The Seven Year's War had ended in 1763. The Amer-

ican Revolutionary War was to break over the scene in less than a decade. It was the time of the Boston Tea Party and the much-resented Acts coming from the British Parliament.

Thus, Francis Asbury's initial year in America was a time for mounting up with wings as eagles. It was filled with travels, preaching, meetings, visits to prisoners, forming friendships, study and leadership—foundations for future building. Hurriedly, we have glimpsed him mounting his horse, metaphorically, at the onset, to become "The Prophet of the Long Road." More than forty years of effective sowing, persistent cultivating and abundant harvesting lay before him on the American scene.

—Grady L. Carroll

Pfeiffer College Appoints Admissions Counselor

Pfeiffer College this week announced the appointment of a well known New Jersey Methodist minister, Rev. Carl Reamer, as an admissions counselor for Pfeiffer College in the Middle Atlantic states with headquarters in Dennisville, N. J.

Rev. Reamer this fall retired from the New Jersey Annual Methodist Conference after 35 years of service. He has served churches in New Brunswick, St. James; Camden; Audubon; Swedesboro; Atlantic City, Central; Penns Grove, St. Paul's, and has just completed a nine year pastorate at Greenwood Methodist Church, Trenton, N. J.

Pfeiffer College President Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, said the new admissions counselor would work with high school guidance counselors, high school students, parents, and ministers.

A graduate of Rutgers, Rev. Reamer has studied at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Drew University, and the Neff College of Dramatic Art in Philadelphia.

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A man wrapped up in himself makes a pretty small package.

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EDITORIALS

Bishop Hagen Pays Tribute To America And The Church

Bishop Odd Hagen of the Northern European Area of the Methodist Church, speaking to the Methodist Ministers meeting in Charlotte a few days ago, paid a splendid tribute to North Carolina and Methodism when he said, "If I were under the necessity of choosing America for my habitation, I think I would select North Carolina as the location in which I would like to live, because of the fine spirit I find and the splendid people I meet here." Of course we North Carolinians would agree and we think the good Bishop was exercising good judgment in his statement.

Bishop Hagen also spoke of the spirit of optimism he found here. He said Europeans are more pessimistic than Americans. However, he said the headlines are too big in this country. They play up things out of proportion. America, said Bishop Hagen, could isolate itself from the rest of the world and still get along very well. He compared the matter of church attendance in America with that of Europe, saying people attend church better here, which plays up the difference between a free church and a state church. While we feel our people do not attend church as well as they might, we are grateful that they attend as well as they do. May the time never come when Americans lose their loyalty to the one supreme institution in the realm of spiritual matters. It is one relation that all of us need to cultivate and keep alive. The church is the only institution that has the divine promise that the forces of evil shall not prevail against it. And we are happy that a distinguished visitor from across the seas is able to detect this fact in the life of our people.

Some Good Can Come From Defeat

There are no doubt mixed feelings about the defeat of the ten bond issues at the polls on November 7. Some had hoped there would be no hesitancy in approving the entire package group. Others had been just as hopeful that the issue would not be approved.

We do not make any claim to political astuteness, having never specialized in that field, but we have an idea there were at least three elements entering into the decision registered by the citizens: First, the size, \$61,665,000 is a lot of money; second, the enactment of the

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."—Psalm 116:12, 13, 14.

tax on food by the last legislature; third, people are getting tax weary. The legislature is taking too much for granted. Many issues have been approved in the interest of the public good which have left a question as to whether it was the public that was being served or the political ambitions of individuals or a group. When people are forced to pay tax to five or six different sources—city, county, state, federal, sales tax, school tax, privilege tax, and the rest, a point of saturation can be reached.

Whether the failure of this bond issue to pass was a good or bad thing for the state, at least some good can be derived from it. It shows that we still have a democracy in America. The people have the final decision. Governor Sanford very graciously stated that fact when he said in answer to a question as to what he attributed the defeat to, "the people have decided they don't want to do these things at this time, and I have no intention of quarreling with the decision of the public. The people have spoken, and that's that." He did not consider it a rebuff of anything the administration is trying to do, but a frank expression of what the people thought was best. And that is the true spirit of democracy.

Welcome To The Baptists

Greensboro welcomed the host of Baptists who attended the State Convention this week with open arms. No denominational group operating in this state has more loyal adherents to its doctrines and institutions, or enjoys the confidence of the people more than does this great church. And furthermore, no church group makes a finer contribution to the religious life of the state. The Baptists are a vigorous, militant, and aggressive people. What they believe they believe strongly and are possessed with an indomitable courage to stand for their convictions. Their presence in the city of Greensboro or any other city will lift the religious standard high and shed a spiritual influence that will bless the people.

Lay Committee On Evangelism Launch "The Twelve" Movement

Bible study, prayer, daily habits and witnessing are the personal involvements that are "indispensable elements" for modern disciples of Christ, representative Methodist laymen from across the U. S. agreed at Lafayette, Ind., in their recent meeting.

The 150 men and women, from some 55 conferences, met Nov. 2-4 to launch a movement known as "The Twelve" named after Christ's disciples, under the National Lay Committee on Evangelism, an auxiliary to the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. With an estimated 5,000 such groups already, they made plans toward the goal of a "Twelve" in each annual conference, each district and each of the 39,000 local churches. Some churches have more than 20 units.

A feature of "The Twelve" groups, authorized several months ago by the board, is that members are disciplined to proceed beyond prayer and Bible study to witnessing for Christ and to visiting those outside the church.

While details of organization were not spelled out, it was felt that the small groups meetings should include silent meditation, study of the Bible and other resources, sharing of burdens, prayer and consideration of "what we are going to do because we've been together." Members were called upon to agree to the disciplines of attendance at regular "Twelve" meetings and at worship services, to daily prayers for each other, for volunteer service and for sharing of possessions.

Also considered essential was involvement in witness, because "if God becomes real to me, I cannot help but share with others."

That this is a lay movement appeared in the advice that ministers should be related to the groups only in initial orientation and as resource persons, especially for study materials.

Conference sessions were in charge of Herbert J. Taylor, Chicago industrialist and former president of Rotary International, who is chairman of the National Lay Committee.

Basics in prayer were presented by the Rev. Dr. Lynn J. Radcliffe, Madison, N. J., retired Cincinnati pastor, as "stillness, so you can pray from the depths instead of off the top of your head"; worship, rather than "worrying on your knees and calling it prayer," and "God-consciousness" or faith.

Radcliffe declared that "God doesn't expect anybody to be responsible for everything, but he does expect everybody to be responsible for something; none of us could stand to bear the burden of all the world's fear and agony."

Experience in reading the Bible "with an investigative eye" was told by Walter F. Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation, who said he studies the Bible in the same way that he does the crime reports crossing his desk. He said he subjects its message to the tests of: "Are the facts here? Can we rely on this? Are there witnesses?" Such investigation, he added, needs to be followed by "letting our light shine, and it can't shine without pray-

er; if there's one fault we have, it's that we're a prayerless people, and without prayer we're powerless."

The Rev. Dr. Truman Potter, Charleston, W. Va., pastor, stressed that people can be converted only by God and that "renewal of the church does not come because of mechanics," but that the disciplines of small groups can put people and the church in the path of conversion and open to change. He suggested that the church needs to move from being a "country club, cafeteria, three-ring circus or retirement home for weary souls" into being a "redemptive fellowship" and declared that "the lost dimension of depth can be recovered."

Pointing out that a Christian may have the opportunity to witness frequently to some persons but only once to others, Harold Rogers, director of promotion for *The Upper Room*, called for people who will "gossip the Gospel." While the best teaching is by example, he said, "there comes a time when we must be vocal."

The meaning of Christian commitment in personal stewardship was brought out by R. H. Smith, West Columbia, S. C., lumber dealer. Just back from an evangelistic mission to Korea, he told of Korean Christian stewardship and wondered "what they would do if blessed the way Americans have been."

Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the board, closed the conference with a

plea that existing prayer groups be enriched by prayer and study. He urged that laymen at times visit on Sunday morning, "when you'll find more people at home." Declaring that "I've got something better to do than fight atheistic communism," he said, "We can keep Protestant Christianity only if we go out and show what it can do for the world."

"Diamond In The Back Yard"

(Clinical Training in the Pastoral Care of Alcoholics at The Keeley Institute)

D. P. SMOTHERMAN, JR.

Pastor, First Methodist Church
Andrews, N. C.

The main character in Russell Conwell's famous story overlooked a diamond in his backyard. However, many ministers of North Carolina have found a diamond in the Clinical Training in the Pastoral Care of Alcoholics at The Keeley Institute in Greensboro, North Carolina.

I had the privilege of participating in this clinical training course at The Keeley Institute, October 16-26. Never have I received as much help in this area of the minister's concern. The Keeley Institute is an ideal situation for this type of study. Here the minister has first hand experience in a laboratory situation. He can read and

study the characteristics of alcoholics in the wealth of material available and then he can observe. There are unlimited informal contacts and conversations with the patients. The patients accept perfectly the fact that the minister is here to learn. In fact they are grateful that someone is interested enough to want to help the plight of the alcoholic. Somewhat jokingly they say, "Preacher, when do you complete your treatment?"

The Chaplain, Rev. E. F. Bradley, who is also pastor of Groometown-St. Andrews Charge, serves as the very able director of this study. There are also sessions with the staff psychiatrist, physician, nurses, and attendants. Every person on the Keeley staff realizes that he does not have the answer alone, but working together they are able to contribute to the rehabilitation of the alcoholic. Every staff member is more than willing to help the minister-student to gain insight into the problem of the alcoholic.

The Keeley Institute is unique in that the patient is involved in an informal, family-type environment. The alcoholic is treated from the very beginning as an ill person. He is accepted completely as an individual. The staff works as a team that they may minister to his physical, mental, social, and spiritual problems.

During his complete acceptance at Keeley, the patient begins to see himself and his problem. He feels that every member of the staff is concerned about him. But he also learns that there are certain rules to which he must adhere. In this environment of complete acceptance and firm kindness, the alcoholic is enabled to begin his rehabilitation and growth. He is encouraged to build upon the foundation that has been laid during his stay at Keeley.

In this laboratory situation, where the minister spends most of his waking hours with the patients, he observes characteristics of the alcoholic that he does not see during a visit in his home, a counseling session, or a short visit on a hospital ward. As he becomes acquainted with the patients, they share with him their concerns, anxieties, and difficulties. He has opportunity to see the alcoholic at his best and at his worst. With the help of the staff, the minister gains invaluable insights into the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of the alcoholic. During his stay at Keeley, the minister-student has conferences, with the director of the vocational rehabilitation office, a representative of the employment security office, and a public health nurse, about their efforts to help the alcoholic. He witnesses, not only the needs of the alcoholic, but therapy at work.

I came away from The Keeley Institute with two strong convictions. First, the alcoholic is a sick person, and I will do all within my power to help him to recover. Second, there is great need of our society to understand the alcoholic and the causes of alcoholism.

This training is sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Western North Carolina Conference, and I am grateful to them for this privilege. I urge other ministers to take advantage of it. Scholarships are available in both conferences.

North Carolina Christian Advocate Campaign

Note What Bishop Garber Says:

Our North Carolina Christian Advocate should be in the home of every Methodist of North Carolina. One can hardly surmise as to how great would be the growth throughout North Carolina Methodism in membership, spiritual power and financial support if the North Carolina Christian Advocate would be read by all Methodist people.

There are many reasons for the support of our North Carolina Christian Advocate but the basic reason is that our members cannot be expected to show interest and enthusiasm in the work of the church unless they have some adequate knowledge concerning it.

But the North Carolina Christian Advocate is, and always has been, more than a promotional organ. Through timely editorial comments and through well written articles of opinion, the readers are enabled to get a slant on world affairs, from the standpoint of the Christian religion, which daily papers and secular magazines rarely provide.

PAUL NEFF GARBER
Bishop



The Editor is grateful for the interest shown by a number of our ministers in sending in good lists of new subscriptions. The campaign is still on. Just a little personal effort on the part of the pastor and a good list can be secured from each charge. Let us have yours NOW.

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NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Methodism, A World Parish

By CHARLES C. PARLIN

This evening I speak of the Methodist Church and its problems in the ecumenical world. But first let me join Indiana Methodists in honoring our Judicial Council.

If you have attended a session of General Conference you have seen these gentlemen sitting in bank on the platform, for the church rules prescribe that at each session of the General Conference the Council of Bishops shall sit on the platform on one side and the Judicial Council on the other. In bank the Judicial Council is a very impressive sight although no one has ever suggested that in the balloting for election any special effort has been made to select individuals of glamor.

It is surprising that all denominations have not adopted a Judicial Council. Bitter litigations in civil courts have involved internal affairs of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Congregational Church and the Orthodox Church, in each instance costly in the sense of money and time of many people, but even more costly in the deep wounds inflicted. Most of these litigations would not have reached the courts had the churches had within their structure our Judicial Council.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, probably gets credit for the concept because it had a Judicial Council prior to our unification in 1939. In preparation for this evening I reviewed the history of the Judicial Council and discovered an interesting fact: that it was the one feature of the Plan of Union, and the many preliminary plans of union, which from the very first had the unanimous consent of all Commissioners.

In the Judicial Council we have a body which can carefully and impartially review and analyze the facts and listen to reasons. Its resulting decisions become the final word.

Although the basic idea comes directly from the United States Constitution, as Methodists we can claim credit for applying this Rule of Law and of Reason to church organization. Just as the founding fathers of our nation so wisely set up the division of powers between legislative, executive and judicial, with power in the Supreme Court to challenge acts of the Congress and of the Executive branch, so we have this same division of legislative (in our General, Jurisdictional and Annual Conferences) executive (in our Council of Bishops and Board Secretariats) and Judicial (with our Judicial Council). What the Supreme Court of the United States is in the life of our nation the Judicial Council is in the life of our beloved Church. Incidentally, both the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council have nine members.

Because of our Judicial Council it becomes unlikely that a squabble within our Church will erupt into litigation in the civil courts. If the question is the interpretation of a provision in our Constitution or Discipline, the propriety of an action by a Conference, or by a board or a bishop, the Judicial Council will review the matter and render its authoritative decision.

Generally speaking, the civil courts will not challenge the authoritatively established law of a church. After a decision of the Judicial Council there is little to litigate in the civil court because the law of the church on the point has been settled.

We can be proud that our Methodist Church leads the way in this demonstration of the Rule of the Law nad Reason. Surely acceptance of the Rule of the Law and Reason in a broader field in world affairs is our hope; it is an alternative to a cult of force and a war of total destruction. Even disarmament will not eliminate conflict. Great antagonisms will persist: disputes will continue; nations, groups within nations and individuals will press their claims for justice. We must strive for the establishment of the Rule of Law and Reason as an alternative to the cult of force.

Rev. O. L. Hathaway In Revival At Newport

Revival services are in progress this week at the St. James Methodist Church, Newport. Services each evening at 7:30 through Friday. The guest preacher is the Rev. O. L. Hathaway of Raleigh, Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference. Rev. Mr. Hathaway has served pastorates in North Carolina for 26 years and was recently Fayetteville District Superintendent.

Special music will be rendered by the St. James choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruby Chartley. Wilbur V. Garner, chairman of the St. James Membership and Evangelism Commission, is in charge of arrangements for the services. Rev. Ralph Fleming is the pastor.

Christ Is Mine

For all the pearls of all the seas
I wouldn't give my faith in God;
For all the fruit of all the trees
And all the riches of the sod;
For all the diamonds in the earth
And all the gold in all the hills,
I wouldn't part with what I'm worth
In Heaven's love and joy that thrills.

O hallelujah! Christ is mine,
And keeps and guides me day by day,
And has for me a mansion fine
In Glory Land across the way.

For all the mansions men possess
In cities and the countryside;
For all the values merchants stress
On land and on the oceans wide;
For fashions that are up to date
And followed by a mighty host,
I wouldn't sell this blessed state
Of sweetness in the Holy Ghost.

For all the knowledge of the schools
And all the wisdom found in books;
For all the man-made laws and rules
And all the dainties of the cooks;
For fame and honor mountain high,
Yes, even that which mounts the clouds,
I wouldn't sever Heaven's tie
And go with pleasure-loving crowds.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.

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Methodist missionaries assigned to stations in the Congo's rebellious Katanga province are reported safe and remaining in their homes during the heavy fighting between Katangans and United Nations forces. Confirmation of this report was made by the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church in New York.



This is the scene of the groundbreaking service for the new education building at the Prospect Methodist Church. Reading from left to right are Adolph Dial, chairman of the Building Committee; McKinly Jones, chairman of the Commission on Missions; Clement Bullard, chairman of the Official Board; L. H. Moore, superintendent of church school; Lester Bullard, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Willie V. Lowry, chairman of Commission on Education; James H. Rial, music director; Mrs. Currency Locklear, WSCS president; Nash Locklear, chairman of Commission on Evangelism; Harvey Bullard, chairman of Board of Stewards; Rev. C. S. Boggs, superintendent of Wilmington District; Dr. O. L. Hathaway, executive director of the Board of Missions of N. C. Conference; Rev. S. F. Cummings, pastor of Prospect Church, and Rev. D. F. Lowry, former pastor. The building is valued at \$50,000 and the congregation plans to complete it next year.



Plans are being made at Glenwood Methodist Church, Greensboro for the construction of a new sanctuary and education wing, at an estimated cost of \$227,000. The building will include a sanctuary seating 450 people, fellowship hall, kitchen, church office and pastor's study, eight classrooms and choir preparation room.

In the capital funds campaign last week pledges amounting to \$85,000 were received on a goal of \$100,000. Church officials feel certain this goal will be reached before the campaign is completed. Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs, Secretary of Field Service and Finance, assisted in the campaign. William S. Ward is the General Chairman.

Dr. and Mrs. Hillman To Conduct Holy Land Tour

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Durham will personally conduct a tour of the Holy Land, leaving New York by jet plane March 18 and returning to New York April 8.

The tour will include visits to the ancient cities of Athens, "The Timeless City," with trips to the Acropolis, Mars Hill, the Parthenon, and a full day's tour of Classic Greece, including Corinth; also Cairo, on the River Nile, with a visit to the Pyramids, the Sphinx and Memphis, the original capital; Beirut, the capital of the land, referred to in the Bible as "the land of milk and honey"; Damascus, the oldest city in the world, with its bazaars, mosques, the Street called Straight and memories of St. Paul; Jerusalem, Jordan. By car to Amman, the capital of Jordan, via Jerash, to Jericho and the Dead Sea, by the River Jordan to Elisha's Foundation, over the Judean Hills into the old city of Jerusalem; Jerusalem, Israel, a visit to David's Tomb, Ein Karim, birthplace of John the Baptist. Spend a night in beautiful Tiberias, by the Sea of Galilee, visit Cana, Nazareth and Capernaum. Visit at Kibbutz, modern Haifa, Jaffa and Tel Aviv; visit Istanbul, the capital city on the Bosphorus where Europe and Asia meet—known as "The Magic City."

Features of this tour are carefully planned by the Hillmans after three trips to the Holy Land and the Middle East. Special attention is given to places mentioned in the Bible. Adequate provision is made for periods of leisure and time for shopping.

Anyone desiring information about this tour may write or phone Triangle Travel Agency, 127 East Parrish Street, Durham, N. C. Telephone: 682-5521.

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Twenty-one Methodist hospital executives were elevated to higher status in the American College of Hospital Administrators at its convention in Atlantic City Sept. 26.

I SAT IN THE PEW

A. JARVIS HOBBS

It was Sunday morning at eleven. Together, Edith and I sat in the pew. It was unusual for me to be there, but it was an enriching experience. Quietly, reverently, with great dignity the pastor led the eager congregation in divine worship. He warmly welcomed every one to the Homecoming and Birthday occasion. At length he explained how this six-year-old church had come into being. First he told of the concern of our Methodist Church in making possible the place and the opportunity for worship, and for our people to have proper facilities for Christian education. One could feel his love for, and his loyalty to, our North Carolina Annual Conference as he told how our Conference leaders so wisely planned for this church. At this point the names of two men came to mind—Hiram King and Paul Garber.

In the spirit of Christian brotherliness the pastor spoke of the marvelous work that had been done by his predecessor, who had been appointed in 1955 to a place, not to a church; how he had labored faithfully and brought to life the church now celebrating her seventh birthday.

In an informal word preceding his sermon this returning pastor spoke with feeling about our Annual Conference and her continuing interest in providing churches where the need is great. Modestly, he claimed little credit for himself (But I knew how he had gone before sunrise many Sunday mornings with mop and bucket and broom to prepare the temporary quarters for worship; how he had used the axe and the hoe as he worked with his laymen to put in order the beautiful church grounds now enjoyed by the congregation). The Ten Dollar Club had helped; the Board of Missions had helped; the Duke Endowment had helped; the faithful laymen had helped; other friends had helped.

Again I was grateful for my Conference. I was thinking how only six years ago no church was there. But today the church is

O GIVE THANKS

Read Psalm 136

Only ONE day for Thanksgiving?
EVERY day should be thanksLIVING.

In autumn, winter, summer, spring
I thank Thee, Lord, for everything:
For dawn's good light, for rain and sun
And twilight peace when day is done;
Abundant crops of ripened grain;
Fragrant flowers of hill and plain;
Grasses green and fruitful trees;
Singing birds and honey bees;
For lips to speak and eyes to see;
For hands and feet to work for Thee;
Voice with which to sing Thy praise,
Thy love and mercy all my days.

For Christ, the Lamb of Sacrifice,
His silent sufferings (what a price!),
His death on Calvary to free
Mankind from sin and misery,
His vict'ry over death and grave;
His power now all souls to save
Who love and serve Him day by day,
Believe His Word and walk His way;
And for the promise He has given
That He will come again from heaven
And take us home with Him above
To that fair Land of Light and Love.

For Thy eternal Holy Word
I am most grateful to Thee, Lord.

Lena Hammer Thacker
High Point, N. C.

there, valued at more than \$60,000. On Sunday morning 231 of us were worshipping there—military personnel, civilians working for the military, and many others. It would be difficult to find a group of churchmen more appreciative and more thrilled with their opportunities. They sing with enthusiasm; they teach effectively; they worship as if it were a divine privilege; they love our North Carolina Annual Conference. In their membership they have the President of the New Bern District Methodist Men; they have an associate District Lay Leader. Already they have sent out two ministers of the gospel, one now serving in New York, the other filling the pastorate of the United Methodist Church of Ocracoke.

In the Homecoming and Birthday sermon the visiting minister asked a searching question, "What do ye more than others?" as he told the new churchmen that more was expected of them because they were Christians. He agreed that faith and prayer are vital, and urged them not to stop there. He thought these were not enough. Presently his hearers were convinced that a Christian must work also; that ours is not just a religion of don'ts; that men must be faithful in doing the Master's will, and working to lead men in His blessed way.

The church was Cherry Point; the pastor is Charles Mewborn; the organizer of the church and visiting preacher was Leon Crossno. Yes, I was glad I sat in the pew that Sunday morning.

Governor Sanford Founders' Day Speaker At Methodist College

Governor Terry Sanford, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Methodist College, Fayetteville, has called for a "vision that can develop Methodist College into a full-fledged institution of strength and depth in its scholarship and in the service that it will provide the people of this region."

Sanford's challenge came as he delivered the address for the second annual Founders' Day observance in the Student Union on the college campus at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 1.

"The Founders of Methodist College, numbering literally in the thousands," said Sanford, "may observe today that many of their dreams have been realized."

"Higher education in North Carolina," said the governor, "has always been a partnership between the state and private sources, largely religious groups. Methodist College, promoted and supported by Methodist people, by private sources and community interest, is a good example of the kind of partnership about which I speak."

"Not only free minds, but an inevitable result of free minds—a commitment by students to Christian ideals, will be the bonus of the Founders' sacrifices. This involves all that is included in the quest for 'Americanism' and more too."

Sanford pointed out that, "Colleges like this one will provide their students a sense of commitment and not a cynical sense of selfishness. A private, church-related college such as this is in an especially advantageous position in providing this type of training. The ideals of Christianity and the ideals of American democracy go hand in hand. In many ways, the ideals of democracy have grown out of western Christian traditions and beliefs and, so, liberal education in this college should be marked by commitment to the basic ideals of democracy and to the basic ideals of Christianity."

Also participating in the Founders' Day program were Dr. Allen P. Brantley and



GOVERNOR SANFORD chats informally with Methodist College students Amos McLamb, president of the Student Christian Association, and Judy Barbee, editor of the campus newspaper, following the Founders'-Day program.



TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF ON HALLOWEEN

Some 300 members of the Durham Subdistrict MYF took part in the city-wide canvass for funds for the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund ("Trick or Treat for UNICEF") with \$725 being collected by the Methodist youths of the record-breaking \$2,250 taken in by the 1,500 solicitors. Shown left to right above checking in the donations at a party at Duke Memorial Church are: Charles Massey, publicity chairman; Myra Morris, secretary and drive chairman; George Roycroft, president; and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, counselor.

—DURHAM SUN Photo by Jim Thornton

the Reverend O. L. Hathaway, each of Raleigh, and Trustees of the college.

Music for the program was provided by the 35-member Methodist College chorus, and faculty members, Dr. Willis Gates, violinist, and Mrs. Jean Ishee, pianist.

Dr. L. Stacy Weaver, president of the college, presided over the meeting and presented a portion of the program entitled "Retrospect and Prospect."

A luncheon for the Trustees and guests was held in the north dining room of the college cafeteria, followed by a brief business meeting of the Board of Trustees.

During the Board Meeting, which was presided over by Governor Sanford, plans were discussed for the opening of bids November 14, on construction of a dormitory to house approximately 90 additional students in the fall of 1962. This new facility will be used for women students and the present two units will be used for men.

Plans for the erection of a 150-student dormitory for use in the fall of 1963 were announced by President Weaver. Weaver told the trustees that he hoped construction on the large dormitory could begin in the spring of 1962 under a loan program with the federal government.

The trustees were informed that all present residence facilities are filled and there is a waiting list for the second semester.

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When a man speaks ill of you, live so that nobody will believe him.

Family Life Conference Held By Tarboro Churches

A very successful Family Life Conference was held in Tarboro recently. The Conference was sponsored jointly by the Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. It was a thrilling experience to draw from each of these churches some of their outstanding leadership in this field, the courses and instructors were as follows:

Rev. Walton Davis, Norfolk, Va., (Episcopalian) taught "Christian Concept of Marriage and the Family."

Dr. Frederick Widmer, Atlanta, Ga., (Presbyterian) taught "Parents of Young Children."

Rev. Wm. C. Spong, Rocky Mount (Episcopalian) taught "The Teenager Looks at Himself."

Mrs. E. I. Terry, Rock Hill, S. C., (Methodist) taught "Parents of Teenagers."

Dr. W. W. Kincheloe, Sr., Rocky Mount (Baptist) taught "Challenge of the Declining Years."

This Conference averaged about 180 persons for each of the four nights. This was beyond our expectations. It is reported to have been one of the best things ever done by the churches in Tarboro. The instructors were especially thrilled with the fact that the four denominations could cooperate in such a wonderful way.

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A fool's tongue is always long enough to cut his throat.

Brooks-Howell Home Dedicated

The new Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries in Asheville was dedicated on Sunday, November 5th, with more than 500 Methodists from all parts of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee present for the service.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks of Mount Vernon, Iowa, one of the two persons for whom the home was named and also president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service for eight years, was guest speaker for the occasion.

She said, "Brooks-Howell is an expression of love from thousands of Methodist women to those who have been their messengers."

To the members of the Brooks-Howell family, she said, "As you live at Brooks-Howell Home, it is now your alma mater—not that you do not love your alma mater of college, but a home whose sheltering walls will offer rest and peace."

She concluded her address by saying, "It does not take great men to do great things, but it takes consecrated women. I salute you all in whatever capacity you have served or shared. We dedicate this home made possible by the consecrated gifts of thousands of persons."

Miss Emma Burris, executive secretary of the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, introduced Mrs. Brooks. She also recognized other officers of the Woman's Division: Miss Margaret Billingsley, executive secretary of Japan and Korea in the Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Mrs. Hubert Davis of Raleigh, a member of the Board of Missions; Mrs. J. W. Payne of Honea Path, S. C., and Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., of Gastonia, former members of the Board of Missions.

Miss Burris also recognized Chester Howell of Asheville, brother of the late Miss Mable K. Howell, one of the two persons for whom the home was named.

Mrs. E. D. Chandler of Asheville, chairman of the local building committee, presented the key of the new building to Mrs. E. U. Robinson of Lebanon, Tenn., chairman of the building committee of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Robinson said, in part, "The key is a symbol of an open door. It is a symbol that the door which is open in the edicated thinking of those who are coming ere as their service is completed."

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville District, conducted the formal act of dedication, saying that he was serving in the place of Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte.

Mrs. Rupert Crowell of Asheville, chairman of the executive committee since the organization of the home in 1957, had charge of the service. She said, "We have worked and prayed to make our dream a reality. Many of you who have come have had a part in making this building possible."

She paid tribute to Miss Mable Metzger, retiring director of the home, and to Miss Eva McNabb, new director.

Other features of the program included solo by Edwin H. Easter of Central Methodist Church, Asheville; invocation by the Rev. Walter J. Miller of Asheville; introduc-

tion of conference and jurisdiction officers by Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, incoming chairman of the executive committee, and the benediction by the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., of Asheville.

Open house was held at the home from 2 to 5 p.m. on the same afternoon as the dedication. The members of the executive committee and residents of the home were hostesses and guides for the afternoon.

It was estimated that the new home with its equipment was a project amounting to a total of over a million dollars.

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Rev. William H. Brown, 87, Is Optimistic About His Church

BY BILL QUICK

A spry 87-year-old Methodist cleric evidenced a vigor that is uncommon for a man whose calendar age approached four score and ten.

The Rev. William H. Brown, who now lives with his wife in the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham, appeared one of the most enthusiastic ministers present for the recent annual Methodist Spiritual Retreat at historic Louisburg College. Mr. Brown, who was born in Louisburg, did not exercise the pessimism that was sounded by many on the state of the church.

"I don't think the church is losing ground as rapidly as some people would have us think," he said.

"The church cannot rest on her laurels," he advised, "but she can have a marvelous influence if she takes her opportunities seriously. It cannot afford to say, 'There's nothing we can do' and sit down! If we live our faith and unite in our prayers she will yield an even greater influence!"

This optimism seems to have characterized the ministry of Brown, whose service years number more than any minister attending the Louisburg meet.

Mr. Brown was licensed to preach in May, 1896, in Jackson, Northampton County. Attending high school at Old Trinity in Randolph County, he was admitted on trial in 1902 following his completion of college work at Trinity College in Durham. His first church was a

station appointment in Plymouth, unusual for those days.

"In fact," he says, "one of the greatest changes to come about in the Methodist Church in my lifetime is the division of the large six, seven and eight-point circuits."

Asked how the evangelism methods and techniques of today differed from those of 65 years ago, he retorted, "Back then we had old-fashioned revivals of two weeks' duration or more."

"Whereas we used the revival as a major evangelistic tool, the ministers today are relying more on visitation evangelism," the minister continued.

He thinks this is good, but not good enough. A combination of the revival and visitation evangelism is best, he counseled.

The octogenarian chatted with many of the younger ministers at the retreat, among them Kermit Lee Braswell of Gillburg in Vance County. Braswell, 23, was perhaps the youngest minister to attend the annual affair.

"Don't forget," Mr. Brown told Braswell, "that you are called of the Lord to preach."

The younger clergyman listened as Mr. Brown declared, "A man shouldn't come into the ministry unless he is called. If he isn't called by God he can never be an influence for Christ."

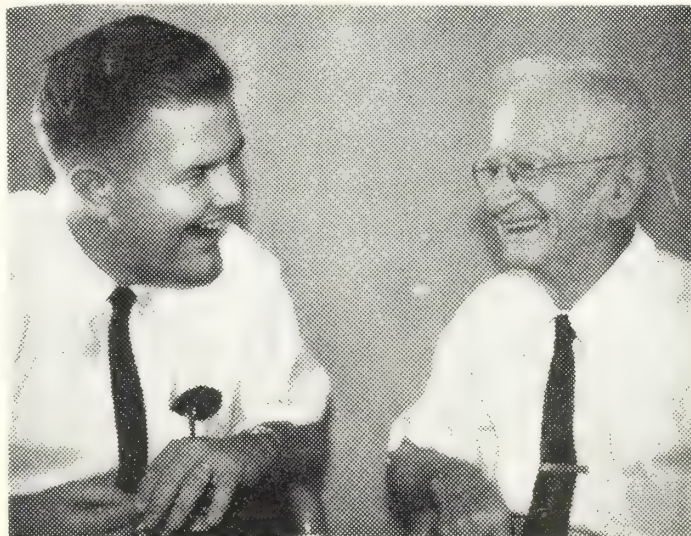
"I've always felt that when a man joined a conference and took a vow, he should stick to his main business—preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some ministers forget this vow," he said.

Mr. Brown, who was married 58 years ago, served the Methodist Church under the leadership of eight bishops, all of whom are now deceased. Following his retirement from the Methodist ministry and subsequent supply work for the Methodist conference, he began preaching for the Presbyterians.

"After the Methodists decided I was too old to preach, I was asked to supply the Culdee Presbyterian Church in Moore County," Mr. Brown stated. He has also supplied the Jackson Springs Presbyterian Church on three different occasions: 18 months, six months and two months.

Braswell, a graduate of UNC and a second-year student at the Duke Divinity School, said he became a minister because he felt "an urgent call." The urgency of the task of the church today, he said, was the relating of man's spiritual nature to his human nature and his everyday problems.

"Because folks today will not put the church first as they tended to do in Mr. Brown's day," he said, "I believe that pastoral care will play a greater role in the ministry today than it did a half-century ago."



Eastern North Carolina Methodism's oldest and youngest ministers attend Spiritual Retreat at Louisburg College. The Rev. Kermit L. Braswell of Gillburg, Vance County, gets a good laugh from 87-year-old William Henry Brown of Durham. Brown was licensed to preach 65 years ago. Braswell is beginning his second year in the ministry.

"Air Force Chapel Of The Air"

Chaplain, Lt. Col. HOYT H. HOOD, Base Chaplain 839th Air Base Gp, Sewart Air Force Base, will serve as guest preacher of the "Air Force Chapel of the Air" to be telecast over Station WTOP-TV, Washington, D. C., Sunday, November 26, 1961, at 8:30 a.m., local time. Chaplain Wood will speak on the topic "Finding the Goal Posts."

The "Air Force Chapel of the Air" is a weekly, half-hour, televised Protestant worship service. The telecast takes place at the studio chapel, Broadcast House in



Washington, D. C. WTOP-TV is a CBS affiliated station. The "Chapel of the Air" is telecast as a public service to the Protestant community of the Nation's capital.

The first service of the "Chapel of the Air" was held Easter Sunday, April 8, 1956. It increased its viewing and listening scope in July 1957 to a world-wide audience. From that time on, the worship service has been kinescoped, taped, and made available for distribution through the facilities of the Armed Forces Television and Radio Network.

The network includes 27 television outlets throughout the world, giving the "Chapel of the Air" a "global parish" stretching from the polar regions of Greenland to tropical Panama Canal, and from Europe, and North Africa across the islands of the Pacific to Japan, Korea, and the Philippines.

The kinescoped services are being distributed also for showing by movie projector to personnel assigned to isolated Air Force units both in this country and overseas.

Chaplain Wood is a member of the W. N. C. Conference and a former pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Gibsonville, West Jefferson, and Ann Street in Concord. He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Rierson of Gibsonville, North Carolina.



The number of students enrolled this year at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage is about 10 per cent above last year, which was the school's first academic year. Registration this year was 175, with more to be added for night classes and late registrations.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

TEXT: "Train up a child in the way he should go."—Proverbs 22:6.

What can I do with my boy? Let him alone all you can. Growing up will cure most of it.

How can I make him respect his mother? Tell her and his grandmother to stop squeezing blackheads out of his neck and picking strings off his coat and calling him darling in the presence of his friends.

How can I make him comb his hair and shine his shoes? Let him fall in love with that little cutie whose hair hangs down in ringlets.

How can I make him stop fighting? Arrange for him to meet his match. Even daddy stops fighting his boy when the boy gets big as daddy.

How can I get him to want to stay for church? Turn the goat loose in the pastor's study and let him eat those old out-lines.

Protestantism-Catholicism

We have just received a pamphlet, written by the Rev. W. A. Swift of Tennessee, entitled "Protestantism Looks at Roman Catholicism." He recites some of the history of the Catholic church, which is repugnant to Protestants, and goes on to predict what the outcome may be if Catholicism has its way. Mr. Swift of course takes the Protestant position of being opposed to allocation of federal funds for parochial schools. He is kind enough to quote an editorial from the North Carolina Christian Advocate which appeared some time ago, in which attention was called to the fact that the Catholics have the same privilege of sending their children to public schools, provided by tax-payers money, just as do Protestants. The pamphlet is well written, and may be had by those interested by writing the author at Monteagle, Tenn.

Haw River Youth Really Working

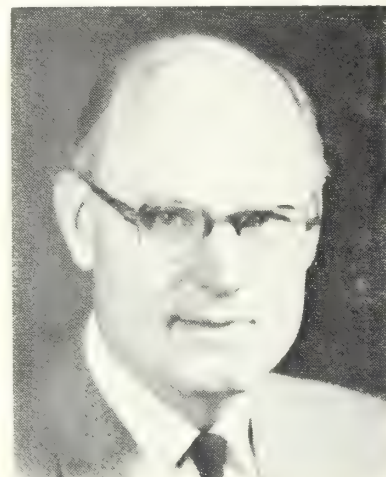
Rev. C. C. Capps, known to the community is "Preacher Cling," has really put our youth program in "high gear." We have grown from about two groups to four, which meet every Sunday night. We have grown from about 15 in number to about 90 each Sunday night. This keeps us really jumping. We have recently raised the money for remodeling rooms and are doing the work ourselves. We have remodeled two of our church school rooms. Plans are now in progress to remodel all 15 rooms. We plan to raise the money by giving plays, have a Christmas tree sale, candy sale, Brunswick stew sale, and a community field day. Just to mention some of our projects.

We wanted to share our news with the other M.Y.F.'s in North Carolina.

PAT COLLIER, Reporter

Two New Staff Members of Board of Lay Activities

The Board of Lay Activities has added two new staff members as shown below. The offices of the Board which are now located at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, will be moved after December 15 to the new Methodist Building, located at 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois.



R. ROY KEATON of Flossmoor, Ill., former director-general of Lions International, began his work Nov. 1 as executive secretary of the board's newly-created Section of Methodist Men.



WILLIAM B. MCPHERSON, superintendent of schools at Park Rapids, Minn., and director of lay speaking in the Minnesota Conference, will begin work Jan. 1 as director of the new Department of Lay Speaking.



Senator Byrd of Virginia, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, says "There have been 25 federal deficits in the past 31 years; and there will be another deficit this year. The Federal debt is approaching \$300 billion; it is already beyond the World War II peak. The purchasing power of the dollar is now 46 cents as compared with 100 cent dollars in 1939; and there is imminent danger of increasing inflation."



A Sabbath-breaking nation will soon become a broken nation.

District Directors Of Social
Concerns Hold Goldsboro Meet

District Directors of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the North Carolina Conference met in Goldsboro, October 19. Rev. Jack Crum, Secretary, presided. A discussion of the district directors' responsibilities for the Tri-District conferences followed. A letter will go to pastors and local church chairmen in each district. The letter will give the following information, and ask that this date be reserved:

A dinner meeting for pastors and local church chairmen of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns will be held as follows: Jan. 3 at University Methodist Church in Chapel Hill for the Burlington, Durham, and Raleigh Districts; Jan. 4 at Clinton Methodist Church in Clinton for the Goldsboro, Fayetteville and Wilmington Districts; Jan. 5 at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville for the Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City and New Bern Districts.

The purpose of the meeting is to aid commission chairmen and pastors get the Commission on Christian Social Concerns organized and actively functioning. The featured speaker will be the Rev. Rodney Shaw, of our Board's Division of Peace and World Order, who will speak on peace and disarmament which is the emphasis for this year. The dinner will cost \$1.00 for each person attending. Reservations should be made.

The evening schedule will be: dinner and filmstrip at six o'clock, discussion of the organization and work of the commission, worship and the speaker, adjournment at nine o'clock. Each person should bring a manual.

Present were C. V. Bryant from the Burlington District, R. S. Pullman from the Elizabeth City District, David Moe from the Fayetteville District, E. H. Smotherman from the Goldsboro District, R. L. Fleming from the New Bern District, and J. F. Grill from the Raleigh District. Absent were C. S. Hubbard of the Durham District, Vance Lewis of the Rocky Mount District, and Paul Boone of the Wilmington District.

Revival To Be Held
at Simpson Church

Revival services will be conducted at the Salem Methodist Church, Simpson, North Carolina, November 17th thru the 19th at 7:30 each evening. Rev. G. M. Hamby of Florence, Alabama, will be the guest preacher. Rev. Mr. Hamby is a member of the Alabama Conference of the Methodist Church. He has been an evangelist for 34 years and has held revival meetings in 40 of the states and has traveled and preached extensively in over 100 countries of the world—on all the continents except Australia. He has seen through his ministry 25,000 people won to Christ and added to the Church. He will be showing missionary films taken from all over the world including one called "Red China — Outlaw" narrated by Lowell Thomas, this is a documented sound film. Rev. Alton S. Lancaster is pastor of the Salem Church.



Thomas Wolfe Memorial Award
Presented to Dr. D. E. Camak

Dr. David E. Camak, retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference, who presently resides in Greer, S. C., has been presented the Thomas Wolfe Memorial Award for 1961. The award was given in recognition of the literary contribution made by Dr. Camak in his book, *Human Gold from Southern Hills*, published last year. This is a very fascinating book. We have read it, and it is the kind of book one hesitates to lay down, once begun. The award was made at Morganton on October 28th and reads as follows:

"The Thomas Wolfe Memorial Award has been presented to David English Camak for outstanding literary achievement in *Human Gold from Southern Hills*, adjudged to be the best qualified work produced in 1960. In witness whereof the trophy has been awarded and this certificate delivered. (Signed) The Thomas Wolfe Memorial Association, Inc., John F. Shuford, President; Myra Chapman, Secretary."

The Thomas Wolfe literary trophy is a sterling silver vase two feet high, ten inches wide at the top, weighing five pounds. The winner keeps it ten and a half months, then returns it for the next annual presentation. It is engraved as follows:

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In Memoriam

MRS. B. B. HAYES

We, the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hudson Methodist Church, wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. B. B. Hayes.

Some years ago in grateful recognition of Mrs. Hayes' sincere contributions to the Hudson Methodist Church and particularly the Woman's Society of Christian Service, this circle was renamed "The Mayme Hayes Circle."

Her deep devotion to her church was exemplified by her interest in all phases of its work, which included organizing the W.S.C.S., teaching a Sunday school class for many years, leadership in a Junior Missionary Society, and her profound concern for orphan children. She supported children at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem, and was always proud to show her friends pictures of "her children." Many contributions have been sent to the Children's Home as memorials.

From year to year her good deeds multiplied, and the results of her years of work in the church and Woman's Society of Christian Service will bear fruit for many generations to come among the members of the Hudson Methodist Church and Hudson community.

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Recognizing his long service in several capacities, retired Chaplain George F. Rixey was elected an honorary life member of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, at its meeting in Washington October 18. A member of Missouri Conference since entering the ministry in 1911, Mr. Rixey was in the Army chaplaincy from 1917 until his retirement in 1943.



Woman's Activities



Greensboro Guild Has Study of Latin America

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Greensboro District concluded a study of Latin American countries this month by having a dinner party, Latin American in menu, theme and decorations. It was held at College Place Methodist Church in Greensboro.

Miss Mary Bethea, dean of women at Pfeiffer College, taught the study. 400 women representing 16 of the 24 Guilds in the district attended the four sessions.

The dinner was authentic in every detail, as information was gathered from Mrs. Gladys Bigham, recent visitor to Brazil, and from others who had first hand information. The menu included johnmazzeti, Brazilian rice, baked bananas, green salad, lemon tarts and Portugese breads, along with coffee.

Individual tables seating six persons, were centered with dolls dressed in costumes of the country they represented.

Miss Bethea termed the study one of the most interesting mission studies. She said in part, "The seriousness and sincerity in becoming a member of the Christian Church is considered one of their greatest privileges. After expressing a desire to unite with the church, they must prove themselves worthy and undergo a period of probation for carrying out certain obligations required by the church before their membership is accepted."

The study was conducted for Jurisdictional credit by Guild members. Miss Edith Mitchell of Mayodan is district secretary of missionary education.

—Guild-O-Gram

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT HAS DAY APART SERVICE

Mrs. Herman Anderson of Charlotte, secretary of spiritual life of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference, conducted a Day Apart service for the women of the Asheville District on Thursday, November 2nd at Sardis Methodist Church near Asheville.

The theme for the day was, "Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole." Mrs. C. C. Norton of Hendersonville, district secretary of spiritual life, opened the morning program with a meditation.

Mrs. Anderson developed her theme along three lines, that "as Christian women we long to be perfectly whole, physically, mentally and spiritually." She spoke of God's wondrous care in the wholeness of His Creation, of His care in redeeming us from sin and of the dedication of our lives to Him in service.

The day's worship was concluded with an altar service of consecration.

100 women attended the meeting. All who came brought a simple lunch and the hostess church served coffee.

HIGH POINT DISTRICT HAS EXECUTIVE MEETING

The members of the executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the High Point District met on October 17th at the home of Mrs. J. A. Spence in Asheboro.

Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford, officer of the Jurisdiction, made a talk on her trip to the World Federation of Methodist Women in Oslo, Norway.

Mrs. W. B. Hall of High Point, district president, was elected as delegate to represent the district at the Sixth Assembly in Atlantic City, N. J., on May 15-18. Mrs. Stanley Baker of High Point was named alternate.

Mrs. Ernest Page of Archdale was welcomed as the new secretary of missionary education and service.

Mrs. Reid Rich, secretary of promotion reported that the district now has a total of 3,958 members. There are 69 local Woman's Societies with 3,498 members and 14 Wesleyan Service Guild with 460 Guilders.

Mrs. E. B. Stafford of Jamestown and Mrs. R. B. York of Randleman, sub-district chairmen, were given special recognition.

HAYESVILLE WOMEN'S SOCIETY BUSY

During the past year the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hayesville Methodist Church has made a contribution to many special projects, and as they look into the future, they add more projects to their list of concern.

Mrs. Guy Padgett reported that "During the past year the W.S.C.S. paid to the conference treasury for mission work, \$120; to the Methodist Hospital in Lucknow, India, \$120 (for the purpose of sending three Indian girls through nursing school) \$26.70 for local church and community activities; \$25.00 to the Bishop Ward memorial; \$20.00 to the Children's Home (for a child's vacation in the country).

Mrs. Padgett said that several large boxes of clothing were donated to the center at Cherokee, 100 visits made to the sick and shut-ins, cards sent and telephone calls made. The Hayesville Church is a part of the Clay County Group Ministry, with Miss Laura Wells as church and community worker.

All of this with a membership of 36 women.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SEMMINAR TO BE HELD

A seminar on Public Relations for the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held in Nashville, Tenn., on February 19 and 20, 1962.

William Hearn of Methodist Information in the Nashville area will be coordinator for the seminar. Dr. Ralph Stoody of New York City, head of Methodist Information for the entire Methodist Church, will be one of the speakers.

Those who are asked to attend the meeting are the Conference president, chairman of public relations, recording secretary and secretary of promotion in each of the thirteen conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Mrs. George Shiplett of Vidalia, Ga., is the Jurisdiction officer in charge of arrangements.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Miss Doughton Describes Activities In Chile

Miss Sudie Hunt Doughton, Durham native, and N. C. Conference Woman's Society's missionary in Chile, in a letter dated October 23, describes a number of her activities as a teacher at Sweet Memorial Institute, Santiago. She writes in part:

My activities have changed somewhat from those of last year. With the return of Miss Prouty, the director of medical and social work of Sweet, I have been able to leave office and publicity work and visitors and concentrate on work in the kindergarten. In the morning I work at the book and puzzle corner whenever there is activity there and help with the general program. In the afternoon I have a special class of 8 children who are six years old (the oldest children we have) and we are doing pre-reading, science projects, etc. Recently we painted cans to be used for planting flowers. A lovely project it was—more paint on the children than on the cans. While digging up the dirt the children all became excited over finding snails so they we stopped and observed the way the snail walks or crawls, the hubbles he makes, and the manner he uses to pull himself into his shell. The children have usually all left for home by 7:15. On Tuesday nights my cooking class (6 teen-age girls) and I are busy at work. Last week we made enough cookies for the Chilean army. I had taken some old cardboard boxes with pictures pasted on them because I wanted to use the cardboard for something. The girl just loved the pictures so much that they all wanted to take them home to put on their walls. I'm going to try to find some pretty pictures that we can paste on cardboard just for that purpose. One forget how something simple (to us) can mean much to others. The people here have a great love of beautiful things. So if any of you have any lovely pictures from magazines that you don't need, just send them to me in a plain ordinary manila envelope—

just mail them and we will put them to use. That reminds me that we also need Sunday School pictures for our girls and boys who go out to teach in the little preaching posts and churches scattered over Santiago. I went to one of the churches about two weeks ago. It was one of those days when spring won over winter and the whole countryside seemed alive and gay. We got off the bus and walked down a dirt road to arrive at the church. Directly in front of us in the background were the Andes with their snow capped peaks.

We were greeted by the pastor when we arrived at the church. The adult Sunday School was inside the building and the class for the children was outside. Considering all the things to attract their attention I thought the children did very well. The age range ran from 3 to 15. There were children wandering in late and other children on the other side of a near-by fence making faces. The teacher with some persuasion got the children on the other side of the fence to join the group. The teacher is one of the young girls in our training school for Christian workers here at Sweet.

On Saturday afternoons I help on the other side with the clubs for the neighborhood children. Often we have 30 little girls. They all take a shower (probably the only bath or good wash-up for the entire week) and they have an opportunity to play games and read or look at books while they wait for their turn to bathe. Oh, do they love their showers. One has to practically drag them out.

Later on Saturday afternoon I lead a Bible study group of our girls who work in the Day Nursery and live here. One of my favorite activities is the piano lesson I give once a week. Of course when my student finishes John Thompson's first book, she'll have to find another teacher, but it's fun for now.

It is easy to forget in the rush of all the activities what burdens so many of our friends here must bare—sickness, death, economic insecurity. The woman who comes to do our sewing has had three deaths in her immediate family this past year. Children are born and children die. Although the death rate of babies in Chile has dropped some, it is still one of the highest in the world. Besides these burdens there is the prevailing uneasiness in the political situation. And yet although all these weigh upon us, I think the ordinary tensions that so easily develop between those with whom we live and work tend to upset us and limit the effectiveness of our work more than all else. We need the worship experience to find forgiveness and renewal of faith and strength for each day. . . . "Muchas saludes." Sudie Dough-ton.

Miss Doughton has recently recovered from an attack of hopitis. Her address is Casilla 7029, Santiago, Chile.

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Harlan E. Lance of Chicago has been elected vice president of the Inter-Church Transportation Council, which represents some 33 Protestant denominations as well as Roman Catholic and Jewish bodies. He is director of transportation on the staff of the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance.

Black Mountain Methodist Church Is Rapidly Moving To Completion

Black Mountain Methodist Church is making fine progress on its new building. It is hoped to complete the building about mid-winter. The cost will be about \$130,000, which is in addition to the education building erected in 1955 at a cost of \$62,000. Rev. John Whorter, pastor, and his committee are working diligently, and looking with great expectations to the time when they can enter the new church plant. At present two morning services of worship

are held each Sunday to accommodate the congregation. The new church building will fill a long-felt need for adequate accommodations both in the church and the church school.


Members of the building committee include: Mrs. Lee Tiller, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, Rev. John McWhorter, pastor, Mrs. Douglas Jones, Dr. H. R. Miller, Fred Tron, T. W. Nesbitt, and J. G. Northcott. Both Dr. Weatherford and Mr. Tron have served as chairman of the building committee. The present chairman is Mr. Northcott.



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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Karl's Thanksgiving Treasure

By J. B. TWETER

"That new boy, Karl, who has just escaped from Hungary, says he is very rich," Jeff told his mother. "He has burns all over his body, and he hasn't any toys, and they live in an old shack. How can he say he is so very rich?"

"Why don't you invite him over to play," Jeff's mother said. "Maybe he is so poor that he has to play make-believe he is rich?" Then she said, "Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day. Let's share with them some of our good food. I'll put some food in a basket and you can take it to them."

Karl and his mother were glad to get the basket of food. When Jeff asked Karl to come home to play with him, his eyes lit up with excitement. "You got big home," he answered, "and a nice mother, too. I go play with you. Maybe you rich like me?"

"Oh, we're not rich," Jeff said, with a smile, "but we got pretty good anyway. I got lots of toys to show you. You can ride my bike, too."

Karl seemed out of place with his clean, but patched clothes, as he followed Jeff upstairs to his bedroom. He didn't get excited about Jeff's skates, or his gun, or the other things that Jeff showed him. The Hungarian boy seemed most interested in the books, and he picked them up one by one and examined them. Then he laid them down with a disappointed look on his face.

"Would you be willing to be beaten by clubs, or burnt with a red hot poker, or be locked up in a jail for days without any food, for these things you have shown me?" Karl asked his friend.

Jeff was so surprised at such a strange question that he didn't know what to say for a moment. Then he began to wonder if the Hungarian boy's mind had been damaged by the things he had suffered in his country. Everyone knew that Karl and his mother had suffered terrible things under the Communists before they got away.

"Of course not!" Jeff replied. "But why do you ask?"

"You have got a lot of nice things," Karl muttered slowly, "but I don't see that you have a Bible. I thought all Americans had a Bible."

Jeff laughed a little, and felt suddenly ashamed. "Oh, I've got a Bible," he confessed, "but I forget it half the time at church."

"Don't you read the Bible every day?" Karl asked him in surprise.

"Of course not!" Jeff felt a little displeased with his friend for such a question. "The Bible is just for Sundays, you see."

"I guess you are a poor boy," Karl said sadly. When Jeff stared at him in surprise he explained, "see all these burnt places on my arms and chest and face? The Communists gave them to me because I had a Bible, and because I would not give it up to them. I hid it away and read it in secret. The reading of the Bible made me very happy, for it told me of Jesus. One day He came into my heart and made me a rich boy! They beat me, and locked me up without any food, but they couldn't take Jesus away from me, for He is in my heart."

"You have a lot of **things**. You can lose them, or get tired of them. I have a **Person**, and nobody can take Him from me. Every day I learn more about Him as I read my Bible. He is my treasure! But I guess you don't know Him, or you'd feel about Him like I do."

Jeff hung his head and blushed with shame. He thought a while, and then smiled as he said, "Now I know why you say you are a rich boy. I got to thinking the wrong things as being most important. I've decided to read my Bible every day, too, and let Jesus come into my heart. What do you say we start reading the Bible together on Thanksgiving Day, huh?"

"O. K.," said Karl, with a happy smile.

—My Pleasure

My Thanks

My thanks are due for shining things—
For golden sun and dusk's blue wings;
For desert stars, chrysanthemums,
And sumac leaves like ripening plums;
The flare of fires both red and gold;
The white of snowdrifts deep and cold;
My thanks for every wondrous thing
That makes my heart with gladness sing.

—Christine White

"NOT A SPARROW FALLS . . ."

Recently as I drove through the gateway to the grounds of the Children's Home where I work, I noticed a number of pigeons circling swiftly over the driveway a short distance ahead. Puzzled by the sight, I slowed almost to a stop, and there in front of me I saw what was causing the unusual commotion. One of their number lay dead in

the road, apparently caught beneath the wheels of another car. The birds were flying above in mute distress over their fallen comrade. After I passed, they settled to the road and surrounded the still form.

Immediately there came to my mind the words of Jesus, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father . . . Fear ye not, ye are of more value than many sparrows." As I noticed the evident concern of the pigeons over one of their own that had fallen—these creatures without a soul, and endowed only with a God-given instinct—I thought how wonderful it was that the Heavenly Father saw the accident, too, and was grieved.

Much more wonderful is the realization that we are of far more value than the birds, and it hurts His loving heart when a boy or girl, man or woman, falls into sin and gets hurt by wrongdoing, or causes someone else to fall.

Sometimes we have the idea that God is away off somewhere, and so busy with the running of His mighty universe that He hasn't time to care about little you or little me, and our problems. But Jesus said very plainly that He and the Father care about even the sparrows in the world. And it hurts Him deeply when any one of us falls along the way or is hurt by the evil one.

God cares so lovingly for all of His creatures!

—By E. Whisner



Chuckles

A farmer was losing his temper trying to move two mules into a field, when the preacher came by.

"You're just the man I want to see," said the farmer. "Tell me, how did Noah get these into the ark?"



Which Word Is Out of Place?

- Which word is not in the story of Noah? Ark— animals— snow— dove rain bow—
- Which is not one of the gospels? Matthew— Ezekiel— Luke— John— Mark—
- Which is not one of the twelve tribes? Lot— Dan— Gad— Judah— Benjamin—
- Which is not one of Paul's letters? Joel— Timothy— Philemon— Ephesians— Titus—
- Which is not a mountain of the Bible? Hermon— Sinai— Nebo— Everest— Carmel— Ararat—



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

- Noah—Genesis 6:8, 8:19
- King Solomon—II Chronicles, 9th Chapter
- Abraham—Genesis 22:1-22

Sunday School Lesson

FOR NOVEMBER 26

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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Background Scripture: Romans 12; I Timothy 6:11-19.

Lesson Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-14.

This lesson involves both individual and community growth. The person to whom the letter is addressed is presumably Timothy, one of Paul's trusted helpers. The community is the early Christian church as it existed in about the second century. No space is available for a discussion of the authorship of the so-called "Pastoral Epistles" about which there is considerable doubt of their Pauline authorship. For discussion of this the reader is referred to the standard helps provided by the church, or to the commentaries. In this discussion we are more interested in the *message* of these writings for our contemporary life.

A question that concerns the world-wide Church today is this: Is the *living* faith of the dead about to become the *dead* faith of the *living*? It will unless it is rediscovered and renewed in every Christian generation. Timothy is urged to "stir up that inner fire that God gave you at your ordination." A lesson writer in one of our periodicals referred to a printer's error by which the phrase "church members" came out "church embers!" That was an "inspired mistake," for church members are really supposed to be "embers," that is, coals of fire that help ignite the faith in others.

The author of this letter reminds Timothy of his religious heritage—"a faith that was first seen in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice." We don't know whether either one or both of these women was a Christian, or whether the writer is referring to their loyalty to the Jewish faith. But in any event they did not take their faith lightly. It was a power in their lives; a power which the writer craves for the young ministers and other successors to Paul in the church at Ephesus and elsewhere.

An old American saying is "From shirt-sleeves in three generations." This means one generation works hard to make the money, the next one spends it and the third has to start over again. Perhaps these third generation Christians were already taking their faith for granted. What they needed was to be reminded of the dynamic character of their original faith. Note verse 7: "For the spirit God has given us is a spirit not of timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline." Every generation of Christians has been tempted to allow the flaming power of the Spirit to fall into nothing more than a faint glow.

Just as the institutions of religion must be periodically renewed if they are to fulfill their appointed destiny in the world, so the individual Christian must make the faith of the fathers his own faith. A second-hand religion will not do. Personal encounter and personal commitment do not represent the end of the religious education process; they represent its beginning. So, in our lesson Scripture, the younger genera-

tion of Christians is urged to "not be ashamed to testify to our Lord, but join with me in suffering for the good news" (verse 8).

If the reader will now turn to I Timothy 6:11-19 he will be interested to read about the instructions given to young ministers. These apply equally well to laymen. "Fight the worth-while battle of Faith" is the way Phillips translates it. The Christian life is like war; indeed it *is* war. When Paul came to the end of his life he described it in precisely these terms: "I have fought a good fight." If there are those who still think Christian discipleship is nothing more than a pink tea party, they have not properly estimated the situation in our world today. It has been said: "We have to be the best generation that ever lived, or we shall be the last."

One of our bishops was quoted recently in the daily press to the effect that we must have a new church for the new times. This means keeping on growing. Lincoln said: "The quiet dogmas of the past are unequal to the demands of the stormy present; we must think anew and act anew." One of our distinguished American women said recently, as she approached the age of seventy: "I am ready to read the signs of the times and to interpret them for my people, for the world. I am ready to act with faith and love and wisdom for justice and progress and peace. I am ready to keep an open mind." This woman believes in keeping on growing.

WNC Conference Concerned About Membership Growth

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference is making tremendous strides forward in some program areas, but church leaders are both concerned and encouraged about progress in certain fields.

This was the consensus of conference leaders who attended a two day conference-wide planning meeting in Charlotte, Oct. 26 and 27 in First Methodist Church.

The heads of the conference boards and commissions were told the conference is achieving success with its newly-organized Builders Club, which will spur the starting of many new Methodist congregations. And the conference's new "home-grown" service of offering professional fund-raising aid is also showing success.

But concern was expressed over slow membership growth, and a need to speed and bolster Methodist work in certain areas of social concern.

The Builders Club, seeking 10,000 members by the end of the national church's quadrennium (1964), already has 5,425 as of Oct. 27 in 12 of the conference's 13 districts. The drive for members began Sept. 17.

The first call for funds from these members has been made, and by the end of October the conference Church Extension Committee hopes to receive \$40,000, of which \$20,000 will be returned to participating districts for their own church extension use.

The Rev. Rollin P. Gibbs of Statesville.

who is the conference's professional fundraiser, reported successful drives totaling \$1.8 million during the past year.

Herbert M. Wayne of Charlotte, chairman of the Conference's Commission on World Service and Finance, said conference membership has shown only an 8 per cent gain in the past five years, and this has been almost offset by members who have become inactive in the church's program.

The conference hopes to "revive" its "dead wood" and also bring many new persons into the Christian fellowship of its churches through a major emphasis on evangelism this church year. The program, which steps into high gear in January and February, will emphasize the national church's quadrennium theme of "Jesus Christ is Lord."

From the emphasis on evangelism, which will be carried through 1964, the conference also hopes to create a better climate for more progress in the major areas of social concern — world peace, race and temperance.

Reports from all the boards and commissions of the conference consisted of past accomplishments and plans for the future. Many of the future plans will either have become a reality by annual conference — June 6-10, 1962, at Lake Junaluska, N. C. — or will become recommendations to the more than 1,000 delegates who will be attending.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Methodist Area, presided over the meeting. Two outstanding clergymen preached on both days.

The Rev. C. L. Spottswood, Jr., who went into a primitive area of the Philippines and organized a complete annual conference among the natives, told the ministers nothing short of individuals carrying the cross of Jesus daily will satisfy the Prince of Peace.

He said in the last half century 60 to 100 million of the world's people have been killed by war, torture, starvation and disease brought on by war until the people of the earth have grown used to this and, "it doesn't stab us anymore." He said that after 2,000 years "We have just begun to start into the job of winning the world for Christ."

Dr. Ed Kimbrough, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala., said the world has filtered into the sanctuary of our churches of today and polluted the atmosphere. He said the church is forever balancing between the two extremes represented in the two Tom Dooleys: the 19th Century Tom Dooley being a violent, shiftless man who sought to save his own life after killing his girl friend, and who lost his life; and the Tom Dooley who died this year, a young physician who lost his life in the service of suffering Asians, and who has become immortal.

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TREES AFLAME

*Colors, colors everywhere!
Let us kneel and say a prayer,
God has set the trees aflame—
Glory, glory to His name!*

—Ernest C. Durham

Student Conference Will Be Held At High Point College

The North Carolina Methodist Student Movement State Conference will take place on the campus of High Point College Jan. 26-28.

Theme for the meeting is "The Church: Master's Mission or Man's Mistake."

The program will also include a banquet in Wesley Memorial Methodist Church of High Point and presentation of the original drama, "The Prophecy of Amos."

Written by Dr. Walt Hudgins and Dr. Law Lewis of the High Point College faculty, "The Prophecy of Amos" will be staged in Memorial Auditorium on the Campus Jan. 25-26.

Major speaker for the conference program is Jameson Jones, assistant professor of religion in Higher Education at Garrett Biblical Institute.

Jones was editor of Motive Magazine for three years and was coordinator of the National Conference of Methodist Students at the University of Illinois this past summer.

28th Annual Ministers' Week

Newly-renovated Glenn Memorial Church on the Emory University campus will house the University's 28th annual Ministers' Week Convocation January 15-19.

Bishop Donald H. Tippet of the San Francisco area of The Methodist Church and Dr. Harold Bosley of the First Methodist Church in Evanston, Ill., will be the principal lecturers.

Persons attending will also have a choice of one of four lecture-courses to be given by members of the faculty of the Candler School of Theology.

The lectures and their topics are: Dr. Norman Perrin, "Contemporary Developments in New Testament Studies;" Dr. Theodore Runyon, "Contemporary Developments in Theology;" Dr. Theodore Weber, "Contemporary Social Tensions" Dr. A. W. Beasley, "Contemporary Preaching."

A major occasion for ministers throughout the Southeast, Ministers' Week attracts several hundred ministers from throughout the region.

Persons interested in arranging class reunions or conference meetings should get in touch with Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

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Rev. Warren Hawks Conducts Revival At Verona Church

Rev. Warren G. H. Hawks, pastor of the Peachland Circuit in the Western North Carolina Conference, recently conducted Revival Services at the Verona Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference. Rev. Charles H. Carpenter is pastor of the Church. This occasion was unique for Rev. Mr. Hawks in that Rev. Mr. Carpenter is a First Sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Lejeune, and resides in one of the recently completed Capehart quarters on the base, where he was entertained. Rev. Hawks had the pleasure of meeting and being entertained by Brigadier General L. W. Walt, Acting Commanding General of the Second Marine Division. Mr. Hawks also met with Captain M. O. Stephenson, CHC USN. Captain Stephenson is Senior Chaplain of the Second Marine Division and a member of the North Carolina Conference.

While Rev. Hawks enjoyed this new experience, his greatest joy came from seeing the altar of the Church lined with souls seeking some special blessing from our Master. Both he and Rev. Carpenter believe that truly a revival was experienced at Verona and God's spirit was manifest.

Week of Prayer Observed By Norlina Woman's Society

As the highlight of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31, the Norlina Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored a special church-wide worship service on Sunday evening, October 29.

The inspirational speaker for the occasion was the Rev. C. W. Goldston. Mr. Goldston began his ministry at the Norlina Methodist Church in 1934, and is presently an instructor at Louisburg College. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Wooten, presided at the service. Special music was rendered by the chancel choir, the junior choir, and the "Singing Angels" choir of the church's primary department. The service closed with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Day Apart service was of such significance and meaning that it will be remembered for years to come.

Chimes For Devon Park

The Devon Park Methodist Church in Wilmington has recently installed an amplifying system for the use of organ and chimes music. This system was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey of Louisville, Ky., in memory of Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hutcherson.

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Trinity Church is a splendid congregation in a good county seat town, and it has experienced a very fine growth in recent years. Rev. Paul Edwards is now in his fourth year as pastor.

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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ THE HIGH POINT sub-district meeting of the MYF met at Calvary Church, High Point, Monday, November 12.

¶ COURTNEY B. ROSS, JR., son of Rev. and Mrs. Courtney B. Ross of Brevard, has been named to the Dean's list at Duke University this fall on the basis of high academic standing for the spring semester of 1961.

¶ THE CABARRUS COUNTY chapter of the High Point College Alumni Association held its annual banquet at the Y.M.C.A., in Kannapolis on Friday night, November 17.

¶ DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY of Richmond will speak at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, Wednesday, November 22, at 10:30 A.M. The public is invited.

¶ THE NORTH WILKESBORO Methodist District Conference on Stewardship was held in First Methodist Church at North Wilkesboro, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19.

¶ W. JASPER SMITH, comptroller of North Carolina Wesleyan College, was guest speaker at Weldon Methodist Church, Sunday, November 5, 1961. Rev. Ralph Epps is the host pastor.

¶ DR. ALLEN BEST, Vice President of Greensboro College, spoke at the Trinity Memorial Methodist Church, at Trinity in Randolph County, Sunday morning, November 12.

¶ REV. H. C. YOUNG, JR., pastor of Sedge Garden Church, preached during revival services at Grace Church, Winston-Salem, last week. Rev. E. M. Heath is pastor of Grace Church.

¶ DR. JACK W. MOORE, Dean of North Carolina Wesleyan College, was guest minister for College Sunday at Rosemary Methodist Church. Rev. W. A. Tew is pastor of this beautiful church in Roanoke Rapids.

¶ DR. KENNETH GOODSON, Minister of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., will be preaching in revival services at Bradley Memorial Methodist Church, Gastonia, N. C., November 26-29.

¶ DR. JAMES R. HAILEY, Professor of Religion of North Carolina Wesleyan College was guest minister at Whitaker Methodist Church on College Sunday, November 12, 1961. Rev. James Thompson is the pastor.

¶ DELEGATES OF THE Rocky Mount-Durham District Ruritan Clubs were visitors to the campus of North Carolina Wesleyan College Friday, November 10. The wives were entertained at a coffee hour at the President's home by Mrs. Thomas Collins.

¶ DR. WALTER C. BALL, District Superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, was guest speaker at chapel services at North Carolina Wesleyan College Thursday, November 9. He spoke on the theme "God's Guidance."

¶ THE SALISBURY DISTRICT Evangelistic Rally was held Sunday night, November 12, at the Trinity Methodist Church, Kannapolis. Dr. Mack Stokes, professor at Emory University School of Religion was the speaker.

¶ REV. BEN S. MUSSER, pastor of Englewood Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, was guest speaker at chapel services at North Carolina Wesleyan College, November 2. He spoke on the theme "Heads, Hearts, and Examinations."

¶ CALVARY METHODIST CHURCH, Asheboro, will be dedicated Sunday, December 3, following the morning worship at which Rev. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent of the High Point District will preach. Dr. Taylor will conduct the dedicatory service. A fellowship luncheon will be enjoyed. Rev. L. E. Mabry is the pastor.

¶ THE TOWER PLAYERS of High Point College presented "The Only Way," a four-act dramatization of Charles Dickens' famous novel of the French Revolution, "A Tale of Two Cities." The production was given in Memorial Auditorium last Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18.

¶ THE REV. AND MRS. F. Belton Joyner, Jr., of Wilmington, announce the birth of a son, Frank Belton Joyner, III, on November 9, 1961, at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. The Rev. Mr. Joyner is pastor of the Pine Valley and Oleander Methodist Churches in Wilmington.

¶ REV. ORION N. HUTCHINSON, pastor of First Methodist Church, Thomasville, will preach in revival services at Oak Summit Church, Winston-Salem, beginning next Sunday, November 26, and running through November 30. Kenneth M. Johnson is pastor of Oak Summit.

¶ DR. A. PURNELL BAILEY, Superintendent of the Richmond, Va., district, will preach on television Sunday, November 26, from Raleigh. Dr. Bailey will be in the Capitol City for a series at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. He will speak at 1:30 P.M. over WRAL-TV, Channel 5, on "The Circuit Rider," a half-hour telecast.

¶ UNITED THANKSGIVING SERVICES were held Wednesday evening, November 22, at 7:30 o'clock, at Clayton High School auditorium, sponsored by the Clayton ministerial association. Methodist ministers participating were the Reverends W. Christian Martin, Robert L. Hethcox, and J. Malloy Owen.

¶ MISS SIBYLE ABERNETHY of Fairgrove Methodist Church near Conover is the new president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship for the Statesville Methodist District. She was elected to succeed Miss Lucinda Bagnal of Broad Street Methodist Church in Statesville during a rally of more than 400 senior high and older youth MYFers in Fairgrove Church.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS of North Carolina Wesleyan College preached on College Sunday at Hertford Methodist Church. His theme was "Making Higher Education Christian." Rev. Fred Still is the pastor at Hertford. Mr. Collins also preached at Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, in observance of College Day. Rev. T. B. Hough is pastor of the Chestnut Street Church.

¶ REVIVAL SERVICES will be held at Atlantic Methodist Church, Nov. 26 through Dec. 1, each night at 7:30. Preacher will be Rev. D. M. Tyson, pastor of the Willis-ton-Smyrna Charge. The Pastor will lead the music. A daily Prayer Vigil is being set up from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. the week of Nov. 19, prior to the meeting, and includes hourly units which will be used by those participating in the prayer effort. The Rev. H. F. Pollock is the Pastor.

¶ MRS. JAMES BIGHAM of Greensboro was the speaker at the Methodist Men's Ladies Night program at the Midway Methodist Church, Kannapolis, last Saturday night. Mrs. Bigham is the mother of Rev. Bill Bigham, who is a missionary in Brazil. Mr. Bigham is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mrs. Bigham visited her son in Brazil last summer, and will speak to the group about the work in Brazil.

¶ REV. W. STANLEY POTTER, pastor of the Steele Street Methodist Church, Sanford, preached at both services at Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Sunday, November 12. This was the opening service of the Silver Anniversary of Hayes Barton Church. Mr. Potter was pastor at Hayes Barton from 1945 to 1948. Other former pastors who preach during the celebration are Rev. R. L. Jerome of Elizabeth City, Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington, Rev. Leon Russell of Burlington, and Bishop Paul N. Garber.

¶ THE METHODIST MEN'S CLUB of Troutman Church has been organized for four years, but they received their formal charter from the National office of Methodist Men on November 12, when Statesville District Lay Leader E. M. Dudley of Lenoir presented the charter to Club President Buford Warren. Past president's pins were presented to: John Wesley Ervin, Banks Brown, John Ostwalt, and Harry Whitener. Mrs. Harvie L. Brewington of Troutman spoke on the subject: "Christian Home and Family Life." The men also observed annual Ladies' Night for the special occasion, with 130 people present.

¶ REV. AND MRS. Worth Alfred Sweet of Ramseur celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, November 12 at their parsonage home in Ramseur. The congregation of Jordan Memorial Church, of which Mr. Sweet is pastor, joined in to make the occasion a most delightful one. Mr. Sweet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sweet of Cornelius, and Mrs. Sweet's father, Mr. C. F. Williams of Concord, joined with hundreds of local and out-of-town guests in the festivities. Guests were present from Ramseur, Franklinville, Asheboro, Concord, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, High Point, Davidson, Cornelius, Huntersville, Southport, and Washington, D. C.

¶ **GROUND-BREAKING** FOR THE new Alexander Methodist Church in the Marion District was held November 19 at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. T. B. Huneycutt is the pastor.

¶ "Open House" was held at the parsonage at Murfreesboro recently. The new parsonage was built in 1960, but the "open-house" was delayed until new furniture was installed. Rev. R. H. Jordan is pastor.

¶ **DR. WENDELL PATTON**, president, spoke last Saturday night to the Washington, D. C., area chapter of the High Point College Alumni Association. It was a dinner meeting held in the building of the American Association of University Women. The Washington chapter is one of the largest and most active in the alumni association.

¶ **Dr. Ralph H. Taylor**, superintendent of the High Point district, preached at the Broad Street church, Statesville, last Sunday morning, and baptized his grandson, Melvin B. Kelly, Jr., Mrs. Taylor was also present for the occasion. Dr. Taylor was formerly superintendent of the Statesville District and lived in Statesville.

¶ **THE ROCK SPRINGS CHARGE**, Denver, N. C., broke ground last month for a new twenty thousand dollar parsonage. The building is now underway and will be completed in a few weeks. Rock Springs Charge is in Charlotte District. The parsonage will be completely furnished with new furniture. Rev. Paul V. Ridenhour is the pastor.

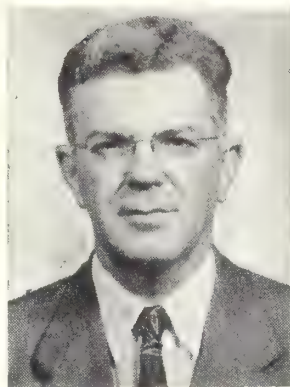
¶ **REV. G. R. STAFFORD** will attend the meeting of the Interboard Committee on Town and Country Work to be held in Chicago, December 5, 6. The Committee will plan for the holding of the quadrennial National Methodist Town and Country Conference in 1963. Mr. Stafford is national president of the Methodist Rural Fellowship.

¶ **Vernon F. Griggs**, former Director of Education, Organist-Director of Music at the Central Methodist Church, Asheboro, was one of the young men killed in an airplane crash near Richmond, Va., Wednesday, November 8. He had resigned his position at Asheboro, effective November 1, in order to be inducted into the service.

¶ **THE NEW PIPE ORGAN** recently installed in the Carthage Methodist Church was formerly presented to the church in dedication ceremonies last Sunday. The organ built by the Shantz Organ company of Orrville, Ohio, is the gift of Mr. Colin G. Spencer in honor of his wife, Lena Fowler Spencer. A recital was given by Alfred E. Lunsford following the dedication. Mr. Lunsford designed the organ.

¶ **REV. AND MRS. John Oaklev** of Coleridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Mr. John Harold Kiker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oscar Kiker of Peachland. The wedding will take place in April and will be held in the Concord Methodist Church at Coleridge. Miss Oaklev is a junior at High Point College, and Mr. Kiker is employed by Smith Electrical Company of Wadesboro.

Dr. W. L. Clegg Died Last Saturday



Dr. William Lemuel Clegg, district superintendent of the Burlington District of the Methodist Church, died last Saturday afternoon in Durham, where he suffered a heart attack on the campus of Duke University.

Dr. Clegg, who was 58 years old, was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Clegg. His father was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Kanoy Clegg, and two children, Mrs. Lyly Harper, of Greenbelt, Md., and David Clegg, of Burlington and Durham. He also has one brother, Charles Clegg, president of Young-Harris College; and two sisters, Mrs. H. A. Walker, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Charles J. Hogg, of Yorktown, Pa.

¶ **GREENSBORO COLLEGE** Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Williams, will present a musical program at Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, Sunday, Dec. 8.

¶ **THE EDITOR** preached at the Trinity Memorial Church, Trinity, N. C., last Sunday. He and his wife enjoyed the fine fellowship and the delicious lunch at the noon hour in the parsonage with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Oakley, and his family.

¶ **EDENTON STREET CHURCH**, Raleigh, observed an old-fashioned Family Night last Sunday evening. Members were invited to bring covered dish supper, and greet old friends and make new ones. A period of singing and fellowship was enjoyed. A nursery was provided for small children.

¶ **THE WENDELL** Methodist Church of which Rev. Allen Wentz is pastor, held home-coming services last Sunday, November 19. The church is in its fifty-eighth year of service to the community. A brief history of the church was read, along with recognition of the oldest and youngest members. A luncheon was served at the close of the services.

¶ **WILMINGTON COLLEGE's** new million dollar building was dedicated last Sunday afternoon. The address was given by President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina. Governor Terry Sanford and Mr. J. M. Hall, chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, made the presentation. Dr. John T. Hoggard, chairman of the school's board of trustees, accepted the building. Others taking part were Mayor O. O. Allsbrook, E. A. Laney, chairman of New Hanover Board of Education; L. P. McLendon, chairman of N. C. Board of Higher Education; and W. Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, chairman of the State Board of Education.

ington and Durham. He also has one brother, Charles Clegg, president of Young-Harris College; and two sisters, Mrs. H. A. Walker, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Charles J. Hogg, of Yorktown, Pa.

W. L. Clegg joined the North Carolina Annual Conference in 1924 after his graduation from college, and has spent his entire ministry in that conference. His appointments have included East Lenoir and Longhurst, Aulander, Garner, Maxton, Bethel, Asbury Church, Durham, Front Street, Burlington, and Hayes-Barton, Raleigh. He also served four districts as district superintendent, these being the Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Durham, and Burlington Districts. Mr. Clegg was one of the most popular members of the conference and his judgment on any question of importance was relied upon. It was largely through his influence and guidance that the district conference lines were rearranged and the two new districts formed in 1954. He was elected as a delegate to the General Conference on several occasions, and he led the delegation on his first election in 1944. At the session in Denver, Colorado, in 1960, he was selected for membership on the Judicial Council which serves as Methodism's "Supreme Court." He had just returned from a meeting of that body held in Chicago. This is one of the highest honors that can be accorded a minister in the Methodist Church. "Lem" Clegg, as he was known by his closest friends, was recognized for his sound judgment and unswerving loyalty to his duty. He was vice-president of the Board of Trustees of Methodist College at Fayetteville.

Funeral services were conducted last Monday afternoon, November 20, at 2:00 o'clock, from Front Street Methodist Church in Burlington, where he served as pastor for five years, and during which time this beautiful new church plant was erected. Officiating in the service were Bishop Paul N. Garber, Rev. E. R. Clegg, a cousin, and Rev. Leon Russell, the pastor. Burial was in New Maplewood Cemetery, Durham.

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EDITORIALS

Let's Give An Expression Of Our Thanksgiving

The American people are celebrating at this season a national custom, begun by our founding fathers soon after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in 1621. Those were bleak and dreadful days compared to our wonderful resources and economic development today. The Mayflower had carried some 102 passengers, but during the first winter 51 of them had died of undernourishment, exposure and disease. Little did these people realize the price they would have to pay for their venture. Our Thanksgiving comes out of the experience of the second winter, when the 51 survivors met to praise God for sustenance. Though it had been meager, it had been sufficient.

We may well remember that the thing which made it possible for America to rise to a high economic standard in comfortable isolation was here as the gift of God, and we should be grateful for it. But we can go further and claim that the genius of America is not the product of its natural resources; the true stature of our American heritage has roots in the vital faith in God which led the first settlers to our shores. This was not an undertaking toward a higher economic standard; it was not a quest for freedom from suffering; it was not a desire for bigger business interests; this was rather a venture in the name of God for the advancement of the Christian faith. And so real thanksgiving is based, first of all, on an inner attitude toward life.

It seems that real gratitude expresses itself in some concrete form. Men who are really grateful to God for his material blessings give of their time, talents, and substance to advance his kingdom. Jacob gave the tithe; Zacchaeus the half of his goods; but the best gift is self. When people are really grateful they don't have to be urged to give of their time, substance, or themselves. The Psalmist asked "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" He answered, "I will take the cup of salvation, I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people."

It has been customary for the people called Methodists in North Carolina to remember the Children's Homes at Thanksgiving. There are two of these fine institutions in the state operated by the Methodist church—one in Raleigh and one in Winston-Salem. Many

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because his mercy endureth forever."—Psalm 118:1.

churches give special emphasis at this season of the year and urge their people to share with the youngsters who look to the church for a chance in life. And the fine thing about it is the fact that many respond in a liberal way. This year should be no exception, and this season should mean much in providing a more adequate support of these institutions. Many churches will be holding thanksgiving services either on Wednesday evening, Thursday morning, or Sunday following thanksgiving day. Either time is a good time to share with the children's homes a part of that with which God has so richly blessed us.

A New Organization With Great Potentialities

One hundred and fifty consecrated Methodist men and women met in Lafayette, Indiana, recently and formed the new movement known as "The Twelve." According to information coming to us this seems to resemble what was known in the early days of the Methodist movement as "The Class Meeting," when men and women came together for the express purpose of examining their spiritual condition in order to make needed improvements. "Bible study, prayer, daily habits, and witnessing are the personal involvements that are 'indispensable elements' for modern disciples of Christ," says the statement setting forth their purpose. "The Twelve" named after Christ's disciples, is the name the National Committee on Evangelism, an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, has selected for the new groups.

The name does not intend to imply there should be only one group in a church; there may be several groups, depending upon the size of the membership and those concerned. It seems there are untold possibilities in this movement if it is kept true to its purpose. One danger of many religious organizations is the fact that they are often turned into mere social groups, and the main purpose for their existence is overlooked. Jesus promised that where a few were gathered together in his name he would be in the midst. We believe this new organization can render

a great service and the church will be enriched if the one supreme purpose of spiritual development and growth is kept in mind. Some churches, we are glad to report, are already creating such groups, and we wish them God-speed.

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Methodist Rural Fellowship To Meet At Mocksville

The Methodist Rural Fellowship Retreat of the Western North Carolina Conference will be held at First Methodist Church, Mocksville, N. C., November 27-28, 1961. The program is as follows:

Nov. 27—2:30, Registration; 3:15, Devotions, Garland R. Stafford; 3:30, Address "The Appalachian Study", Dr. W. D. Weatherford, Director of Administration, Southern Appalachian, Black Mountain, N. C.

5:00—"Church Extension in the Western North Carolina Conference," Rev. A. G. Lackey, Board of Missions, Statesville, N. C. "Minimum Salary Matters," Rev. Horace McSwain, Board of Missions, Statesville, N. C.

6:00—Supper.

7:30—Worship. Address: "Town and Country Work As I See It," Dr. Harold S. Huff, Director, Department of Town and Country, Division of National Missions, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 28, 8:30—Worship.

9:00—Panel Discussion, "Problems Faced by Mountain People." Leader, Robert M. Smith, Lay Leader, Western North Carolina Conference, Mount Airy, N. C.

10:00—Break.

10:30—Panel Discussion "Problems of Mountain Churches." Leader, Rev. M. Q. Tuttle, Superintendent, Waynesville District, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

11:30—Address "Methodism's Responsibility." Dr. James W. Sells, Rural Church Editor of *The Progressive Farmer* and Executive Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, Atlanta, Ga.

12:15—Lunch and Closing Business. Presiding Rev. R. F. Hilliard, President of the Conference Methodist Rural Fellowship, Burnsville, N. C.

Those who desire to do so will bring cots and sleep in the church overnight. This will give an opportunity for fellowship after the night program and during the breakfast period.

Other officers of the Fellowship are Rev. J. H. Christy, Jr., Vice-President, Jefferson, N. C.; Rev. Ben T. Steele, Secretary-Treasurer, Newland, N. C.; and Rev. R. Hal Finney, Membership Secretary, Mill Spring, N. C.

Youth Fund Increases

Giving to the Methodist Youth Fund totaled \$937,228 last fiscal year, an increase of nearly 16 per cent over the previous year. The fund, contributed by Methodist youth, helps missions, Christian education and youth work around the world. The announcement was made by Miss Emeline Crane, Nashville, who promotes the fund. She reported to the Joint Committee on Christian Education in Foreign Fields at its recent meeting.

Richard Whatcoat: Third Methodist Bishop

GRADY S. CARROLL

Richard Whatcoat was born in Quinton, in Gloucestershire, England in 1736. Thus 1961 marks, doubly, the 225th birthday anniversary of the man who became third bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the 225th anniversary of the arrival of John Wesley in America for missionary endeavor.

Richard Whatcoat has written about his conversion, which occurred when he was yet a young man. For eight or nine years he was a class leader in Wednesday, Staffordshire, England, a place noted for persecution of early Methodists. In 1769, at the Leeds Conference, he became an itinerant preacher, serving subsequently in England, Ireland and Wales.

Whatcoat was ordained on September 2, 1784 and with Thomas Vasey came to America the same year, thirteen years after Francis Asbury arrived in the New World. John Wesley, in a letter to Dr. Thomas Coke in 1786, indicated that he wished Whatcoat appointed Superintendent with Asbury, but this was not done. Asbury and Coke, who had been bishops since 1784, remained the only two bishops until Whatcoat was appointed in 1800. Jesse Lee, "apostle of New England Methodism," was his outstanding competitor for the office.

The late Dr. W. W. Sweet in *Men of Zeal* (p. 156) has indicated that Whatcoat, unlike Coke and Vasey, remained in America for the remainder of his life; further, like Asbury and other early Methodist bishops, he never married. Too, as with Asbury, he never saw Wesley again.

As to correspondence, John Telford in *The Letters of John Wesley* (Vol. VIII) preserves for us two of Wesley's letters to Whatcoat, written in 1788 and 1790. Asbury's *Letters* (Pott's edition) preserves four of Asbury's letters to Whatcoat; surviving are five letters of which Asbury and Whatcoat are joint signatories. Dr. Potts preserves two of Whatcoat's letters, in reality, notes appended to an Asbury letter, as was the common practice, when writing paper was scarce, both written about 1800. Asbury, in his famous *Journal*, makes abundant references to association with Whatcoat in the New World. Asbury indicated near the end of Whatcoat's life that the latter was losing his eyesight.

W. H. Daniel in *History of Methodism* (p. 482) speaks of him thus: "In private life he was remarkable for his entire devotion to God; as a preacher his discourses were plain, instructive, and highly spiritual. As a presiding officer he combined simplicity and dignity." Laban Clark, one of his contemporaries, wrote: "I think I may safely say, if I know one who came up to St. James' description of a perfect man—who bridled his tongue and kept in subjection his whole body—that man was Richard Whatcoat."

Richard Whatcoat, one of the last of Wesley's emissaries to America, and one of the original elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who had given more than a score years' service to it, died in 1806. Bishop Paul N. Garber, in *The Romance of American Methodism*, noting the poverty

common to most early Methodist preachers, states: "When Bishop Whatcoat died his assets were not sufficient to pay the expenses of the funeral." Bishop Thomas Coke, "The Foreign Minister of Methodism," was to live eight more years; Bishop Francis Asbury, "The Prophet of the Long Road," was to live ten more. Thus in a ten-year span, the Methodist Episcopal Church, in a thriving nation, was to witness the loss of the outstanding leadership of its first three pioneer bishops.

Richard Whatcoat, third Methodist bishop and the first to be appointed in the nineteenth century, whose 225th birthday anniversary is marked this year, is a name, along with those of other stalwarts, that should remain green in the land.

Dates And Places For District Conferences

District conferences will soon begin in both of the North Carolina Conferences. There are twenty-two districts, and we are giving here the places, dates, and names of district superintendents for information. It may be advantageous to clip out this schedule and preserve it:

Asheville, at Trinity Church, Asheville, Sunday, November 3, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Robert G. Tuttle.

Greensboro, at Main Street Church, in Reidsville, Sunday, December 3, 2:30 p. m. Dr. J. Clay Madison.

Marion, at First Church, Marion, Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p. m. Dr. Fletcher Nelson.

Waynesville, at Bryson City, Sunday, December 3, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle.

Salisbury, at Coburn Memorial, Salisbury, Sunday, December 3, 2:30 p. m. Dr. James C. Stokes.

Charlotte, at Calvary Church, Charlotte, Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p. m. Dr. E. H. Blackard.

North Wilkesboro, at First Church, Elkin, Tuesday, December 5. Rev. Herman F. Duncan.

Winston-Salem, at Marvin Church, Winston-Salem, Wednesday, December 6. Rev. Frank B. Jordan.

Statesville, at Newton, Thursday, December 7. Dr. J. Elwood Carroll.

High Point, at Wesley Memorial Church, High Point, Sunday, December 10, 2:30. Dr. Ralph H. Taylor.

Albemarle, at First Church Wadesboro, Tuesday, December 12, 9:30. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt.

Thomasville, at Shiloh, Route 4, Lexington, Sunday, January 7, 2:30 p. m. Rev. John H. Carper.

Gastonia, at ———, Dr. E. C. Few, Wilmington, at Whiteville, Sunday, January 14, 2:00 p. m. Rev. Clyde S. Boggs. Goldsboro, at Kenansville, Thursday, January 18. Rev. Mark W. Lawrence.

Elizabeth City, at Manteo, Tuesday, January 23, 9:30. Rev. Robert L. Jerome.

Rocky Mount, at First Church, Rocky Mount, Sunday, January 28, 2:00 p. m. Dr. W. C. Ball.

New Bern, at Morehead City, Monday, January 29, 9:30 a. m. Dr. A. J. Hobbs.

Fayetteville, at Methodist College, Fayetteville, Monday, January 29, 10:00 a. m.

Bishop Copeland Speaks To Charlotte District Mission Society

Charlotte Methodists have launched a "new look" Builders Club for their Charlotte District Mission Society.

About 1,200 persons attended a rally in First Methodist Church Dec. 12 which marked the annual meeting of the Society. Here they heard new plans for the Builders Club, saw the results of 19 years of Society work, and heard a stirring sermon by Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Nebraska Area.

Last Sunday, Nov. 19, Methodist preachers in Charlotte urged their members to become members of the Builders Club by purchasing \$10 memberships. The Builders Club members then will be asked to contribute once a year toward projects of purchasing land for new congregations, building first units for the congregations, buying and building parsonages, remodeling, and retiring debts. The Society, with 1,768 members, is seeking 2,000 for this year.

Dr. E. H. Blackard, District superintendent, presided over the Nov. 12 meeting. He presented the 24 churches which have been started by the District Mission since its organization in 1942.

The Rev. George P. Robinson of Aldersgate Methodist Church spoke briefly about the thrilling work of starting one of their new congregations. The new Charlotte Church for the Deaf sang, and all but one of the members of the newest Charlotte Methodist Church—Plaza Church which is worshipping at the Methodist Home—were present for the meeting. The Rev. F. Donald Beatty said that one member had been called into service. The church has 41 members.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, told the Methodists that "When you join the church, you belong to all of the churches. Each church has an interest in the other churches."

Bishop Copeland said most Americans have resigned life to two alternatives in this nuclear age—suicide in war or surrender to communism. He said there exists a third alternative—salvation through Jesus the Christ.

He said Christians must move the battle with communism out of the economic sphere and into the spiritual realm, showing people that communism is "hard, cold, fact atheism."

He urged Christians to begin using three important verbs to spread their faith—Hear: "First hear the word of the Lord, then do something about it; Go: "It's one thing to hear the word of the Lord, but another to go where we have been instructed to go; and Tell: "Tell the Gospel and the good word. The Gospel is the revelation, redemption, reconciliation and the restoration of God."

Rev. Millard C. Dunn.

Durham, at ———, Tuesday, January 30, 9:30 a. m. Dr. C. D. Barclift.

Raleigh, at Spring Hill—near Makers—Friday, February 2, 9:45 a. m. Rev. Graham S. Eubanks.

Burlington, at ———, Sunday, April 29, 2:30 p. m. Dr. W. L. Clegg.

Scandinavian Bishop Tells Of Conditions In His Area

A Norwegian Methodist bishop who had his Bible taken away by the Russians, said Christians behind the Iron Curtain in the Baltic States "live in a different world."

Bishop Odd Hagen of Oslo, Norway, presiding bishop of the Northern Europe Area, said in his recent visit to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania he discovered the people had no Bibles to read, no hymnals and were not allowed to pray openly. They were also denied Sunday schools, women's work and Christian youth fellowships.

But he told a congregation at Dilworth Methodist Church, Charlotte, these oppressed peoples behind the Iron Curtain were filling their churches for worship and they asked the bishop to request that the free peoples of the world pray for them and try to understand they were being "loyal to Christ in their own way."

"We shouldn't criticize them," the bishop said, "because they live in a situation which we cannot understand."

The bishop's experience with the Bibles occurred when he tried to take some into the Baltic States. The Bibles, written in the language of the Baltic peoples, were taken away at the border. The Communists then tried to take the bishop's personal Bible, written in Swedish, but the bishop stood firm and was allowed to take it with him.

The bishop said communism is losing ground in Western Europe because poverty is vanishing. He said communism is still strong in Roman Catholic nations where poverty exists, education is poor and "there are rich landowners. Here, people feel anything is better than their present existence."

The bishop told a congregation in Oak Grove Methodist Church about Scandinavian missionaries being persecuted by the government of Angola in West Africa. He told of one minister who, with his wife and children, chose to remain in Angola and continue the work of Christianity "because God did send me."

He said Christian missionaries in Angola are caught between government and rebel forces. The bishop said missionaries tell each side they "are not here to kill" but because they refuse to take sides, they are being treated with suspicion by the rebels and arrested by the government.

Bishop Hagen, who spoke to two congregations and also the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Methodist Ministers Association during a two day visit, also told about conditions of worship in Scandinavian nations.

He said one of the big differences between Methodists in Europe and America is this: Europeans are most pessimistic, because of having had two world wars fought on their soil.

Bishop Hagen said separation of church and state in Scandinavian nations where Lutheranism is the state church, appears about 10 to 15 years away. He said Lutheran leaders have told him when this happens the Lutheran Church will split into three or four branches. He said Sweden appears to be the first nation headed for this separation.

Bishop Hagen said the free churches in Scandinavia — those which are not Luth-

So Many Blessings

O, let us truly thankful be
For ears to hear and eyes to see,
For hands to work and feet to walk,
For minds to think and tongues to talk;
And for this all-important part—
The warm and feeling human heart.

And God be praised for bread and meat,
And all the things we have to eat,
And for the clothes we have to wear,
And for the things we have to share
With others in this world of need,
O'er whom our hearts so often bleed.

We thank the Lord for Church and State,
And for our country free and great,
And for our homes, with love inside,
Where no attention is denied;
And as we daily onward plod,
We're thankful most for thoughts of God.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM

eran — are moving forward in some areas, and grinding to a halt in others. He said the free churches have lost contact with the factory workers and the intellectuals, but Methodism is pushing ahead in the new field (for Scandinavia) of chaplains to industry.

Belmont Methodist Churches Honor Rev. G. L. Wilkinson

According to the W.N.C. Conference Minutes of 1921 the name of G. L. Wilkinson was read out by Bishop U.V.W. Darlington as pastor of East Belmont charge on Oct. 24 1921. At that time East Belmont and Ebenezer were together. There was not a church building at East Belmont. At the 1922 Conference the name of the charge was changed to Park St. During my first year on the charge 154 people were added to the two churches and 165 the second year. Also a church building was erected, at East Belmont. After being away almost 40 years I am back in Belmont at St. Mark's church on South Main St.

On Sunday night, Oct. 29, a service was held in the new church at Park St., commemorating forty years in the active ministry and my coming to Belmont. People were there from Ebenezer, Park St. and St. Mark's churches. At the close of the service St. Mark's church presented me a beautiful Seth Thomas Mantle clock. I want to thank all who helped make this service a success. First of all, Rev. Gilbert Miller the pastor at Park St., Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Few, our beloved District Supt. and wife, Rev. Bruce Norwood, pastor at Elbethel Kings Mountain, a former member of Park St., and the many friends who came, also St. Mark's church, for the clock.

They now have a beautiful new church building at Ebenezer and Park St., and are moving forward. May God bless each and all.

G. L. Wilkinson,
Pastor of St. Mark's

Twelve Pfeiffer Students Elected To "Who's Who"

Twelve Pfeiffer College upperclassmen have been elected to "Who's Who" Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. They are:

OSCAR ALLEN, son of Mrs. Fred Allen, Route 1, Ash, N. C. Senior Class president.

HOMER O. BRAWLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sloop, Mooresville, N. C., President of the Student Government Association.

FREDERICK A. DAVENPORT, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Davenport, Chester, N. J., a junior and a history major.

JOHN M. DORSEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dorsey, Charlotte, N. C., a senior and a Religion and Philosophy major. Member of Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe summer of 1961. Chairman of 1961-62 Religious Week on campus.

BOBBY FRANK, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Frank, Greensboro, N. C., a senior and a Physical Education major.

SYLVIA FUNDERBURK, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Funderburk, Charlotte, N. C., a senior and an English major.

JUDITH A. McMANUS, daughter of Mrs. Juanita H. McManus, Charlotte, N. C., a senior and an English major. Editor of *Pfeiffer News*, campus newspaper, and *The Falcon*, campus student yearbook. Secretary of Carolinas Press Association.

ANN MARSH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marsh, Charlotte, N. C., a senior and an English major.

GERRY D. MARTIN, son of Mrs. Nancy R. Martin, Route 11, Troutman, N. C., a junior and a Chemistry major. Elected Elk's National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Award." Assistantship in Research work in Chemistry.

NANCY JO MILLER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Miller, Misenheimer, N. C., a senior and an English major. Editor of *Chimes*, Pfeiffer yearbook.

HAROLD PAYNE, son of Mrs. A. W. Payne, Route 1, Cameron, N. C., a junior and an English major. Assistantship in Language Lab.

MAX WALSER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Walser, Route 3, Lexington, N. C., a senior and a Biology major. Vice president of Student Government Association.

Henney Elected Treasurer Of Duke Endowment

Richard B. Henney has been elected as treasurer of The Duke Endowment, the country's third largest private philanthropic foundation, according to announcement by Thomas L. Perkins, Endowment chairman. Henney, who had been assistant treasurer of the Endowment since 1955, succeeds the late Randolph E. DuMont.

Mr. Henney will also assume duties as treasurer of the Doris Duke Trust and Angier B. Duke Memorial, Inc.; he had also previously been assistant treasurer of the Duke Power Company, in which The Duke Endowment is the controlling shareholder.

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Beware of anything that causes you to love the world more and God less.

Interesting Methodist Matters

The new Adam Trieschmann hall of science was dedicated Oct. 27 on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant.

Dr. Weldon F. Crossland, 71, who had been pastor of Asbury-First Church in Rochester, N. Y., for more than 25 years before his recent retirement, died Oct. 8.

RECENT DEATH

Retired Bishop George A. Miller, 93, died Oct. 12 in Oakland, Calif. Elected a bishop in 1924, he served for 12 years in three Latin American areas.

The Rev. William J. Peckham of Arlington, Ohio, became a staff member of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., on November 1. He will serve in the board's Department of Evangelists.

Felix R. McNight, vice president and executive editor of *The Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald*, has been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Publication of The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Milton Randolph, Nashville, was elected to the board of managers of United Church Women at the group's national assembly Oct. 9-12 at Miami Beach. She is director of the Family Worship Department of THE UPPER ROOM.

Recognizing his long service in several capacities, the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel recently elected retired Methodist Chaplain George F. Rixey to honorary life membership.

Methodist women observed their annual Week of Prayer and Self-Denial Oct. 25-31. The observance included prayer, meditation, study and a special offering to support mission projects in the U.S. and around the world.

Special guest on the CBS television network program, "Lamp Unto My Feet," on Oct. 8 was the Rev. Dale White, director of program for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.

Carl E. White, 59, White Plains, N. Y., died Oct. 14. He had been lay leader of the New York Annual Conference since 1956 and was a member of the executive committee of the general Board of Lay Activities.

Judge E. Barret Prettyman, retired judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C. has been honored by the Administrative Law Section of the District Bar Association for outstanding contributions in that field. His son, E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr., also a lawyer, has just published a book, "Death and the Supreme Court." Both father and son are official members of Washington Area Methodist churches.

An \$800,000 loan from the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency has been granted Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, to build housing and dining facilities for 126 men and a dormitory addition to house 114 women.

Kinsey N. Merritt of Elizabeth, N. J., has been picked to serve as chairman of the committee to plan the 4th National Conference of Methodist Men to be held in 1965. He is a member at large of the General Board of Lay Activities, sponsor of the meeting.

The second annual scholarship to Alaska Methodist University has been awarded by the Ft. Richardson Protestant Lay Directorate. The \$800 award went to George D. Ballentine, Jr., from the lay group. Post chaplain is Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Gerald C. Dean, member of Little Rock Conference.

A Methodist layman has received one of the highest awards of the Y. M. C. A. for service in the Philippines. The national board of the Y. M. C. A. of the Philippines presented the Bronze Triangle award and a citation to Lewis O. Price, a Methodist missionary, at the recent international "Y" convention in Chicago.

Keith Smith, Long Beach, Calif., businessman and president of the Agricultural Aids Foundation, has been elected to the eight-man board of directors of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, the sole group in America authorized by the noted missionary doctor to receive funds for the support of his hospital and philanthropic work.

Dr. Edmund D. Soper, 85, professor emeritus of history of religion and missions at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., died Oct. 23. His long educational career included 10 years as president of Ohio Wesleyan University, dean of the School of Religion at Duke University, and teaching at Drew and Northwestern Universities.

A new FM radio station, WAMU-FM at 88.5 meg., began operating this fall at Methodist-related American University, Washington, D. C. The station is in charge of the Department of Speech Arts, with some 75 students working on local programs. It also is a member of the newly organized Educational Radio Network and will have program affiliations with some foreign service.

Representatives of four denominations involved in a proposed church union plan participated in a recent service consecrating the new First Methodist Church in Stamford, Conn. Retired Methodist Bishop Frederick B. Newell of New York was the principal participant from the host denomination. Others represented the United Presbyterian Church, the Protestant Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ.

Large Shipments Of Wheat Sent To Needy Countries

The first installment on two million pounds of United States wheat to be shipped by CROP to four needy areas of the world left Enid, Oklahoma, Friday, November 3, for Algeria. Other countries scheduled to share in the shipments are Taiwan, Korea and Austria. The wheat was requested by Church World Service, overseas relief agency of 34 Protestant denominations, for church service projects not eligible to receive U. S. government-donated wheat under the Food for Peace program. Fourteen of the 50 ton railroad carloads re-represent 1961 contributions to CROP from wheat-growing areas. The remaining six carloads, scheduled for spring delivery, will be made against expected 1962 wheat gifts. The Christian Rural Overseas Program — CROP — is the community food appeal of Church World Service. Algeria will receive three-fourths of the total shipment, 900,000 pounds for December and January delivery and 200,000 pounds in each of the months of February, March and April 1962. The bulk of this will be used to provide better food for thousands of villagers engaged in community development projects under the direction of CIMADE, the French Protestant relief agency. Some of the first shipment will also be used for continuing drought relief.

The 90,000 pound shipment to Korea will also be used in assisting Korea Church World Service to pay wages of Korean refugees being resettled in 90 "assimilation projects" which have been assigned to it for supervision by the ROK Government. In Taiwan (Formosa), 360,000 pounds is intended for relief and work projects among the mountain aborigines through Taiwan Christian Service, the interdenominational relief agency there.

The small shipment of 50,000 pounds of wheat to the Austrian churches will assist them in caring for Hungarian and other refugees who have not been able to move to other countries. These unemployable refugees are maintained by the Austrian churches in hostels, schools, orphanages and sanatoria, and this wheat will ease the load on the churches since aid from outside has now practically ceased.

The scheduled shipments are in addition to 12 carloads of wheat shipped by CROP earlier in 1961 to Algeria, Pakistan, Germany, Greece, India, Jordan and Korea. Meat, syrup, rice, oil, dried beans and other foods, as well as seeds and tools for self-help programs, were also exported in recent months. CROP shipments to date this year—not including wheat yet to be shipped—total more than 2½ million pounds, valued at \$228,600.

The wheat shipments result from contributions in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, California, Colorado, Montana and North and South Dakota. At least three more carloads are expected from countries still canvassing. In other states, the harvest-time community canvasses for CROP are being conducted in November.

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Some people get a divorce from the Church and then want alimony.

"Your Loving and Dutiful Son, Francis Asbury"

Francis Asbury was ever traversing the miles by horses, by carriages, and by letters. Of his letters that survive and have been preserved in *The Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury* (Vol. III, Dr. J. Manning Potts, Editor-in-Chief), some twenty-one are to his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Rogers Asbury. This distinctive group of Asbury's letters, in the first full collection published, in 1958, dates from October 26, 1768, while the final one was written about 1799. The first three were written in England; he came to America in 1771 at the age of 26, where the remainder was written. While those surviving are generally scattered over the years, a gap from 1773 to 1784 exists. Eleven of the entire group were penned from 1793 to 1799. The earliest extant letter in the collection is to his parents; he mentioned others he wrote

Of the American group, dating from 1772, four were from Baltimore, three from New York and Philadelphia each, and two from Charleston. Others were scattered geographically, a few have no indication as to place of origin. Once in the New World, Asbury never saw his parents again, for he never returned to his native land, and they never came to America.

Many interests and concerns of the heart were registered in these letters to his parents, with special reference to the American group. This brief survey is from a larger range: state of religion in America; economic status of common laborers; universal peace; conversions of hundreds of people; his parents' letters to him; transcriptions of his *Journal* for the press; his prayers for his parents. Numerous references are to his associations with Thomas Ranklin, Dr. Thomas Coke, Richard Whatcoat, later a bishop, John Dickins, his book agent, and to George Whitefield's work in America. (He died in 1770). References are made also to John Wesley, whom he regarded as "a father and friend."

He wrote of his salary in 1794, which was "fourteen pounds, ten shillings, sterling (\$34.)." He touched on his travels, writing in 1795: "I have enjoyed great health, and have traveled extensively through twelve of the United States, now growing into little kingdoms." He usually traveled some 5,000 to 6,000 miles annually on the American continent, Francis J. McConnell stated in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1960, Vol. 2, p. 449). This was not totally by horseback, but by carriage on occasion. As John Wesley supplied in his letters outlined itineraries, Asbury gave indications of an itinerary he had completed, or anticipated in the future.

He noted in 1796 that a year would bring him about one thousand letters as he moved about the country. This was about three per day. His correspondence was a matter of daily concern, as it was with Wesley.

In 1793 he reminisced that many changes had occurred since he came to America "two and twenty years" before. He was pleased to learn of the growth of Methodism in Great Barr, England, for he was

there in earlier years. In 1797 he wrote to his parents that he intended to spend his remaining days in the land of his missionary endeavor. Once he revealed his intention to his parents of sending them a picture of himself. Lacking in the letters, generally, are indications of his reading and study habits, so much in evidence in the *Journal*.

The *Letters* yield one letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Ashbury to her distinguished son, written by Sam Barkley for her, on April 29, 1800, at Great Barr. In it she stated that Francis was born in August, 1745. The Asburys had one daughter, who died in infancy. (Relatives in England were Sarah Rogers, Nathaniel Rogers and John Rogers). Joseph Asbury died in 1798 and his wife died in 1802. Asbury never married, thus, there are no descendants of this family.

There are variant complimentary closes to his letters, as "Your loving and dutiful son," "From your obedient and loving son," "I am as ever your dear son," and "I am as ever, your affectionate son," and others.

As Dr. Potts, in his introduction to the *Letters*, lamented the paucity of Ashbury's surviving letter, we may lament that so few to his parents especially have come to us for reading and study.

This handful of letters from a "loving and dutiful son" in a foreign country, nonetheless, affords illuminating glimpses of the rise of Methodism in America, under leadership and careful guidance of a great soul, a fascinating story recounted more fully by Bishop Paul N. Garber in his book *The Romance of American Methodism* thirty years ago. Our heritage is fuller and richer for their existence.

Most Productive In Service

The Board of Publication in its annual meeting Oct. 25-26 in New York appropriated \$600,000 for retired Methodist ministers and their dependants. The Methodist Publishing House reported to the board "the most productive 12 months in its history from the standpoint of service to the church and its people."

Net sales of MPH for the 1960-61 fiscal year totaled \$27,581,509, an increase of \$376,238 over the 1959-60 fiscal year, it was reported by Lovick Pierce, Nashville, Tenn., publisher and president.

Receive First Shepherd's Awards

Two Methodists were among the first four recipients of the Shepherd's Awards given by the National Council of Churches at a conference in Cleveland, O., Oct. 27. Those honored were Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the University of Oregon and former U. S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Dr. Karl P. Meister of Elyria, O., general secretary emeritus of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes. The honors recognized "significant contributions to meeting human need through social welfare."

"The conquest of space is not nearly so important as the Christian concern for multitudes of men and women in need."—Dr. Olin E. Oeschger of Chicago.

New Wesley Long Hospital Is Dedicated At Greensboro

The new Wesley Long Community Hospital in Greensboro was dedicated last Sunday afternoon in the lobby of the new institution at 2:30 o'clock. The \$3½ million dollar structure will take the place of the old hospital on North Elm Street. The new building is located on Elam Street just off Friendly Road. Several thousand persons attended the dedication and open house which followed. Dr. Charles P. Bowles, pastor of the West Market Street Methodist Church in Greensboro, gave the dedicatory address, speaking on "Healing in Hand and Heart." Dr. Bowles said he hoped the hospital would continue to develop "overtones of medical services," which he defined as friendliness and devotion. "These overtones go over and beyond medical skills and techniques," said the speaker. "They will make a distinctive institution in the community. If this new facility develops these overtones, then it will be known as a hospital." Greetings were given by Marshall Pickens of Charlotte, secretary of the Duke Endowment, and director of the hospital and orphan section. The Duke Endowment gave \$150,000 toward the construction of the hospital.

Two North Carolinians Elected By Education Group

Two members of the Western North Carolina Conference were elected officers during the national Methodist Conference on Christian Education, held in Chicago this month.

The Rev. Thomas S. Lee, Jr., of Statesville, was elected a secretary under the division of camp and conference administrators and Dr. George M. Schreyer of Misenheimer, was elected a secretary under the division of professors of religion.

The Rev. Mr. Lee is director of junior high work and camping for the Western North Carolina Conference. Dr. Schreyer is chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Pfeiffer College, an affiliated school of the conference.

Temperance Day Poster Selected

Already the winner of two gold medals, the 1960 Commitment Day poster has been selected by *Commercial Art* magazine, as one of 425 winners among 11,000 entries. The poster showed wine glasses being turned upside down, with the caption, "Methodists Say 'No Thank You'." The production of such materials "is one very important way of witnessing to the world the vital life of the church," said Roger Burgess, associate general secretary heading the Division of Temperance and General Welfare.

WORTH QUOTING

"We will never contain communism with rockets, bombs and missiles . . . nor with hate. We are making a mistake to divorce ourselves from the Christian people in Russia. Perhaps the Russians will be saved through the remnant still making their Christian witness in the USSR."—Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis.

Items Of Interest From
St. John Church, Kinston

On Sunday night, November 12, St. John Methodist Church, in Kinston had the honor of having as our guest minister the editor of our North Carolina Christian Advocate, Rev. S. J. Starnes. Brother Starnes brought us a great message that was much appreciated by all who heard him.

On Tuesday night, November 14, the Methodist Men entertained their wives with a barbecue supper furnished by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The program consisted of gospel singing and an inspiring address by Mr. Cecil Hodges of Havelock, our District President of Methodist Men. We had forty men and women present, and all had a wonderful time.

On Thursday night, November 17, the St. John M.Y.F. entertained the sub-district M.Y.F. After a good program by various Fellowships, refreshments were served in the social room of the education building. This was the first sub-district ever held at St. John. Miss Bonnie Harrell is our local President and Mrs. Mary Rhue is our new adult leader.

On Sunday night, November 26, St. John will begin its fall revival. Services will be held each night during the week, closing on Sunday night, December 3rd. The Sunday night services will be at 7:00 p. m. and the week night services at 7:30 p. m. At the request of the church, the pastor, H. H. Cash, will bring the messages and Rev. Virgil Moore, pastor of the Wooding-Webb charge will conduct the song services.

H. H. CASH, Pastor

Southeastern Jurisdiction Town
And County Workers Meetings

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Workers Conference met at the Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center last week, November 8-10. The Chairman for the past four years, Rev. M. Wilson Nesbitt, Professor Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C., presided.

Ten of the sixteen conferences in the southeast were represented. Chairmen, secretaries and executive secretaries of Conference Commissions on Town and Country Work, professors of Town and Country Church in colleges and seminaries, a district superintendent, and Rural Church and Community Workers made up the attendance. Present, also, was the new Director of the Department of Town and Country, Division of National Missions, Dr. Harold S. Huff, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Officers elected for the next four years are: Chairman, Rev. Garland R. Stafford, Executive Secretary, Commission on Town and Country Work, W. N. C. Conference, Statesville, N. C.

Vice-chairman, Rev. James E. Scott, Executive Secretary, Commission on Town and Country Work, Virginia Conference, Richmond, Va.

Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. F. Appleby, Guntown, Miss.

The Town and Country Workers Conference will meet in 1962 on November 7-9.

In Memoriam

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Haymount Methodist Church, Fayetteville, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. L. H. Porter, who died on Nov. 9, 1961, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Porter was a charter member of Haymount Church, and a charter member of the Woman's Society. She had been presented a Life Membership Pin for her devoted service, and loyalty, not only to the Society, but to her church and community.

She served willingly, unselfishly, with happiness, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The influence of her radiant spirit, will live on among us here at Haymount.

Mrs. David Padgett, Pres. W.S.C.S.

Mrs. C. C. Culbreth

Mrs. Hugh Geddes, Committee

Mrs. Herbert Davis

New Subscriptions Since
Our Last Report

Since our last report on new subscriptions we have received lists from the following churches. It is encouraging to know that when the pastors present the matter and give a little time and effort to it the people respond and the list grows larger. We urge every pastor to personally see that his people are given this opportunity. We want to increase the circulation in order that the ADVOCATE may render a much-needed service to the people and to the churches. Our subscription list is now larger than it has been in a long time, and we are anxious to make it even larger. The help of every pastor will be deeply appreciated.

South Main—High Point	4	Gibson Mem.—Spring Hope	2
Covenant—Gastonia	4	Mebane—Mebane	2
Zebulon Zebulon	8	Sutton Park—Monroe	3
Sutton Park Monroe	3	Rankin Mem.—High Point	3
Davis Street—Burlington	59	Queen Street Kinston	9
Middleburg—Middleburg	3	Richlands Circuit	6
Macedonia—Southmont	1	Richlands	6
Burnsville Burnsville	6	Pittsboro—Pittsboro	3
Calvary—Victory—Fayetteville	2	Spencer Mem.—Charlotte	3
First—Roanoke Rapids	1	Wesley Memorial—Wilmington	1
Devon Park—Wilmington	1	Jamesville Church	2
First—Mt. Holly	23	St. Paul—Rocky Mount	3
First—Hamlet	21	First Wadesboro	96
Mills River—Horse Shoe	3	Bethlehem Swansboro	3
Regans—Lumberton	24	Bethany, Cotton Grove—Lexington	1
Charge		Alleghany, Grayson—Sparta	4
Jamesville Charge—Jamsville	4	Silk Hope—Siler City	6
Pikeville Pikeville	6	Elizabeth—Raleigh	20
First—Mocksville	2	Collins Chapel—Pembroke	6
Providence—Charlotte	3	Longview—Raleigh	4
First—Elkin	3	Center Grove Starfield	2
Jarvis Mem.—Greenville	8	Pittsboro—Pittsboro	1
Seven Springs Charge—Seven Springs	7	Montlieu Ave.—High Point	3
Swan Quarter		Bethel—Bethel	9
Swan Quarter	4	Trinity—Wilmington	3
Oxford Circuit—Oxford	2	Gillburg—Henderson	14
First—Clinton	5	Oak Summit—Winston-Salem	1
Memorial—Kannapolis	2	First Troutman	1
Pine Forest—Goldsboro	1	Erwin—Erwin	6
Haywood Lake		Zion: Town Creek Charge	3
Junalusa	4	Black Mtn.—Black Mtn.	5
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Trinity—Marshallberg	2		

No one can be truly educated who lacks a knowledge of the Bible.

Cornerstone To Be Laid
At Asbury Memorial, Asheville

The cornerstone of Asbury Memorial Methodist Church's new \$90,000 two-story education building will be laid in special religious ceremonies in Asheville at 9:00 a. m. Thanksgiving Day, November 23. The church is located at 171 Beaverdam Road.

The building, which faces the Kimberly Avenue side of the church property, is connected with the present building—completed in 1928—on both floors.

Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville District Superintendent, will join the pastor, the Rev. LeRoy A. Scott, for the service. The building will be occupied for the first time Sunday, November 26.

The educational facility will contain nine classrooms for children, classroom for senior youth, a classroom for the Ladies' Bible Class, a chapel, study, two kitchenettes, rest room and a boiler room. The heating system is entirely separate from the system in the present building.

Furnishings were purchased through the Cokesbury Store of the Methodist Publishing House.

Plans for the building and the fund raising were begun during the pastorate of the Rev. Thad McDonald (1955-'60). During this period ground was broken and loans arranged. Actual construction was begun in May of 1961, with the Merchant Construction Co. of Asheville serving as general contractor.

The 450-member church serves a rapidly growing area in the northern section of Asheville, particularly Beaverdam Valley.

Asbury Memorial is the oldest Methodist Church in Asheville, having been in existence when Bishop Francis Asbury visited the area in 1800. In that year he preached to the "society" and on his visit in 1801 held a quarterly conference for the members.

Because Bishop Asbury was a frequent visitor, a special chair was made for him, and the chair is still in the possession of Asbury Memorial Church.

Besides the main church building, and the new educational facility, the congregation erected a parsonage in the early 1950s across the street from the church. This was during the pastorate of the Rev. Miles McLean, 1949-1955.

Koreans Stand Up For Christ

Nearly 8,000 Koreans, most of them students, committed themselves to Christ and the church on profession of faith during a recent evangelistic mission led by 13 American Methodists in Korea. Of the number, 1,649 were baptized during the mission.

It was the fifth such mission to Korea under the leadership of Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism. Two Methodist bishops — Bishop Jong Pil Kim, head of the Korean Methodist Church, and Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio — were in charge of the baptismal service at Ewha University in Seoul.

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoes.

Conformed or Transformed?

By J. CLAY MADISON

In the twelfth chapter of Romans we find the very familiar passage of scripture, "... be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." J. B. Phillips in his translation has given this passage an arresting and suggestive interpretation. He makes it to read, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you can prove in practice that the Plan of God for you is good." "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mould." Had the Apostle Paul been writing in the morning newspaper, he could hardly have touched on a more sensitive problem for the average individual of our day.

Every person, if he takes any interest in religion at all, finds that life moves in two distinct areas of relationships. One is horizontal, having to do with man's relationship to his fellow man, and the other is vertical, having to do with man's relationship to God. On the horizontal plane life is a continual process of interaction between the individual and the world around him. From this area there come some of our finest values: the values of society, the fellowship of friends, the rewards of civilization. But at the same time the quiet, subtle, persistent, though powerful influence of the world is playing upon our lives. Inevitably and almost unconsciously we find ourselves assimilating its values, its styles and customs, its compromises, its moral standards, and its mores. Someone has suggested that the world says to every youth, "Come on now, and be one of us." We have been advertised, organized, pressurized, secularized, standardized and socialized, until we wonder if there is one shred of individuality and self-determination left within us. If someone ask what has become of the rugged individualist of a generation ago, the answer is obvious, the world has succeeded in squeezing him into its own mould.

So long as this tendency to conform has to do only with styles and customs, I am not particularly concerned. But I am concerned when the liquor industry succeeds in selling a whole nation that it is smart to take a drink. I am concerned when good people accept uncritically the racial prejudices of a predominantly white society. I am concerned when youth justify every moral compromise imaginable with the simple argument that others are doing it too. In fact I am terribly concerned when the Church and its people allow a semi-pagan society to set their standards of value. When the Church makes adjustment and conformity to the world its first consideration, it is simply selling its soul for the crumbs of respectability. It was exactly this kind of church that Joseph Sittler was describing when he said: "The cult of acceptance is polite. Polite as hell. It has its own grace; the graciousness of expectation, the suavity of emptiness, the courtesy of non-significance." I cannot imagine a more damning description of the church today than that. In so far as that descrip-

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text, "With an eye to that which is vital in religion."—Romans 2:18.

Joe Stalin studied for the ministry and was told that religion was a tranquilizer to keep the people satisfied. He went with his question to a meeting of the priests and they spent the day deciding which robe to wear at which time.

The other day Mr. Khrushchev dug up Joe's body. In that he made a mistake; we should never dig up the body of our predecessor.

Before we ride Joe and Nikita too hard we had better ask ourselves if we are keeping our religion vital. It seems to me that our salt has turned to cinders and we use it for sidewalks. Our baptismal water does not have enough steam in it. Our sermons don't have enough 'I say' and too much 'essay'. Personally, I had rather be a "fannytick" on the right side than to be one on the wrong side.

tion is true, the Church loses its right to judge the world and its power to save it.

But life for the Christian moves in another area of relationship also. He lives in a world of spiritual values as well as material. It has to do with things that are eternal rather than temporal. Through a study of the scriptures, through meditation, worship, and prayer, man finds himself confronted by God's will. One cannot live life intelligently or happily without taking into consideration this vertical relationship also. Now the values of this spiritual world often cut directly across the values of society or the world around us, and the individual must take a choice. He must choose between conscience and culture. He must choose between what I want to do and what I ought to do. He must choose between that which is expedient and maybe offers the biggest dividend and that which is eternally right. For the true Christian the decision has already been made. In fact it has been made for him again and again across the centuries. The ancient prophets lived in society and were about the most responsible members of it, but they took their bearings from another world of values. The early Christian lived in society and saw more clearly than any others the truths to which the future belonged, but when they were commanded to keep silent they declared that they must obey God rather than man. When Martin Luther was tried for heresy with the possibility of a death sentence, he stated his position and then declared: "Here I stand. I can do no other! God help me." And when the Master of Galilee was forced to choose between compromise and the awful ordeal of death on a cross, He humbly prayed, "Father, not my will but Thine be done." And you and I have not gone all the way with Him until we, too, can say, "Thy will be done in and through us regardless of the consequence." These are they who refused to let the world squeeze them into its mould, and the world stands forever in

Reidsville First Methodist Church To Celebrate Golden Anniversary

First Methodist Church, Reidsville, will celebrate its Golden Anniversary on Sunday, November 26, 1961. Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of Charlotte will be the principle speaker at the morning service, with several former ministers participating. A covered-dish dinner will follow the service, and the newly completed parsonage will be open for visitors in the afternoon. The evening service at 7:30 will feature other former pastors of the Church.

First Methodist Church, formerly Lindsey Street Church, was begun in the fall of 1911 under the leadership of the Rev. C.E.M. Raper. The first church building was completed in 1912 at the cost of \$6,297 and dedicated in 1913. The Rev. George Kernodle, a local preacher, gave much inspirational and material assistance. Known charter members still living are: Mrs. A. P. Sands, Mrs. Treva Raper Rascoe, Mrs. David Carroll and Mrs. Roy Stallings.

As the city of Reidsville expanded and the Church membership grew, it became clear that Lindsey Street Church should move to a new location. Under the guidance of the Rev. R. C. Stubbins a lot was purchased in 1949. The Rev. Malcolm Reese led the congregation in the first stages of the building program, and the name of the Church was changed to First Methodist Church. A beautiful new sanctuary and educational building were completed in 1959 under the very capable leadership of the Rev. Eugene Lamb.

The Church now has a membership of 306 and joins with Main Street and Woodmont Churches in presenting a vital Methodist witness in Reidsville. Other former ministers include: the Rev. E. G. Lowdermilk, the Rev. H. F. Fogleman, the Rev. J. D. Williams, the Rev. L. G. Gerringer, the Rev. G. R. Brown, the Rev. E. L. Ballard, the Rev. J. J. Powell, and the Rev. B. C. Winn. The present pastor is the Rev. Tom Stockton.

All members, former members and friends of the Church are cordially invited to join with the congregation on this significant day in the life of First Methodist Church.

Cox Hall To Be Dedicated At Emory University

Cox Hall, Emory University's food service center, will be dedicated in memory of Harvey Warren Cox, first president of the University, Thursday, Nov. 16.

Relatives of the late Dr. Cox and all interested persons have been invited to the ceremonies in the lobby of Cox Hall at 4 p.m. Rev. Eugene Drinkard, pastor of Glenn Memorial Church, will perform the service of dedication. Emory's President S. Walter Martin will make the presentation followed by a tribute to Dr. Cox by Bishop Arthur J. Moore and a prayer of dedication.

their debt. They are they who let God remould their lives from within, and their transformed lives became a glorious transforming influence upon the world of which they were a part.

"An Understanding With The Minister"

W. W. REID

I met him on the train the other night. He was in a relaxed and friendly mood, and wanted to talk. In such a situation, I guess I am "easy." He was a C.P.A. and headed for an out-of-town convention: it sounded like half lark and half serious business.

Conversation drifted from this to that until (in some context I do not now recall) I mentioned the word *church*. Then it was he told me he was a member of an up-and-coming Protestant church in a lovely little suburban community I know somewhat. And, he proudly informed me he is chairman of the auditing committee of that church "though I am thinking of giving it up because you can't please people and you get a lot of blame."

"I seldom go to church," he confided, "but my wife and children do. I have an understanding with the minister that he knows where to find me if he wants me for anything . . . Sunday is the only day I have to work in the garden and do things about the house. I'm pretty busy the rest of the week . . . I like to get out under the blue sky when I can, and I can get more inspiration there than sitting in church . . . I have a philosophy that if I live a decent life, and am good to my family, and am a good citizen, that is all religion asks of me."

Now, my fear is that there are, in and on the periphery of our churches, many "decent and good" men like Mr. C.P.A. They will permit the church or its minister to call upon them if there is some need, financial or otherwise, that they can meet without much time or inconvenience. And these same people like to think the church and the minister are quickly available to them at their call of distress. But they have no concept of the church as an *army* marching toward to achieve some objective, nor as a *school* (graduate as well as undergraduate) where all through life one learns to live and serve and grow more fully, nor a *fellowship* of seekers inspiring and encouraging one another to more noble action and more satisfying exploits. At most, their church is an air-raid shelter, or a clinic in time of dire necessity . . .

If Jesus had been willing to excuse the rich young ruler from the stern demands of discipleship because he was needed at the bank to conserve the family's possessions; if he had allowed the young man to say, "I live on such-and-such a road; if there is anything simple I can ever do for you, please call on me;" then Jesus might have added a "follower" — but how valuable a follower? If Jesus had told those discouraged disciples in that Upper Room, "Go on home; believe that I am the son of God; if I ever need you to say a good word for me or to me, I'll try to get in touch with you;" could the Christian church have been established on such a "commission?"

And what kind of Christianity would church members now be displaying before their fellows and before the world, had all members as loose ties to the *real purpose* of the church as has Mr. C.P.A.? Or what could be the education ministry, or the

evangelistic ministry, or the social ministry of a church — or of its ministers — were it composed of a thousand such serving-when-convenient members? If this had been the story of the early church there would have been no "later church." If this becomes the pattern of many members or the pattern within many churches today, there will be no church tomorrow.

The Christian faith, advanced by and through the Christian church, is a call for the consecration of a man's whole life, and time, and strength — not in living apart within church or monastery walls, of course, but for conscious, and continuing, and renewed gathering of strength within the church (in its broadest meaning) for service outside the church.

Proclamation of Thanksgiving

A thankful spirit is the overflow of the human soul.

So many providential gifts rush in at our desire

That without this natural outlet over its banks,

The gracious gifts of God would turn to stagnant mire

Behind the damning walls of our unspoken thanks.

Thanks be to God for the prayers so freely answered;

Yet divine wisdom alone could show the beneficence

Of my heavenly Father in the prayers he has left undone.

My praying was answer enough—an answered essence

Of the stupid things for which I had asked one by one.

Thanks be to God for my hours of glowing health,

That bring to my receptive body its needed strength;

But for this, too, dear Lord, my hours of pain—

Cruel pain that brings my aching soul in holy link

With love of friends, patience, courage—pure gain.

Thanks be to God for the gifts of the shining day,

But I would give thee thanks for the midnight shades.

In what concert hall of our earthly human fame,

Bedecked with starlight roses when daylight fades

Could the sweet nightingale sing and sound the same!

By OSCAR L. EASTER



"A church that witnesses only to those who come to its sanctuaries will soon be a museum or a mausoleum. The church that believes in the gospel of Christ will go to the community in which the church is located as well as send its sons and daughters to witness to others who are far removed from its community. . . . The believers in Christ will be full of the redeeming grace and they will live attractively that others will be attracted to Christ."

—Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn.

A Profitable Week-End In New Bern District

It was the high privilege of the Editor to spend the week-end of November 11-13 in the New Bern district. At 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning a large congregation was present at the Queen Street Methodist Church, of which Rev. T. Marvin Vick is the pastor. It was our privilege to preach to this fine and appreciative group. Brother Vick, and his associate pastor, Rev. I. S. Richmond, are held in high esteem by this great church. At the Sunday evening service we preached at the St. John Methodist Church. Rev. H. H. Cash is the pastor. A good evening congregation was present. On Monday morning we attended the New Bern District preachers meeting, called by the District Superintendent, Dr. A. J. Hobbs, and held at the Garber Methodist Church, New Bern. Brother Hobbs not only attended to every detail of the regular program of a district meeting, but was gracious enough to lift up in a special way the North Carolina Christian Advocate. The Editor was given opportunity to speak briefly, and the conference voted to see that every charge meets the asking of a minimum of six new subscriptions by the first of year. Many of the churches have already met their quota, and some have gone considerably beyond it. Dr. Hobbs is a member of the Board of Publication and has served in this capacity for many years, hence he knows the value of having the Advocate in every home possible. His idea is not mere theory, but he practiced it when he was in the pastorate.

On Monday afternoon at 3:30, by invitation of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Queen Street Church, we spoke to that group on the Oslo World Methodist Conference.

Our visit to Kinston was made even more pleasant by the invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vereen to spend the week-end as their guest. This splendid young couple, with their two children, Joey and Donna, were among our parishoners at Sunset Park church in Wilmington some years ago.

Methodists Share In Conference

As the largest denominational group among 40 meeting during the Second National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare in Cleveland, O., Oct. 23-27, Methodists learned about the concerns and efforts for welfare that they share with others. Some 350 Methodist representatives alternated between 11 denominational workshops and 93 international discussion groups.

At one gathering of all Methodists attending, Bradshaw Mitener, Washington, D. C., layman who is former assistant secretary of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, issued a challenge for the churches to up-grade their providing of tools and remuneration for social welfare workers. He proposed a "Strategy for Life," based on military advice, which includes belief in the necessity of a supreme commander, "morale is more important than material," "you never lose until you quit fighting" and "when you're being pushed back, attack."



Woman's Activities



N. C. Conference WSCS Has Missionary In Africa

By MARY GARDNER

A native Norwegian is representing the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Africa. She is Miss Borghold Salverg Haviskeland. Born in Ugddal in Tynes, outside Bergen, Norway, Miss Haviskeland received her early education in public schools and a special youth school. She has had further training at Bethany Nurses' School, Bergen; advanced courses in administration at Norwegian Nurses Federation, Galo. Also, special study in tuberculosis and its treatment in Sweden and Denmark, advanced course in anaesthesia and a special course in midwifery.

Before going to her present post at Methodist Mission, Gasta Via, Monrovia, Liberia in West Africa, Miss Haviskeland served at Bethany Hospital, Bergen; Lyster Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Rogaland Hospital, Stravanger, and in a mental hospital.

The missionary is supported jointly by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, and the Florida Conference WSCS.

TWO DISTRICT WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD MEETS

The program for the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mount District Wesleyan Service Guild, meeting at the Conetoe Methodist Church on November 13, featured a meditation, "The Meaning of Suffering," by Mrs. L. G. Hooks, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount; a film "This is Christian Social Relations," a pledge service, reports, a question and answer period and special music by Mr. Wilbur Harris, soloist and Mrs. J. H. Shelton, pianist.

Mrs. Lena Gray is the Rocky Mount District Guild Secretary.

Mrs. L. C. Vereen, of Raleigh, Conference Treasurer, was the principal speaker for the Annual Meeting of the Raleigh District Wesleyan Service Guild, in session at the Louisburg Methodist Church, with Mrs. W. T. Cline, Raleigh, District Guild Secretary, presiding.

Also highlighting the program was a pledge service conducted by Mrs. Vereen and the local presidents and treasurers, clinics for officers training, a devotional by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. Kelly J. Wilson, Jr., and a film "This is Christian Social Relations." District WSCS and WSG officers conducting the clinics included Mrs. M. M. Person, Sr., Louisburg, presidents and secretaries of promotion; Miss Juanita Stott, Raleigh, vice presidents and chairmen of literature and publications; Mrs. D. C. Fussell, Raleigh,

treasurers and chairmen of supply work; Mrs. A. C. Jones, Raleigh, Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. H. Moss, Jr., Henderson, missionary education and service.

ALGIERS CENTER DEDICATED

Bishop Ferdinand Sigg, of the Geneva Area, officiated at the dedication of a center for Methodist activities in Algiers. Miss Sue Robinson, Woman's Division of Christian Service missionary described the dedication as follows:

"In spite of the tense and uncertain atmosphere prevailing in the city, the lovely new chapel was filled with Methodists and other Protestants of many different nationalities, including Frenchmen. Workers serve many hundreds of Methodists and 'friends of the Methodists' sprinkled all over Algiers, a city of more than 700,000. Through preaching, teaching, healing, and social work, the Methodist Church will continue its witness to Muslims."

The center, a joint project of the Division of World Missions and the Woman's Division, includes the chapel (home of the Methodist congregation in Algiers), classrooms for club work and a weekday program of Christian education, kindergarten rooms, a library, a small dispensary, offices, a kitchen, a large dining room and apartments for missionaries. On the adjoining property is a park within basketball and volleyball courts and missionary dwellings. The center provides a meeting place for conferences and institutes and summer camp facilities. Staff members include persons of French, Kabyle, Spanish, American and British origin. Some are missionaries; others are Algerian nationals.—The Methodist Woman.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Methodism In Taiwan

A new brochure, "Methodism in Taiwan," arrived this week to bring news of Mrs. Ralph Ward to the women of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The leaflet describes Methodist work in the north and south districts of Taiwan, Soochow University, the Wesley Girls' High School, and gives a list of Methodist missionaries on Taiwan in 1961, along with a number of pictures. These show a picture of Wesley Methodist Church, the first two Methodist missionaries in Taiwan,

kindergarten pupils, the Goodwill Social Service project, the Christian Student Fellowship Group and an architect's drawing of the new Wesley Girls' High School.

A word picture of the island is given: "It is an island of waterfalls and mountain lakes, of rice paddies, citrus groves and pineapple plantations, extinct volcanoes and one or two active ones, of rain forests and peaks reaching above the clouds and dusted with snow in the winter, of neat brick farmhouses and ancient Buddhist temples and over all the landscape a fresh greenness that looks almost as though it had been painted on the fields and the hillsides.

"Taiwan actually includes, in addition to the main island on which the Central government of the Republic of China is located, 77 smaller islands in the Pescadores group, and 70 square miles in the Quemoy-Matsu complex. This total area is about the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined.

"Taiwan's population of more than ten million is greater than that of Australia. It is about the same as that of Sweden and Norway combined. More than half of the member nations of United Nations have a smaller population.

"After the communist takeover on the mainland of China in 1949 direct contact with the western became impossible. Two million Chinese fled to Taiwan (Formosa). Among them were some hundreds who had been members of the Methodist Church or related to its institutions. They sought the continuing ministry of their church. In early 1953 this became a reality when under the supervision of the late Bishop Ralph A. Ward the Board of Missions sent its first missionaries to Taiwan to organize and establish the work of the Methodist Church."

In Taiwan's North District, the establishment of the Wesley Methodist Church in 1953 is described with a growth in membership from 92 charter members to a present enrollment of 1,000. The Water of Life Medical Clinic, the Methodist Conference and Training Center in Wesley Grove, the new Yung Ho Church near Taipei, all are mentioned.

In Taiwan's South District there are two organized congregations and a half dozen preaching points. The Methodist Church has pioneered in social service among the thousands of refugees. The Goodwill Services conducts many rehabilitation classes helping the refugees to learn how to help themselves.

Of Soochow University, the brochure says: "Having had 50 years of history on the mainland of China, Soochow University was re-established on Taiwan in 1954 . . . Soochow is best known for its Law Department, and its Law graduates are in significant positions not only in Taiwan, but around the world."

In describing the Woman's Division of Christian Service, we read: "The Woman's Division missionaries are working in local churches, at the Wesley Girls' High School, at Tunghai University, and in island-wide responsibilities. These include leadership training, Christian education, Christian literature, and Christian family life emphases. The Division has helped sponsor church nursery-kindergarten work in three major

cities. Taiwan's first deaconesses, Rose Hu and Ann Lin, have returned to Taiwan after finishing their studies at the Harris Training School in Manila, under sponsorship by the Woman's Division. Two girls are taking in-Taiwan seminary training in preparation for fulltime church work."

This is said of the new Wesley Girls' High School: "Situated in a valley near Taipei is Methodism's first high school in Taiwan, the Wesley Girls' High School. Purchase of three *hectares* of land for the school site was made possible by gifts from Chinese in Taiwan and the U.S.A. buildings for the school are a gift from the Woman's Division. The scarcity of high schools in Taiwan means that only one student in three has the privilege of a secondary education. Through a competitive examination, the first class of 160 pupils was chosen out of 820 registrants when the school opened in September 1961. Each year a new class will be added until the full six years of junior and senior high school work will be offered. All students live in the school dormitories."

The five Methodist missionaries working in Taiwan under the Woman's Division are Miss Wenda Carter from Northern New York, Miss Louise Crawford from New York, Miss Dorothy E. Jones from Ohio, Miss Gloria Ann McCurdy of Alabama and Mrs. Ralph A. Ward, formerly from Nebraska, but now of North Carolina. Mrs. Ward was a resident of Hendersonville, N. C. for a few years, before the death of her husband, Bishop Ralph Ward.

She was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences. She has many friends in this area.

List Of Littleton College Students Being Compiled

A list of former students of Littleton College, a private institution in operation from 1882-1919, is being compiled by Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives of Enfield and Greenville.

Littleton College, known as Littleton Female College until 1912, was owned and operated by the late Reverend James Manly Rhodes, a native of Four Oaks. President Rhodes held the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Trinity College, now Duke University.

In the early years of this century, Littleton College was known widely for its high educational standards. The quality of its teacher-training program caused many school boards to request Littleton College students to fill teaching positions. Governor Charles B. Aycock served on the Board of Trustees of Littleton College for a number of years. Alumnae have attained distinction in many areas especially in the field of education and home and foreign missions.

The Littleton College Memorial Association, composed of alumnae and friends of the former college (which was burned in 1919 and never rebuilt), recently presented a Littleton College Memorial Loan Fund to the new North Carolina Wesleyan College near Rocky Mount. Individual loans are to be known as "the Vera L. Herring Loan," in honor of Miss Herring of



Laboratory-Landers Chapel Has New Parsonage

Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1961, the new parsonage of Laboratory-Landers Chapel Methodist churches was dedicated. This building was begun in August 1959 and was completed in October of the same year. The entire indebtedness was paid off

Rev. Richard Edgar Named

The Rev. Richard Edgar will become responsible for youth work, as well as being director of leadership development, for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare, on Nov. 15. This follows the resignation of Emogene Dunlap Kuhn, director of the temperance youth program since 1956 and now a full-time homemaker. Married last April, Mrs. Kuhn has led in the training of more than 5,000 Methodist youth in alcohol studies and Christian action. The office works closely with the Youth Department of the General Board of Education.

Work For New Day

A Methodist who has been his nation's president for 17 years, a tenure believed unequalled, called Oct. 20 for continued work together "hand in hand toward the new day of brotherhood." The president is William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, who spoke during an official visit to Washington, D. C. He is a local preacher in the Liberia Conference.

Raleigh, former College Treasurer, and a prominent leader in the Memorial Association. A collection of memorabilia of Littleton College and over one thousand books have been presented to the library of North Carolina Wesleyan College by the Littleton College group.

Plans are now being made for the meeting of the Littleton College Memorial Association on the grounds of North Carolina Wesleyan College on July 14, 1962. It is hoped that Mrs. Catherine Marshall LeSourd, author of *A Man Called Peter* and *To Live Again* and editor of *Mr. Jones, Meet the Master* and *The First Easter*, will be guest speaker for this occasion.

Anyone who attended or who knows someone who did attend Littleton College is requested to send their addresses to Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, 413 East Fourth Street, Greenville, N. C. or Mrs. Ruth M. H Mincher, Drawer E., Littleton, N. C.

on July 14, 1961. The parsonage is valued at \$25,000. The Laboratory Church paid three fourths and Lander's Chapel one fourth of the cost.

The parsonage is completely furnished: there are 9 rooms; a living room and dining room with wall to wall carpeting, a den well furnished, a kitchen with built in cabinets and built in stove and oven, automatic washer, refrigerator, garbage disposal, and breakfast suit. It has three bedrooms, the master bedroom has wall to wall carpeting. There are two complete baths, a study, utility room and a large carport.

The building committee consisted of the following: Henry Rhodes, chairman, Carl Freeman, Howard Summitt, Marvin Sneed, all of Laboratory, and Howard Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Labe Bollinger of Lander's Chapel and the pastor.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



How Come November?

Jane looked out the window upon a chill, foggy November day, and her spirits were as gray as the weather. It was bad enough to stay in the house and nurse an old cold, and it didn't help matters any to have to look out on such a gloomy day.

Presently she turned to her grandmother, and said, "October was such a beautiful month, and I had so much fun playing in the bright leaves. And December is always exciting, with snow to romp in, and Christmas coming, 'n everything! But Grandma, how come November, anyway?"

Grandmother put on her sunniest smile, so that she might help Jane to understand how wonderful November is, in spite of its frequent dreary days and what seems a lack of color.

"Well, now let's see if we can find some reasons for this month that you're wondering about," she said with a thoughtful look in her eyes. She pushed her glasses on top of her head, settled back in her easy chair, and motioned for Jane to come over and sit on a stool by her side.

Jane forgot about the weather outside as she drew up close to her grandmother.

"You know," began Grandma, "it seems to me that during all the other months God has been planning for November, as He sends the snows of winter, the gentle spring rains, and the sunshine of summer and early fall to nourish the seeds and plants in field and garden. All this time the late fruits and vegetables have been growing and ripening, and when October and early November come, they are ready to be gathered and taken to the markets, or stored away for use during the winter."

Grandmother continued. "We folk who live in the city and eat foods that come mostly from the grocery shelves, don't think much about harvest time in the country, with its piles of bright red apples, whole fields of bright yellow pumpkins, and truck-loads of potatoes, turnips, and other vegetables. And then there are the bins stacked full of ears of rich corn (with now and then a red ear), and barns piled with hay and fodder for the cattle."

"I didn't know there was that much color left for November, Grandma," said Jane, with eyes shining. "It must be very beautiful."

"Yes, it really is, my dear, and the farmers are happy and thankful when all has been gathered in out of the cold, so there will be plenty to eat during the winter." Grandmother seemed to be living again the old days when she was a part of the happy farm life of her community.

"And if you doubt that there is real beauty and color in November," she added, "all you need to do is go to a Harvest Festival, where the display of fruits and vegetables is as lovely as a garden of flowers."

By now Jane was all smiles, as she said, "November isn't so bad after all. But tell me more, Grandma."

"And then, too," continued her grandmother, "we need November in order to have Thanksgiving Day. You remember it was during this month that the Pilgrims in New England, many, many years ago, celebrated the first Thanksgiving, and now it has been a national custom for a long time. And you know how lovely the community church service is, when the people gather to offer special thanks to God for the good harvest and all His other blessings during the year."

"And remember the big Thanksgiving dinner that we all went to last year?" queried the little old lady, getting more excited by the minute. "Seems like I never saw so much beauty and color—the rich brown crust on the turkey, deep red cranberry sauce, green beans, golden sweet potatoes, small white onions, yellow squash, bright red spiced apples; and to top it all off, big wedges of golden pumpkin pie. And in the center of the table was a bowl of copper-colored asters. My, my—and wasn't it delicious eating, too?"

Jane had been counting on her fingers as her grandmother finished talking. "Grandma," she said happily, "I know now how come November, and I've decided it's one of the best months in the whole year. And you know, another Thanksgiving Day is almost here, isn't it?"

—By Elizabeth Whisner

A Short, Short Story

Little Miss Hastings, aged ten, was caught swiping sugar from the table, and was sent to bed without her supper. Her father, a minister, was away on a trip, and returned late in the evening.

Presently from upstairs was heard,

"Mamma, I want to see Daddy." There was no response from below.

"Please let Daddy bring me a drink of water."

When this failed, the little girl in a white nightie stood at the head of the stairway, and said in a dignified manner "Mrs. Hastings, I am a very sick woman, and I must see the minister at once."

Little Miss Hastings saw the minister without further delay.

What's the Matter, Stummick?

What's the matter with you? Ain't I been your friend?

Ain't I been a pardner to you? All my pennies don't I spend

A-gettin' nice things for you? Don't I give you lots of cake?

Say, stummick, what's the matter, that you got to go an' ache?

Why, I loaded you with good things yesterday. I gave you more

Potatoes, squash an' turkey than you'd ever had before.

I gave you nuts an' candy, punkin pie an' choc'late cake,

An' last night when I got in bed you had to go an' ache.

Say, what's the matter with you; ain't you satisfied at all?

I gave you all you wanted; you wuz hard jes' like a ball.

An' you couldn't hold another bit of pudding—yet last night

You ached most awful, stummick. That ain't treatin' me jes' right.

I've been a friend to you, I have. Why ain't you a friend o' mine?

They gave me castor oil last night becuz you made me white.

I'm awful sick this mornin', an' I'm feelin' mighty blue

Becuz you don't appreciate the things I do for you.

—The Uplift

God, Help Me Be Kind

Dear God, help me to be friendly to strangers, and to help them get acquainted.

May I be kind to those whom others do not like.

Keep me from being unkind when others are rude and thoughtless.

Bible Quiz

1. Who is the strongest man in the Bible?
2. Who cheated his blind father?
3. How old did Jesus live to be?
4. What king wrote many of the Psalms?
5. What boy was brought up by a priest in a church?

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Snow
2. Ezekiel
3. Lot
4. Joel
5. Everest

Sunday School Lesson

DECEMBER 3

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

Background Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16;
Luke 10:1-24; Acts 4:13-21

Lesson Scripture: Acts 4:13-21

Let us notice first how the background Scripture fits into our theme for this lesson. In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus is speaking to his inner group of disciples about their place in the work of the Kingdom. Notice that Jesus is talking to them, not so much about *doing* something, as about *being* something. "You are salt to the world" means their lives will help to keep the world from decaying, will give it a different flavor. "You are light for all the world" means their lives will help men to find their way to God. American religion has been accused of being dominated by the philosophy of "activism." This, it is said, can be proved by the fact that we feel we must be forever doing something. But there is a powerful sort of witness that emanates from the man whose deeds are not spectacular, but whose quiet devotion to God and the right make his life a source of strength to all who know him.

In Luke 10:1-24 we have an account of the sending out of disciples. To read this carefully is to see that their witness was to be made not only by what they preached, but by the way they dressed and the way they conducted themselves. They are to eat what is set before them without complaint, they are to dress simply and they are not to waste time. So we may witness by the attitude we show toward the simplest things of life. A young man was having dinner in a restaurant with a young woman and her mother. The mother found fault with the food, the service, the music, and even the color of the walls. After one of her mother's particularly severe reprimands to the waitress the daughter said: "You'll have to forgive mother; she's never grown up yet."

Coming now to the main section of the Scripture material, we have a striking incident of courageous witnessing on the part of Peter and John. One should read all of Acts 3 in order to get the background of this incident. The conflict with the authorities arose over the healing of the crippled beggar in the temple precincts. Evidently the man who was healed had been there a long time and was known to many people; hence, word quickly got around, and

the fame of Peter and John increased by leaps and bounds. This made it very hard for the temple authorities to do much against the disciples publicly. Accordingly, they went into a private conference to decide what could be done to halt the rising popularity of the early Christian leaders. There seemed to be nothing to do but release them, since to punish them would have called down the wrath of the crowd upon the officials.

The thing to notice as of first importance in this story is that the best defense of the apostles was *the living evidence of the healed man*. One may find it easy, even exciting, to argue about matters of opinion. It is just *there*, confronting you with incontrovertible evidence. Much is made by skeptics of the evil we find in the world. One hears of it every hour if he keeps his radio tuned to the news, or reads the headlines in the newspaper. But how about the good? It is there, too, even if its works are not so dramatic and attention-getting. Indeed, it will be sad for the world if we ever come to the time when the good is so rare that it becomes more newsworthy than the evil.

Christian witnessing suggests to many people the picture of a man you never saw before getting hold of your coat lapel, looking you straight in the eye and saying "Brother, are you saved?" But there are other ways of witnessing. A minister who wanted to visit the churches behind the Iron Curtain confronted the "Minister of Religious Affairs" who said to him "I am an atheist and a communist." The minister replied "I am not an atheist, and I'm not a communist." The official then said, "If I let you go about in this country will you evangelize?" The minister gave a forthright answer, "Yes, I intend to evangelize." Impressed by this fearless response, the official gave in and allowed the minister to proceed. That is a true story of a modern witness. Some will say "I'm not good enough to witness." The answer is that you are witnessing anyway—one way or the other—just by living. Lance Webb wrote: "If we must wait to be perfect before we witness, we could never witness." Perhaps, as in other realms of life, "it's practice that counts!"

U. S. Churches Aid Disaster Victims In Athens, Greece

Four thousand homeless survivors of a flash flood and cyclone that swept through Athens, Greece and the surrounding countryside are receiving emergency relief from stocks of food, clothing and bedding supplied by churches in America.

In addition, \$2,000 has been made available for local purchases of supplies for other emergency assistance.

The disaster relief materials are being distributed through the Greek office of Church World Service, cooperative overseas aid agency of major U. S. Protestant churches.

According to the Rev. John Metzler, CWS representative in Greece, 43 persons in the capital lost their lives in the flood waters which devastated larger agricultural areas.

Methodist Agency Commends Government Peace Efforts

A National Methodist agency has commended the U. S. government for its peace efforts and asked the government to urge Portugal to halt its "indiscriminate killing" of people in Angola. The actions were taken in Omaha, Nebraska, Nov. 7 by the Division of Peace and World Order of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Twenty members of the division, laymen and ministers from across the nation, voted to commend Congress and the President for establishing the new Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. They urged the President and Secretary of State to "use this new agency, together with the full resources of the nation, to vigorously implement the President's proposal for a genuine 'Race for Peace' (which he presented to the UN) to achieve general and complete disarmament under effective international controls together with drastic strengthening of the United Nations." The resolution also urged all nations to join them in the proposed "Race for Peace" and pledged the division's "full efforts and resources."

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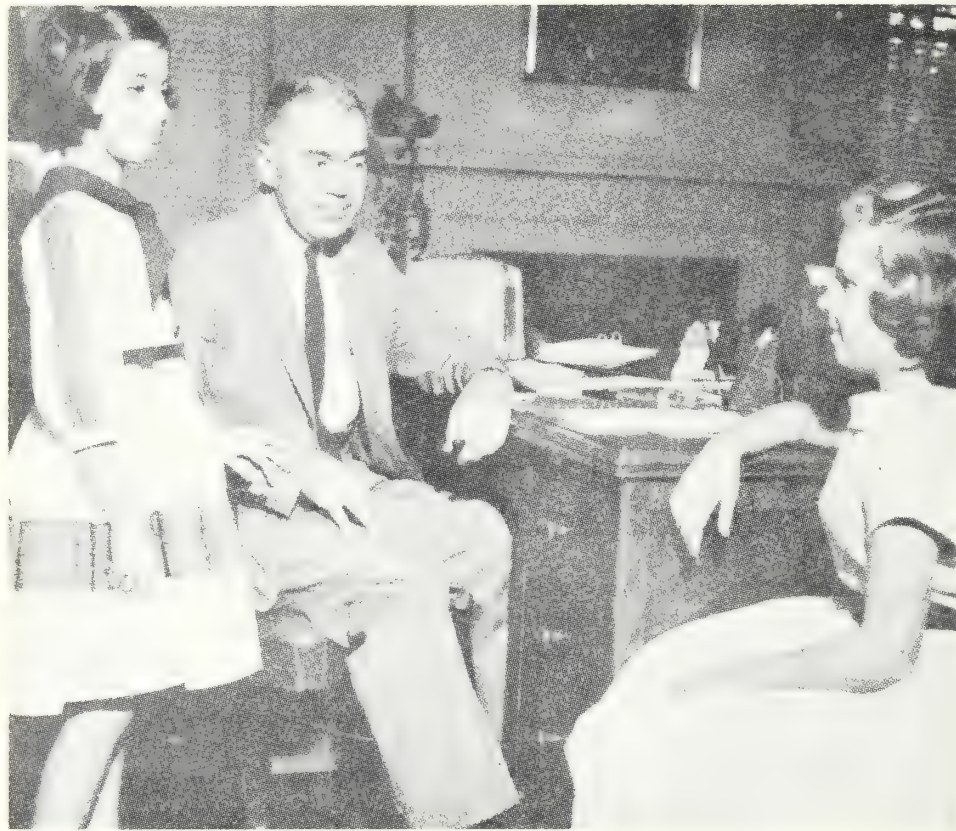
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* CAROLINA BRIEFS *

Rev. W. M. Ellis, pastor of the Benson Methodist Church preached in revival services at Elevation church last week. This week he is holding evangelistic services at the Benson church each evening at 7:30.

¶ The annual Awards Night Banquet of Wilson County adult Scout leaders was held November 16 at the Wilson County Country Club at Wilson. Rev. T. A. Collins was the speaker.

¶ W. Jasper Smith was the speaker for Union Thanksgiving service for the Churches of Bethel, N. C., Thursday, November 23. The service was held at the Bethel Methodist Church.

¶ Dilworth Church, Charlotte, observed Family Night last Tuesday, Nov. 8. Dr. Howard P. Powell of Raleigh, a former pastor at Dilworth, was the speaker for the occasion. His subject was "A Home With a Conscience."

¶ Rev. John Miller, pastor of West Haven Presbyterian Church of Rocky Mount spoke at Chapel service at N. C. Wesleyan College last Tuesday, November 28. Denny Wise of Rocky Mount presided at the service.

¶ VANN MASSEY, President of Student Government Association at North Carolina Wesleyan College, spoke to his home church, Ahoskie Methodist Church, on College Sunday. Reverend R. E. Walston is the pastor.

¶ Mr. Willard Farrow, administrator of the Methodist Home for the Aging in Charlotte is attending the National Association of Non-Profit Retirement Homes in Harri-man, N. Y. The meeting runs from Nov. 27-29, and is attended by some 80 persons.

¶ CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION Sunday was observed recently by the St. Marks Church, Kinston, of which the Rev. Bruce Pate is pastor. Rev. Thomas A. Collins, president of N. C. Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount, preached the sermon.

¶ REV. ROLLIN GIBBS recently conducted a campaign for funds for the new education building of the Hickory Grove Church of the Pelham-Hickory Grove charge. To date \$17,019.00 has been pledged. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden, pastor, says this is a wonderful response for the congregation.

¶ A STUDY COURSE, "New Churches For New Times" is being taught at the Battleboro Methodist Church on Sunday evenings during November. Several Womans Societies of Christian Service in the area are uniting in the study, which is being taught by Rev. T. A. Collins, president of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

¶ THE ADVOCATE EDITOR had the privilege of worshipping with the Edenton Street congregation last Sunday. He was given opportunity to represent the conference organ to the fine and appreciative congregation. A good response is expected. The Rev. Kinsey King, Jr., associate pastor, preached the sermon. Dr. Howard P. Powell was in charge.

¶ Mr. William Joyner, field representative of N. C. Wesleyan College, gave an illustrated message about the college to the union MYF of the Mount Tirzah charge near Roxboro Sunday, November 12.

¶ A postal card received by the Editor from Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, secretary of the World Council of Methodism, who is attending the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, indicates he has witnessed much inspiring missionary activity throughout Asia. Dr. Tuttle left the states early in order to visit many mission fields on his way to New Delhi.

¶ Dr. Joe S. Hiatt, Chaplain of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital at Elkin, will be guest minister at both morning worship services at Ardmore Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, December 3. At this service the church will be worshipping for the first time in the newly renovated sanctuary. Dr. Hiatt was the minister at the organization and building of the Ardmore Church. Rev. W. Harold Groce is pastor.

¶ Reverend James Cox of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Rocky Mount, was the guest speaker at Chapel services at Wesleyan College last week. The Interfaith Council, under the leadership of Miss Marie Fisher of Tarboro, planned and presented the Thanksgiving program Tuesday, November 21. Winnie Stine of Richmond, Va., was the student leader presiding at chapel.

¶ Rev. Edgar M. Hall, 89, of Raleigh, retired member of the North Carolina Conference, died Thursday, November 23. Mr. Hall retired several years ago and had lived in Raleigh since that time. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 25, at Edenton Street Methodist Church. Officiating were Dr. Howard P. Powell, pastor; Rev. Graham S. Eubanks, district superintendent, and Rev. E. C. Durham. Burial was in Montlawn Memorial cemetery.

¶ THE SCOTLAND NECK Methodist Church, under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Sherman, is in the midst of a building fund drive to serve two purposes: Liquidate the bank note, and pay several outstanding debts on the building program. If the drive is successful, all the progress on the building program would be debt-free. More than one-third of the total amount had been pledged, and partially paid, by members of the Official Board and Finance Commission.

¶ A Conference on Dynamic Discipleship will be conducted at West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, December 3-7, at 7:30-9:30 each evening. This is sponsored by the Centenary, Christ, College Place, Grace, and West Market Street churches. The purpose is to develop "A praying church; a believing church; a Bible-Reading church; a witnessing church; a growing church; a recruiting church." Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church, will lead this conference. Advance registration is necessary.

¶ Mr. C. E. BRYSON, professor of law and university attorney, will be the speaker at the Greensboro Duke Alumni Association meeting at the Mayfair Cafeteria, Greensboro, Thursday, November 30, at 12:30.

¶ Dr. James R. Hailey of N. C. Wesleyan College was guest preacher at Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, Sunday, November 19. Rev. William Davenport is the pastor.

¶ The Rev. Thomas A. Collins of Rocky Mount was guest preacher at Highland Park Methodist church of Richmond, Virginia last Sunday. He spoke on "Christian Higher Education" during the emphasis in the Virginia conference.

¶ STUDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA Wesleyan College participated in College Sunday across the Conference. Among those participating were: Gay Hobbs of Corapeake, Melissa Heuging of Gloversville, New York, Guy Rouse of Kinston, Royal Brown of Hamlet, and Vann Massey of Ahoskie.

¶ Dr. Robert P. Parker of Richmond, Va., will preach at Leaksville Methodist church next Sunday, December 3 at both services. Sunday afternoon he will speak at the Greensboro district conference at Main Street church, Reidsville. Dr. Parker is Director of the Association of Educational Institutions in the Virginia conference.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Mount Holly, Rev. Albert M. Smith, pastor, has set Sunday, December 10, as the opening date for the new chapel in connection with their new church plant. The first service will be a christening service in the afternoon of December 10, and the first formal church-wide service will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13 at 7:30.

¶ Haymount Church, Fayetteville, voted in its church conference and quarterly conference Sunday, November 19, to proceed with the building of the sanctuary. It is expected that the building program will get under way within the next few weeks. This is a growing church, organized by the late Dr. W. L. Clegg, while serving as District Superintendent of the Fayetteville District. It now has some 700 members. Rev. T. R. Jenkins is the pastor.

Dedication And Revival Held At East Bend

During the week of November 12-17 a revival was held at Prospect Methodist Church on the Smithtown charge at East Bend. On Sunday we had two guest preachers, followed Monday through Friday by the Rev. Jerome Huneycutt, pastor of Central Terrace church in Winston-Salem. We had a great revival with Rev. Huneycutt. Ten people joined the church on profession of faith, and three came to us by letter. Special music was rendered each night during the revival. Our pastor is the Rev. E. W. Mills.

Our new church was dedicated last February, with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon and Dr. Lee Tuttle, and some former pastors being present. We are now in the process of building a new parsonage.

MRS. RICHARD RATHIS

When the Mail Comes In

By W. W. REID

Some of my preacher-friends, and others "not of the cloth" rather boast they are so busy they can read only their first-class mail. All unsolicited material—and even magazines to which professional instinct or pride drives them to subscribe—go unread.

Now, if this is not sheer laziness, or desire to escape knowing something, or just a "superior attitude," then I am sure my friends need to readjust their programs of reading, "scanning," and study. The preacher's daily mail is probably not much different from mine, and I never discard any mail without at least knowing something of what my correspondent wants to say. Scores, perhaps hundreds, of ideas come across desk and mind every day: they are kaleidoscope of life, the panorama which keeps me in touch with my fellowmen, their thoughts, their acts. This is the grist that can help give the preacher understanding of people and their needs . . . a running commentary on the world to which the gospel must be applied . . . Here are some of the things I learned in recent days—just because I at least scan all my mail:

Christmas this year looks like one of the biggest and brightest ever, according to those early harbingers of the holiday spirit, liquor advertisers. Predicting average sales gains of five per cent, most liquor distillers are planning elaborate promotions with a stress on luxurious gift wraps, as opposed to decanters . . . One big distiller plans to spend \$5,000,000 in advertising during the eight weeks before Christmas.

Report from Frakes, Kentucky: Before we were through with our tree planting, we had set 30,000 seedlings in the ground. Usually we have about 85% survival among these plantings. We have now reached a total of 114,000 trees planted at Henderson Settlement during the past eight years. It does not require much imagination to see what this will amount to, say thirty years from now.

There is need for governments to formulate comprehensive metropolitan planning

policies based on understanding of the economic functions of the metropolis and the wide range of social problems which accompany urbanization and industrialization. These problems include slums, traffic congestion, crime, delinquency, inadequate community facilities, rising land values.

An Assistant Secretary of State asserts: "We praise education's virtues and count on it to help the new generation solve great problems which the older generation has failed to solve. But when it comes to spending more money for education, our deeds often fail to match our words."

"If the members of this (local) church were functioning as 2,450 Christian stewards ought to function, we would be pledging to our church at least \$1 per week for every \$1,000 of annual take-home pay."

Tropical Africa is an area composed of 600-odd groups (tribes), with differing origins, customs and aspirations. The "nations" as they exist today represent very artificial boundaries. All 600 groups cannot well be autonomous. In larger areas (as in the Congo), people may be freed from external rule, but "some Congolese will get less freedom than others: some Congolese will rule other Congolese—a seed of trouble."

Dr. Truman Douglass (United Church of Christ) scored "ecclesiastical formalities that stand in the way of the church union," and said, "No other fact of church life has so damaging and crippling an effect upon the church's prosecution of its mission in the world as the fact of disunity."

One of New York's leading mathematicians said that the so-called "reforms" in teaching math in high schools is "endangering U. S. scientific progress. Emphasis is now placed almost entirely on the deductive structure of mathematics . . . In place of much algebra, geometry, trigonometry and solid geometry, they are now incorporating such topics as set theory, symbolic logic, portions of abstract algebra, matrices and Boolean algebra." (What about the new interpretations of history and the social sciences?)

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Sometimes the best tree is clubbed the most, therefore don't weep and sigh because you are clubbed.



The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska (right) gets acquainted with the Rev. C. T. Eapen of Kerala, India, editor of "The Star of the East." This is the organ of the Orthodox Syrian church. Both the Asian and the American churchmen are attending the third assembly of the World Council of Churches which is in session in New Delhi, India, Nov. 19-Dec. 6. Dr. Tuttle is a fraternal delegate representing the World Methodist Council, of which he is the American Secretary.

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"Never seek to muzzle your preacher in spite of times of crisis and tension . . . Guard with your life the freedom of the pulpit. It is always the last citadel to fall before the tyranny of dictatorship."—Dr. George L. Morelock of Coral Gables, Fla.

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First services were held in this handsome new building on Sunday morning when the congregation of Bethany Methodist Church, near Albemarle, assembled to begin their Sunday morning worship services at 10 a.m., Sunday, November 12. Completed recently at a cost of between \$25,000 and \$3,000, the new building provides ample space for the Sunday School department of the 200-member church. An open house will be held later. Rev. David Cowart is pastor.

EDITORIALS

Passing of Dr. W. L. Clegg Is Big Loss to N. C. Conference

In the passing of the Reverend William L. Clegg, superintendent of the Burlington district, the North Carolina Methodist conference lost one of its most valuable and useful members. Dr. Clegg was endowed with a native ability which enabled him to think with clarity, and he had the moral courage to take his stand on any controversial subject. He never seemed to be concerned about who was on the opposite side of a question, but only what is the right thing to do about it. Having once arrived at that decision he stood firm for his convictions.

In saying these things we do not mean to imply that he was always in a hassle with his brethren by any means. There was perhaps no man in the conference who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of ministers and laymen more than he.

Brother Clegg was an humble man. He never pushed himself forward, but he was called to responsible positions because he was a man of recognized ability. This was evidenced in the role he played in working out the plans which resulted in the establishment of the two new colleges. He served as the chairman of that committee; again in the responsible part he played in the creation of two new districts; and also in the fact that he was appointed to serve as superintendent of four different districts by three different Bishops; furthermore, in his election as a trustee of Duke University; and finally in his selection by members of the General Conference in 1960 as a member of the Judicial Council. In all of his positions he displayed good business judgment as well as a keen spiritual insight.

Perhaps nothing showed more clearly the affection of his brethren than was evidenced by the unusually large number of ministers and laymen who attended the funeral services, representing both the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina annual conferences. Also the highest officials of Duke University, including the President, Dr. Deryl Hart; vice presidents Dr. Charles E. Jordan and Dr. Herbert J. Herring, and many other educators, along with state officials headed by Governor Terry Sanford who was a close friend.

While it is true that "God buries his workmen, but carries on his work," the place made vacant by the death of Brother "Lem" Clegg will not be easily filled.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."
Matt. 12:50.

Thanksgiving In Retrospect

The American people have just observed another Thanksgiving Day. Some have made it a day of enrichment as they gathered in their churches for worship and spent the day in their homes with their families. Some may have mis-used the day, never having caught the real spirit of it. Its value is dependent upon the attitude we take concerning it.

As we sat in church on Thanksgiving morning and listened to a devoted layman speak, reminding us of the many things for which we may be grateful, whether they were in accord with our desires, or whether they left us short of what we had hoped for, we began to wonder just what the day does mean to the rank and file. And we agreed that it was like any other holiday; to some it means an opportunity to assemble in church and express in worship real gratitude for the goodness of God to his people. As we think of life, loved ones, homes, health, positions of employment, friends, responsibilities, opportunities, we can join more lustily in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Or with the Psalmist who sang, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." And we wonder why more people are not so engaged on Thanksgiving Day.

There are those who can see and appreciate only a day free from the routine of labor, perhaps a sumptuous dinner, and maybe a day of hunting or sports. Time drifts along, the day is soon gone, and they are engaged in their usual pursuits, not any better, and perhaps in worse condition because of their indulgence.

But for those who have made it a day of genuine Thanksgiving there lingers a memory that enriches the soul and sends them out to their tasks with a fresh vigor. May our thanksgiving in retrospect leave pleasant memories and cause us to face the future with new commitment.

Emory University To Observe 125th Anniversary December 10th

Methodism's far-sighted concern for educational strength in the Southeast will be emphasized December 10 as Emory University in Atlanta celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Today Emory, its scholastic standards among the highest in the nation, has an annual enrollment of approximately 5,000 selected students. More than half of its graduating classes each year receive advanced or professional degrees. It is a dynamic source of new ministers, physicians, dentists, lawyers, researchers, educators, scientists, nurses and business leaders for the region.

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President S. Walter Martin has noted that "two bright threads" have been interwoven throughout Emory's history and growth:

"The first is the religious impulse behind the work of the original school and its people. Founded by Methodists, is proudly proclaimed its freedom from narrow sectarianism and its commitment to the broad view of Christian emphasis and service.

"The other characteristic which set a permanent pattern was the early emergence of a spirit of true scholarship. Standards were set very high from the beginning. It was Bishop John Emory, for whom the college was named, who said: 'Education, properly, embraces the whole wide scope of the character, condition and interests of man—physical, mental, moral, and religious—for time and eternity.'"

"There has come a new concept on the part of business and industry in the matter of giving to education. Support has increased, but we have hardly scratched the surface. More money will have to come from this source. Education must be properly financed, and the public in the end will do it, either directly in the form of gifts and grants, or by taxes levied by the federal government for this purpose. As advocates of the free enterprise system, we must espouse the cause of education as we have never done before."

Rev. Kenneth Horn Writes For "The Church School"

The Reverend Kenneth A. Horn, pastor at Stoney Point, and former minister of education at First Methodist Church, Charlotte, has written "The Director's Page" for the December issue of *The Church School*, a publication of the Methodist Church, published in Nashville, Tenn.

The Church School is a monthly magazine. Its purpose is to help superintendents, pastors, commission on education chairmen, and other general officers in planning the total program of the local church school. It includes practical "how-to-do" articles, interpretations of the philosophy of Christian education, and offers help in long-range planning, in enlisting and training teachers, in training children and youth in church membership.

LETTERS

The Editor
North Carolina Christian Advocate
Dear Sir:

In the Christian Advocate of November 16, there appeared an article about the concern of our Conference for membership growth. Please allow me to express a few thoughts that have been on my mind for some time concerning this matter of evangelism. I agree that this should be one of the major emphases of the church this year; but shouldn't it be a major emphasis every year, and not only this quadrennium. Emphasizing evangelism in the program of the church, however, is not going to do much toward solving the problem of membership growth unless we are willing to translate that emphasis into reality by taking the Biblical message of salvation to the people. And it is in the methods of doing this that I think our approach has been wrong.

We have had Conferences and Conclaves, Workshops and wishful thinking, Meetings, Mimeographings, and Mailings on this subject of evangelism; and we always manage to have some outstanding men to re-think, re-define and re-evaluate our evangelistic program. The trouble is, we've got too many "outstanding" men who ought to be out working. We have alienated a lot of people with our emphasis on the "Key" persons in the congregation. (The key person usually being those with the most money, or the most political power). We have projected an image of The Methodist Church as a class Church with our preferential treatment of the wealthy, the leading citizens, the VIP's etc. The wealthy and powerful are put on the Official Boards, whether they ever attend church or not, for fear of losing their financial support. We have projected an image of the clergy as a group of persons more interested in maintaining their status, the "Ministerial" discount on everything they buy, and free privileges on the golf course, than in preaching to the unsaved.

Why should we expect preferential treatment in the market place, on the golf course, or any where else? We cheapen the holy calling of the ministry when we go to the world begging for the "Ministerial" discount. These people to whom we are sent with the message of Christ know that the Bible teaches, "If we have respect for persons, ye commit sin," and our message falls rather flat when they look at our class conscious church.

Evangelism is hard work, and if we expect to make any headway in our evangelistic program we need first of all to heed the advice of John Wesley to avoid softness and needless self-indulgence, and get down to the task of telling people they need to be saved. We need a hard-nosed campaign of carrying the Gospel of Christ into the homes of the Nation and there confront people with the claim of God on their lives. For the most part, the unsaved don't attend our Revivals, Preaching Missions, Series of Services, or whatever we call them. So if we are going to reach them at all we must discard our false pride and religious mannerisms, and go out into the highways, beer joints, pool halls, homes, fields and factories, and there confront people where they live, work, play, and sin with the message of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely Yours,
Rev. J. P. Greene
Candler, N. C.

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Dear Mr. Starnes,

In cooperation with the National Church and its drive for Bible Study Groups and Prayer Groups, we have adapted in the two churches on my Circuit, the organization of the "TWELVE" to the organization of smaller groups from five to seven each. We are using

the courses put out by the NAVIGATORS, whose headquarters are in Colorado Springs, Colorado, which were used by the Billy Graham team in their training of Counsellors with such tremendous success. The courses in Assurance, and on Christian Living cover slightly more than two months; these courses do two things: It is a systematic course in how to use the Bible, and how to witness, and the memorization of certain portions of Scripture. In the next step, as these men and women memorize these Scripture portions, they begin to apply them to their own lives; if they have not an experience with Christ, they soon begin to find out why, and most of them do something about it, and get right. Then they learn that in addition to "St. John" (i. e., the Gospel), that there are four other books generally ascribed to John, and bearing his name, at least—the I, II, III letters and the Revelation, which is good; many people have been in Church and Sunday School ten, twenty, and thirty years, and have never been aware of this fact. I would not recommend dropping our literature—it is far too worthwhile—but we do not use our Bibles any more except to study briefly, or if we do not study the lessons, to read out of on Sunday, and we never become aware of the difference between the Gospel of John and I John. And it is difficult to get across to them why the Gospel is not "I John" anyhow. So we have an opportunity for them to keep the book, THE BOOK, I mean free from dust.

We have five groups going strong—having met more than two times each—in the Cedar Falls Church. Revival services will be held in the Cedar Falls Church; immediately following this revival, another will begin at the neighboring Baptist Church.

The revival at Central Falls Church will be in April, with the speaker to be announced. It is hoped that the Reverend Larry Love, a preacher of great force and great charm, on the Billy Graham staff, will be with us.

On Tuesday, November 21, at 7:45 P.M., we held a Thanksgiving Service at the Methodist Church in Central Falls. The Reverend Roy C. Putnam, Minister, Trinity Methodist Church of Greensboro, was the preacher. Invitations to the congregations of The Methodist Church of Cedar Falls, the Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, and the Baptist Church of Central Falls, were issued.

This move on the part of Methodist leaders to get under way small Bible Study and Prayer Groups is one of the finest things it has done since I have been in its ministry; we are witnessing conversions—thru the Word and Holy Spirit, and not thru high-pressure preaching; we are witnessing a revival of the spiritual life among our people. People in increasing numbers are coming to Church with a lively sparkle in their eyes, and leaving with a more buoyant step than they have had since I have known them. Many of these people who have come to life have been "God's frozen people." And the only thing that could bring them to life happened: The Spirit moved them.

I hope you promote these groups throughout the Conferences reached by our fine paper. To be a participant in these groups can thrill anyone, whether he be bishop, preacher or layman. I would say that they haven't been promoted seriously enough, though it has had serious promotion. Our Church has no business being so sedate and proper; it was born in evangelistic fire, and we as Methodists should move with that kind of tempo today.

Faithfully,
G. Bruce Nelson

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"Not the dutiful duty of going to church, but the ineffable joy of God's grace that makes it impossible to stay away."—Rev. Kenneth Goodson.

A Comparison

"Maud Muller on a summer day
Raked the meadow sweet with hay
Beneath her torn hat there glowed the wealth
Of simple beauty and rustic health
Singing she wrought and her merry glee
The mock bird echoed from his tree
But when she glanced to the far off town
White from its hill slope looking down
Her sweet song died and a vague unrest
And a nameless longing filled her breast
A wish that she hardly dared to own
For something better than she had known.

The Judge rode slowly down the lane
Smoothing his horses chestnut mane
He drew his bridle in the shade
Of the apple trees to greet the maid
And asked a draught from the spring that
flowed

Through the meadow and across the road
She stooped where the cool spring bubbled up
And filled for him her small tin cup
And blushed as she gave it looking down
On her feet so bare and her tattered gown
"Thanks" said the Judge—A sweeter draught
From a fairer hand was never quaffed.

Let the reader finish the poem—beautiful in its rural setting and language but he will find that it abounds in regrets and disappointments and presents no hope for fallen man. It closes in a negative tone concerning the characters employed and all men as follows:

"God pity them both and pity us all who vainly
the dreams of youth recall

For of all words of tongue or pen the saddest
are these, "it might have been."

Beautiful as this poem is in its rural setting and language it has no encouragement and comfort for fallen man. Man's nature calls for release from the bondage of sin and it can come only from the realm of the spiritual. On the other hand we note the positive attitude and glorious promise of David's 23rd Psalm as it abounds in things that are eternal and temporal.

We read:

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table for me in the presence
of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
neth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.

The affirmations of this Psalm, if accepted,
fills the void in man's eternal nature and brings
lasting peace to the troubled soul.

No negative thoughts are connected with
this Psalm. Let the reader take heed.

Roland Covington
Raeford, N. C.

Father, We Thank Thee

"Father, we thank thee:

For peace within our favored land,
For plenty from thy bounteous hand,
For means to give to those in need,
For grace to help in thought and deed,
For faith to walk, our hands in thine,
For truth to know thy law divine,
For strength to work with voice and pen,
For love to serve our fellow men,
For light the goal ahead to see,
For life to use alone for thee,
Father, we thank thee."

—GRENVILLE KLEISER

Church Alive Behind Iron Curtain, Bishop Hagen Tells Raleigh Group

By BILL QUICK

Methodist clergymen in the Raleigh area were told last week, "The Church is still working behind the Iron Curtain, although the situation in which it has to work is quite different than here in the Western world."

Speaking to the ministers of the Methodist Church in the Raleigh District was Bishop Odd Hagen of Oslo, Norway, Bishop of the Northern Europe Area of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Hagen has recently returned from the first Episcopal visit to the Methodist churches in Estonia, behind the Iron Curtain, since 1939.

"After eight years of trying to go to Estonia," the Bishop revealed, "I found it was possible to go as a tourist and I am happy to report to you that Methodism is still alive there."

"Church attendance is very good," he said, "despite certain restrictions. The churches are filled."

Because of certain restrictions the European Bishop said, "Personal religious experience is emphasized. It is remarkable to see how strong and faithful is the Methodist witness."

Bishop Hagen, elected to the episcopacy of the Methodist Church in 1953, supervises the work of Methodism in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Baltic States. In August of this year, he served as host Bishop to the Tenth World Methodist Conference and has been recently honored by the King of Sweden "for bettering international relations, service in religious life in Scandinavia, and for scholarship in philosophy and theology." The King conferred upon the clerical head the Medal of St. Olav.

Bishop Hagen is in the United States to attend the Council of Bishops meeting in Gatlinburg, Tenn. He was in Raleigh speaking at the Fairmont, Westover, Wynnewood Park, Edenton Street and other Methodist churches.

"I spoke twice on Friday, five times on Sunday and twice today," said the Bishop. "I believe Methodists here believe in preaching and eating," he quipped.

Methodism in Scandinavia is a minority Church, he told the Raleigh churchmen. "We are strongest in Sweden and Norway, weakest in Denmark." Under my supervision are 300 ordained clergymen, 450 churches and chapels and 80 missionaries.

"Church attendance in the free churches is excellent, however, by and large the attendance at religious services is very, very low overall." About 95% of the people belong to the state church, the Lutheran, with the remainder in the "free" churches. The strongest "free" churches are Mission Covenant, Baptist, and Methodist, the Bishop revealed.

"The church in Finland is the most conservative in northern Europe. There we have about 25 ministers, 30 churches, and 3,000 members. The 'free' churches and the State Church tend to be more old-fashioned."

Revivals of great proportions are still held in Finland with the emphasis upon



conservative theology and pietism. "However, I admire the Finnish people. They are hard-working and as most Americans will remember, the Finns have paid for their indebtedness brought about by the two World Wars." Finland, the Bishop said, "is a most marvelous nation."

Behind the Iron Curtain, the Baptist church is the dominating church, according to Bishop Hagen. The Baptist church, he said, "includes the other evangelical churches. Our Methodist people in Leningrad joined with the Baptist church."

Asked about the decline of religious influence in Europe, Bishop Hagen said, "It's true that religious influence has been on the decline but signs on the horizon point to a religious re-awakening. There is general agreement among sociologists and theologians that at the end of the 60's, Europe will begin to experience a religious revival."

A Change of Name For World Peace Union

After almost fifty years, the name of The Church Peace Union is being changed to Council on Religion and International Affairs. The change in name reflects no change in the basic goals and ideals of the organization. In fact the new name is adopted with the intention of indicating more clearly the nature and function of the organization.

The Church Peace Union was founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1914 as an independent, non-sectarian organization. It was originally composed of Catholics, Protestants and Jews whose aim was to bring religious principles and insights to bear on the problems of international order and world peace. This is still the composition and the aim of the Council.

Denver CWS Center Opens To Receive Clothes For Needy

To facilitate the churches' collection of clothing for the disaster-stricken and needy around the globe, Church World Service opened a new regional clothing center in Denver, Colo.

Used clothing, blankets and similar items contributed by churches in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Northern New Mexico, Panhandle of Nebraska, and Western Kansas will be received at the center. From there it will be forwarded to the CWS center in St. Louis, Mo., or the center in Modesto, Calif., for processing and shipping to overseas relief centers.

'Decision At New Delhi' To Be Broadcast Sunday

A special report on the World Council of Churches assembly in New Delhi, India, generally heralded as one of the most important church meetings of the generation, will be presented by the NBC-TV Network (including WNBC-TV) Sunday, December 3, 1-1:30 p. m.

NBC News correspondent Frank McGee will be host of the program, titled, "Decision at New Delhi." A live discussion by Frank McGee and Dr. Kenneth Maxwell, of the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs, will follow the on-location film footage.

The assembly provides a major discussion forum for Christian leaders. It met last in 1954 in Evanston, Illinois. The work of the World Council of Churches and its major divisions deals with international affairs, ecumenical (church unity) action, interchurch aid and service to refugees, and now world missions and evangelism.

Eight High Point Students Named To "Who's Who"

Eight students at High Point College have been named to "Who's Who" Among American Colleges and Universities.

They were chosen by a committee of faculty members and students at the Methodist liberal arts college. Selection was made on basis of scholarship, extra-curricular activities, character, and promise of future usefulness to society.

The eight are Brenda Margo Brewer, of High Point; Deborah Calloway, of Mount Airy; Charles Vernon Carroll Jr., of High Point; Leonard Bruce Lewin, of Camden, N. J.; Sylvia Jane Saferight, of High Point; Al Thompson, Jr., of Hamlet; Sam Floyd White, Jr., of Henderson; and Walter Edward Stafford, of North Wilkesboro.

All are members of the Senior class.

Bishop Garber To Visit Poland

Bishop Paul N. Garber will make a December visit to the Methodist Church in Poland, over which he had administrative supervision for eight years.

Bishop Garber will leave the U. S. about December 10 and will remain in Poland during the Christmas season. He will make the trip at the invitation of Bishop Ferdinand Sigg of the Geneva Area and at the request of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions.

Bishop Garber's area includes some 2,000 Methodist churches in Virginia and eastern North Carolina, with around 568,000 members.

The details of the trip are still being arranged, but Bishop Garber will visit the Methodist English Language School in Warsaw (enrollment 3,000), the Methodist Seminary in Klarysew and other Methodist institutions and churches.

"The Division of World Missions is very happy that Bishop Garber finds it possible to make the trip to Poland," said the Rev. Roland W. Scott, Division secretary for Europe and North Africa. "This will provide a meaningful experience for the Methodists of Poland."

Asheville Scarritt Alumni Observe Founders Day

One hundred twenty-five persons attended the Scarritt Founders' Day luncheon of the Asheville Scarritt Alumni Association held on November 18 at Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries in Asheville.

Miss Betsy K. Ewing, dean of women at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and a deaconess in the Methodist Church, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Young people representing most of the Methodist Churches in Asheville, faculty members and the choir of Allen High School, alumnae of the college and special guests were present for the meeting.

Miss Ewing spoke to the group on, "Church-related Vocations." She stated in part, "This is the time when no one can take for granted the world in which he lives. We, as Christians, must have a deep sense of concern—three main concerns, our witness, our service, and our unity. Our real mission in life is witnessing, whether we are a student, mother, preacher, teacher. We are so busy doing work that we do not live the real message of the work. Our role in church work is to be concerned, to know love rather than war, to have understanding and not intolerance, to have faith rather than doubt. Our mission is right now, where each is standing."

Other features of the program included a choral worship service by the Allen High School choir under the direction of Miss Wrisley, musical numbers by two Asheville students, Miss Jean Dorman of Asbury Church and Miss Mary Byrd Daniels of St. Paul's Church and group singing. Miss Mollie Townsend took part in the worship service. The Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., of Abernethy Church had the invocation and the Rev. Marshall McCallum of Berry Temple Methodist Church the benediction.

A Founders' Day offering was taken. \$67.00 was contributed to the organ fund of Scarritt College.

This is the fifth annual observance of Scarritt Founders' Day by the Asheville group.

Fellowship Teams Available From High Point College

The High Point College Fellowship Teams have begun another year of visiting and helping local churches with their Methodist Youth Fellowship programs. The teams will visit in both the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conference upon request.

Letters have been sent to churches in the conferences informing them of the existence and purpose of the Fellowship Teams. In the application form which was enclosed, it was stated that, unless the churches provided transportation for the team, a charge of fifteen cents per mile would be necessary. This, however, was a mistake. The charge per mile will be only seven cents per mile.

Those churches interested may contact Miss Shirley McDaniel, Chairman, Fellowship Teams, High Point College, High Point, N. C.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "*The shame of your youth shall you forget.*"—Isa. 54:4.

The cops picked up the forgetful professor for going up town without his britches. The case was dismissed when they found that he had on his Bermuda shorts.

The processes of education are learning and forgetting and getting a diploma. When emergencies come, the things we remember and the things we forgot come running to our assistance.

I was invited to witness an operation. I declined because I knew I would hear all about it. When we preachers cannot remember names and faces we can look at the old scars and remember every stitch. We also remember that five New York doctors said there was no other such case on record.

When God forgives He also forgets. We should deal with our neighbor without having the former injury in mind. We should also forgive our own sins.

Institute On Church Finance To Be Held January 5-27, 1962

The first Institute on Church Finance—designed to give instruction and ideas in better management of church finances—will be held at the American University, Washington, D. C., January 5-27, 1962.

The Institute—the first to be offered by a Methodist institution of higher education—will deal specifically with problems met by churches in purchasing, accounting, fund raising and budget development.

It will be sponsored by the University's School of Business Administration in cooperation with the Wesley Theological Seminary of Washington. The Institute will be conducted by the Rev. Clyde W. Humphrey, Director of the Center for Church Business Management in the School of Business Administration.

Tuition for any one of the four study groups is \$18 per student or \$60 for all four study groups. Study groups will be held in Room 108 of the McKinley Building on the University's Uptown Campus and at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church, New Mexico and Nebraska Avenues, N. W.

For information, contact may be made with the Rev. Clyde W. Humphrey, School of Business Administration, the American University, Washington 16, D. C.

Dr. Walt Holcomb In Texas Revival

Dr. Walt Holcomb will fly to Odessa, Texas, for One Day Revival on December 3. This is the longest plane trip Dr. Holcomb has made in the United States.

Rev. D. A. Shaw, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, has made extensive preparation. September was survey month, October was visiting and November was visitation evangelism. December 3, when Dr. Holcomb speaks, will be Decision Day.

After this engagement, Dr. Holcomb will return to Atlanta for the Holiday Season.

Bishop Pleads For Unselfish Overseas Aid

Labelling basic hunger as "the most explosive element among nations so tension-torn that we face a future as human moles gone underground to escape nuclear extinction," Methodist Bishop Frederick B. Newell pleaded last Sunday in Washington, D. C., for a return to Christian charity untempered by selfishness, fear and hatred—the true charity of St. Paul's "If thine enemy hunger, feed him"—as the outstanding responsibility of America as a Christian nation striving for peace in "a horribly divided world."

"Go home, Yankee" outcries abroad, the Bishop declared, are directly traceable, in part, to widespread suspicion that our sharing of our national abundance and "far too much of our private giving" is done in a spirit of selfish barter—trading food for friendship, or economic and political aid for economic and political advantage.

"Who," he asked his Cathedral audience, "is really the hungry man?"

"Are we too hungry for material power to share self-sacrificingly with the semi-starved masses of the Far East and with the emerging nations below the equator, the impoverished and underprivileged of Africa and much of Latin America?"

"Let us, as did the Pilgrim Fathers at the first Thanksgiving," he enjoined, "go on our knees this week in thanksgiving to God for His blessings."

"But let us also with prayerful thought examine in deep humility our Christian responsibility as the future unrolls in a world divided by the lucky 'haves' of the West and the two billion unlucky 'have nots,' two-thirds of the world's population living in impoverishment, ignorance, and squalor but as hungry for the good things of life as we are hungry to keep them, and with as moral a right as we to have them."

"Let us ponder what power eventually will serve us best in the inescapable conflict of 'haves' and 'have nots'—material power or moral power, retaliatory power or Christian power."

"Perhaps we should put a preface to our national prayer of 'Make America Strong.'"

"Perhaps we should pray: 'O Lord, make America righteous—and in her righteousness make America strong.'"

Thanksgiving Service

Held at Concord Methodist Church at Coleridge, Nov. 21, a successful Thanksgiving services was conducted. Rev. A. R. Davis, former pastor, was the speaker. Special music was provided by the Rehobeth choir, a quartet from the Mount Olivet church, and a trio from Coleridge. Rev. Clyde Moffitt and Mr. Charles Davis from the Baptist church had a part on the program. A nice offering was received for the "Methodist Ministry to the Cuban People." The Woman's Society of Christian Service contributed greatly to the evening by inviting the congregation to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and donuts following the worship service. Rev. John Oakley is the pastor at Coleridge.

Calvary Methodist Church, Asheboro, To Be Dedicated



REV. L. E. MABRY

Sunday, December 3, will be a great day for the membership of the Calvary Methodist Church of Asheboro. On that day following the 11:00 o'clock worship, at which time Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, district superintendent, will preach, the church will be dedicated. Rev. L. E. Mabry, the pastor, and his people are making plans for the day with great hopes. Following the dedication services lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All former pastors, district superintendents and friends are invited to be present.

On January 29, 1950, a group of people met at the Balfour Baptist Church in North Asheboro for the purpose of discussing the matter of organizing a Sunday School in the Balfour community, and with the view of organizing a church later. The Reverend G. B. Clemmer, the District Superintendent of the Thomasville District of the Methodist Church presided. Some 40 interested people were present. Mr. A. I. Ferree and Mr. W. L. Ward spoke in favor of organizing. Reverend R. Glenn Lanier, the pastor of West Bend Methodist Church, stated that a survey had been made, and it was found that thirty-five people had stated that they would be willing to become Charter Members if a church was organized. A. B. Caviness, Jr., said he would be glad to see a church of the Methodist faith organized, although he and his family were members of the Congregational Christian Church. J. A. Duncan said that sentiment was strong in the community for organizing a Methodist Church. Dr. J. E. Prichard spoke in favor of organizing a Sunday School to be followed by a Church later. The Reverend J. A. Howell expressed his interest in having a church in the Balfour community. The Reverend Walter Kelley, the Pastor of Central Methodist Church in Asheboro spoke in favor of a church. The Group then voted to organize a Sunday School, then to organize a church later. J. A. Duncan was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School. A letter of appreciation was written to the Pastor, Reverend R. E. Heath, and other Officials of the Balfour Baptist Church for the use of their building for the meeting.

Those present for this first meeting were: W. F. Redding, Jr., Reverend Walter Kelly, C. E. Bulla, John R. Sills, W. L. Ward, Walter Cox, Reuben Allred, W. H. Harrell, Mrs. W. M. Harrell, Mrs. L. F. Ross, L. F. Ross, Mrs. Emory Burns, Marilyn Burns, Mrs. Otis Bulla, Otis Bulla, Reverend H. Glenn Lanier, Ralph L. Bulla, C. L. Hill, Jack Caviness, Sr., Mrs. Richard Milikian, Richard Milikian, Kity Sue Milikian, Reverend Paul Bruton, Sam Caviness, Esther Caviness, Kathy Caviness, J. A. Duncan, Mrs. J. A. Duncan, Mrs. Noah Duncan, A. B. Caviness, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Caviness, Jr., Reverend J. A. Howell, Mrs. J. G. Gardner, Mrs. Leon Gardner, Norma Gardner, A. I. Ferree, J. H. Hurley, and Dr. J. E. Pritchard.

Thus the Sunday School was organized on January 29, 1950; the Church was organized on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950, with fifty-five charter members. This list was enlarged so that on the first recorded membership, the list stands at sixty-two. The Reverend H. Glenn Lanier was to serve as the first pastor till the meeting of the Annual Conference.

Those working with Reverend Mr. Clemmer in the location of suitable land on which to locate the new church were: Chas. McCrary, Earl Henley, A. I. Ferree, King Moore, D. W. Holt, Ira Ward, Bili Hughes, and Everett Dulla. The lot owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford at N. Fayetteville St. and Frances Drive was selected for the new church location. The Asheboro Board of Missions purchased two lots, then Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford donated the rest of the lot, extending from North Fayetteville Street to Pleasant Street on the East side.

The Building Committee was composed of: Bill Harrell, Mrs. Mary Gilback, Everett Dulla, Otis Bulla, Ernest Moody, Ira Ward, and Mrs. Mary Burns.

On November 2, 1950 the present Fellowship Hall was started. This was used as the first Church Building. The congregation moved into this building in March of 1951. It cost \$15,000.00. The next building was the parsonage, which was built at a cost of \$15,000, and this was

dedicated free of indebtedness, on March 3, 1959.

Ground was broken for the present Sanctuary on February 28, 1954. The Building was begun immediately thereafter. The Contractor was Craver & Essex, Lexington, N. C. The first service in the new sanctuary was March 20, 1955. This building was erected at a cost of \$89,000.00.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service was organized on April 16, 1950, with Mrs. Ethel Moody as the first president.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship was organized April 16, 1950, with twelve members.

The Methodist Men's Club organized November 22, 1957, with forty-three charter members.

The District Superintendents who have served are: Reverend G. B. Clemmer, Reverend John Carper and Dr. Ralph Taylor.

Pastors are Reverend H. Glenn Lanier, from the organization till the meeting of the Annual Conference; Reverend Ernest Fitzgerald, 1950-1955; Reverend E. H. Neese, Jr., 1955-1957; Reverend George Thompson, 1957-1959; Reverend L. E. Mabry, 1959-.

Church School Superintendents who have serve are: J. A. Duncan, J. C. Ridge, Alvis Smoot, and R. D. Perry.

Presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Ethel Moody, Mrs. A. D. Phillips, Mrs. Olan Hubbard, Mrs. Mary Burns, Mrs. Charlie York.

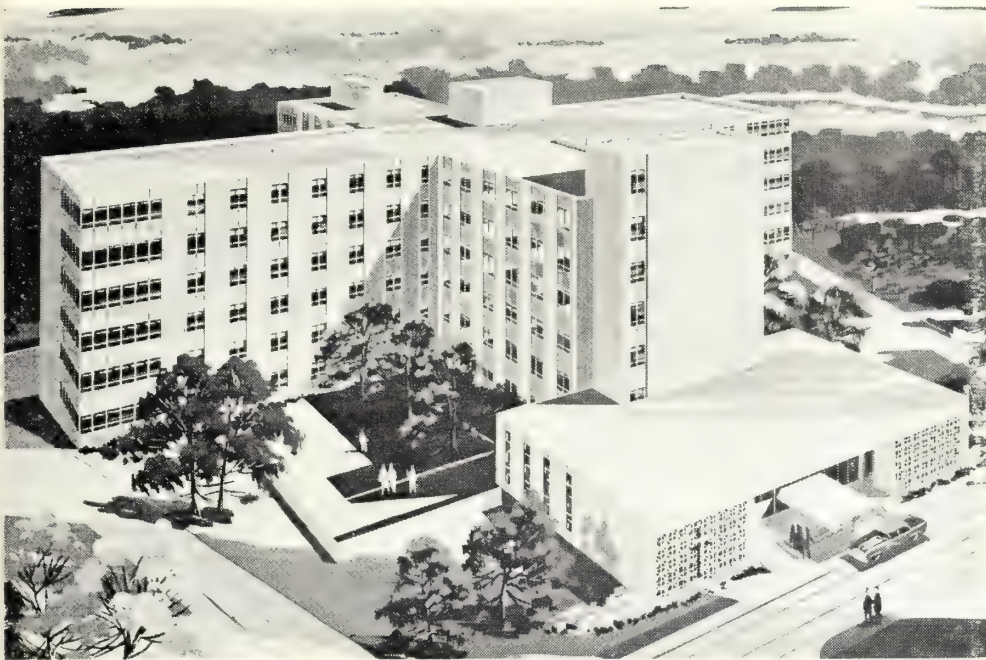
The first chairman of the Official Board was W. M. Harrell.

All indebtedness on the entire building program was liquidated on June 1, 1961. In addition to paying off the church note at the Bank of Randolph, a new Hammond Organ has been added to the sanctuary. All buildings, church, parsonage and fellowship hall have been re-decorated.

The present membership of the church is now 355; and the Annual Budget is now \$19,000.

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Some pilgrims on the Lord's highway are merely tourists.



Ground-Breaking Ceremonies For Methodist Home Addition

A U. S. Congressman and a Methodist bishop will share speaking honors during groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$3 million infirmary and nursing home of The Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc., in Charlotte, December 5 at 3 p.m.

Rep. Charles R. Jonas of North Carolina and Bishop Nolan B. Harmon of the Charlotte Area have been announced as speakers by Willard S. Farrow, administrator of the Home.

Rep. Jonas will speak on "The Meaning of the Home," and Bishop Harmon will speak on "The Challenge Ahead."

Contract has been awarded and ground-breaking date set for the six-story infirmary.

Willard S. Farrow, administrator, said H. L. Coble Construction Co. of Greensboro has been awarded the general construction contract on a low bid of \$2,553,400, and is expected to begin construction about the time of the groundbreaking ceremonies, scheduled Dec. 5.

The medical facility is expected to be ready for occupancy within 18 to 24 months. It will employ 100 additional persons, including registered nurses, licensed practical and related personnel.

Mr. Farrow said total cost of the structure would come to \$3,045,000, with 55 per cent of this provided in federal funds under the Hill-Burton Act. Duke Endowment has subscribed \$125,000, Mr. Farrow said.

The ground-breaking ceremonies Tuesday, Dec. 5, will take advantage of the annual Charlotte District Conference, which will be held in Calvary Methodist Church. The ministers will adjourn in time to move over to the Methodist Home for ceremonies, joining other prominent Methodists and Charlotteans.

Dr. E. H. Blackard, Charlotte District superintendent, is chairman of the ground-breaking committee. Serving with him are Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area; R. H. Pinnix, chairman of the building committee; Charlotte Mayor Stan Brookshire; and Mr. Farrow.

Serving with Mr. Pinnix on the building committee are Sam T. Atkinson, Jr., W. R. Cuthebertson, Jr., Carlton Fleming, G. Scott Francis, Joseph A. Johnson, Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Tom M. Little, J. Carlton Rutledge, George F. Stratton, and Richard E. Thigpen, Jr.

The new 250-bed facility will replace the Methodist Home's present infirmary, a 55-bed unit located on the third floor of the main building. This floor will then be converted to other uses. The six-story infirmary will be constructed on the Methodist Home's 240-acre site.

Most of the beds in the new infirmary will be in private rooms, and the facility will serve people of all faiths from the Carolinas. Service will also be geared to the care of the aged and infirm.

The present Methodist Home population numbers over 200 with an average age of 81. All persons were physically well when they entered the Home.

In the new infirmary, Louis Asbury and Associates, architects, has included facilities for the mentally disturbed, and a chapel.

The main building of the Methodist Home also contains a chapel which has been used as a worship center for many budding Methodist congregations in Charlotte until they were able to construct their own buildings.

The Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc., was first organized in 1946, with the groundbreaking and dedication of the main building in 1947. First occupancy came in 1948 with 38 members. Wings were added to the main building in 1949 and 1951. Three sets of apartments, now totaling 36, were constructed in 1951, 1958 and 1959. And since 1953 there have been 14 cottages constructed on the grounds to house members.

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The first United States Congressman to be elected from the State of Hawaii is a dedicated Methodist.

Council of Bishops Fills Vacancies on Boards

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church has approved a special church-wide appeal to pay for property for a planned Methodist center in Washington, D. C.

No definite time was set for the appeal, except it is to be sometime during the remainder of the denomination's 1960-64 quadrennium.

The appeal will have a goal of \$1,000,000, said Bishop Paul E. Martin, Houston, Texas, president of the Council of Bishops.

Action on the matter was taken at the council's semi-annual meeting November 14-16 at the Mountain View Hotel in Katlinburg, Tennessee.

The planned Methodist center would include housing for Methodist agencies, meeting places for Methodist groups, and other facilities.

The Methodist Corporation, created by the 1960 Methodist General Conference, holds title to the property, 18 acres across from Methodist-related American University.

The special church-wide appeal is to "meet the cost of the ground."

The council also approved "solicitation of gifts from individuals and corporations for the remainder of the quadrennium for capital improvements upon this property."

Bishops Approve Special Appeal For Methodist Center

The Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church in its semi-annual meeting November 14-16 elected eight persons to fill vacancies as members of agencies of the denomination.

Elected to the General Board of Lay Activities were Dr. Fred Kirchner, Delmar, N. Y.; Smith Broadbent, Cadiz, Ky.; and Webb Flaming, Elsie, Neb.

Mrs. H. E. Arterburn, Park City, Ky., was elected a member of the Coordinating Council.

Dr. Ronald Webber, Alliance, Ohio, was elected a member of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Dr. F. V. Tannehill, Fargo, N. D., was elected a member of the General Conference Rules Committee.

Dr. Melvin Hyde, Evansville, Ind., was elected a member of the Commission on Church Union.

Dr. Bolton Boone, Dallas, Texas, was elected a member of the General Board of Hospitals and Homes.

Distinguished Scientist To Speak At Rocky Mount

Dr. Harlow Shapley, distinguished scientist from Harvard University will be guest lecturer at North Carolina Wesleyan College November 30, at 8:00 p. m. The public is invited to attend. Dr. Shapley will speak to classes and assemblies Friday, December 1. This distinguished lecture is part of the concert and artist series at the college sponsored by the college and student government association, with assistance from the American Association of Colleges.

Facing the Challenge of Communism

The question was asked a minister: "If communism is wrong, why has it prospered and spread over at least one-third of the human race?" There are many answers, but as Charles Malik, former President of the United Nations, said: "The greatest weakness of the West . . . is the relative neglect of the intellectual and spiritual dimension." Communism has grown because of the misery of millions, and the apathy and the failure of the free world to teach and apply the vital tenets of our democracy and religion.

Communist ideas of man, history, government, and atheism are radically different from anything that we or our ancestors have held for thousands of years. As a refugee from Laos said: "In our village the people are nothing but bricks in the wall of the State." Other escapees in South East Asia, in Communist China, and East Germany bear similar testimony of a materialistic and brutal society.

A father told Dr. Tom Dooley of his son who was arrested for putting two handfuls of raw rice in his pocket instead of putting them into the village commune. The act of a starving man was called "a crime against the State." "My son," said the father, "was put into a cage. It was so small that he could not stand nor sit, but had to bend over with his knees jammed down hard . . . He was never allowed to eat or drink. My wife and all the village witnessed the starvation and agony of death . . ."

While we do not openly subscribe to the communist ideology of matter, many neglect the spiritual dimension, and thus give comfort to our foes of the free world. "Things manifest their tyranny over us in keeping us dependent upon them . . . Success is measured in material terms," wrote Dr. Ralph Sockman. Engineers who put foundations under buildings are paid more than teachers and preachers who put foundations under the youths. More billions are spent for booze and bombs than are spent for schools and churches.

What happens to a country when it forgets its spiritual values and turns its back to God? A poem pictures the desolation of man who turns away from God whether here in America or in Russia:

"The wind shall say: here were decent, godless people:

Their only monument the asphalt road
And a thousand lost golf balls."

Believing in the worth of the individual, we are directly opposed to communism who regard man as an instrument of the State to be used, exiled, or exterminated at the will of the party, or the dictator. Christ put the individual at the center, holding that the Sabbath (and all institutions) were made for man's good. Some one tells of a worn-out, feeble professor who was picked up on the street. "What shall we do with this worthless creature?" a man asked. The unfortunate man replied: "Call him not worthless for whom Christ died."

The communist party has an absolutely dedicated membership all over the world, as Mr. Malik points out. All-out for what they believe, they have won millions of uncommitted and undedicated people.

An ardent communist refused to accept

money from a friendly American to purchase a pair of shoes, though they were worn out, because money was needed to buy literature to promote their causes. Another communist claimed that they would win because Christians were giving only the "left-overs" to the church.

Certainly there is much apathy among our people in our critical world situation. In his inaugural address, President Kennedy summoned the nation to action in a life and death struggle with communism, both within and without our country. "It's time to wake up to reality," Paul wrote to the early Christians . . . Let us be Christ's men from head to foot." (Rom. 13:11, Phil. Tr).

The story comes from India of the man who was in a small boat when a severe storm rocked it violently, and he was in extreme peril of his life. In that crisis situation he promised his god everything, even his yoke of oxen, if he would spare his life. When the tempest quieted down, however, and he reached the land, he offered his Lord only a few nuts and shells. Our dedication must penetrate deeper than an emergency or the apocalyptic approach of fear.

While we cannot subscribe to the communist methods of fear and force, we believe intelligent effort, all-out dedication, self-giving and sacrifice will win in the long run.

Our greatest source of strength inheres in our intellectual, moral, and spiritual dimension. To win in the tremendous struggle with communism we must use "the total arsenal of political, moral, and spiritual values." Converts to the materialistic views of life will only give comfort to the communist.

As the farmer said when his old clock struck twenty: "It's later than it's ever been before." As Paul said: "Let us be Christ's men from head to foot."

"LIVING WATERS"

O, Lord, let Thy living waters flow
And fill our souls with Thy love,
Let Thy light in us forever glow
And lead stray souls to Thy home above.

Like a shepherd, let us lead Thy sheep
Beside the Living Waters, that they may fill

Their empty hearts, and of Thy wisdom
drink deep.

O, Lord we thank Thee, peace be still.

Forever let Thy Living Waters flow on
Till every heart is filled to the brim;
Lord, we give thanks for the love that is
born,
Let not the light of understanding grow
dim.

Lord, let us drink, our souls be refreshed;
Quench the thirst of Thy earthly sons
and daughters;
Show us the way, may we be forever blest
In the perpetual flow of Thy Living
Waters.

—MARGARET A. OVERCASH

Mrs. E. D. Overcash
2705 Lilac Dr., Greensboro, N. C.

Poplar Hill Dedicates New Classrooms

The Dedication service for the new classrooms of Poplar Hill Methodist Church, near Wadesboro, Polkton Charge, was held Sunday, November 19. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt, Albemarle District Superintendent, brought the message in the Worship Service and led the congregation in the Dedication. Rev. Robert M. Price, a former pastor and now of Greensboro participated in the service. The building will be known as the "Frank Dabbs Building," with a stained glass window placed in his memory.

Poplar Hill's history dates back to September 22, 1874, the date of the deed for the land. The church has been served on a number of circuits, first from Wadesboro, then Morven, later with Polkton.

In 1902 or 1903 the old church was taken down and rebuilt. This building served until 1952 when extensive alternations were made. At the time Rev. George Rudisill became pastor, no Sunday School was being held. With his earnestness and devotion, Mr. Rudisill organized the Sunday School and two class rooms were added at the back and a fellowship room built.

Mr. Frank Dabbs, aware of the need for additional facilities, worked faithfully to begin another addition to the present building. However, he was not to see the fulfillment of his plans, as he died in May 1960. The congregation accepted the challenge and faith of this devoted member and set forth to carry on the unfinished planning and construction of the needed rooms.

The membership of the church, although limited by the number of nearby homes, has increased in the past eighteen months by nearly 30 percent under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Luther McPherson. Attendance shows 74 percent of the membership. A mid-week Prayer Service is conducted by the laymen, and a choir has been organized and is often called upon for services in surrounding areas. The pastor states the spirit of togetherness and the friendliness of the people have resulted in the successful programs.

The women of the Church have recently purchased new pulpit furnishings, and these were also dedicated in this service.

Charter Presented Pisgah Methodist Men's Club

The Methodist Men's Club of Pisgah church officially received its charter Sunday, November 19.

At the eleven o'clock service, Mr. Ira Shamel, Lay Leader of the Winston-Salem District, made the presentation to Mr. M. F. Motsinger, Jr., president of the club.

After the presentation ceremony the men of the club stood and were recognized.

As of now there are 54 charter members, and it is the sincere wish of the members that more men of the community will join them.

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"For the last 50 years, there have been no more effective ambassadors of brotherhood and international understanding than the Christian missionaries."—Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet of San Francisco.

Abernethy Methodist Church Dedicates Education Building

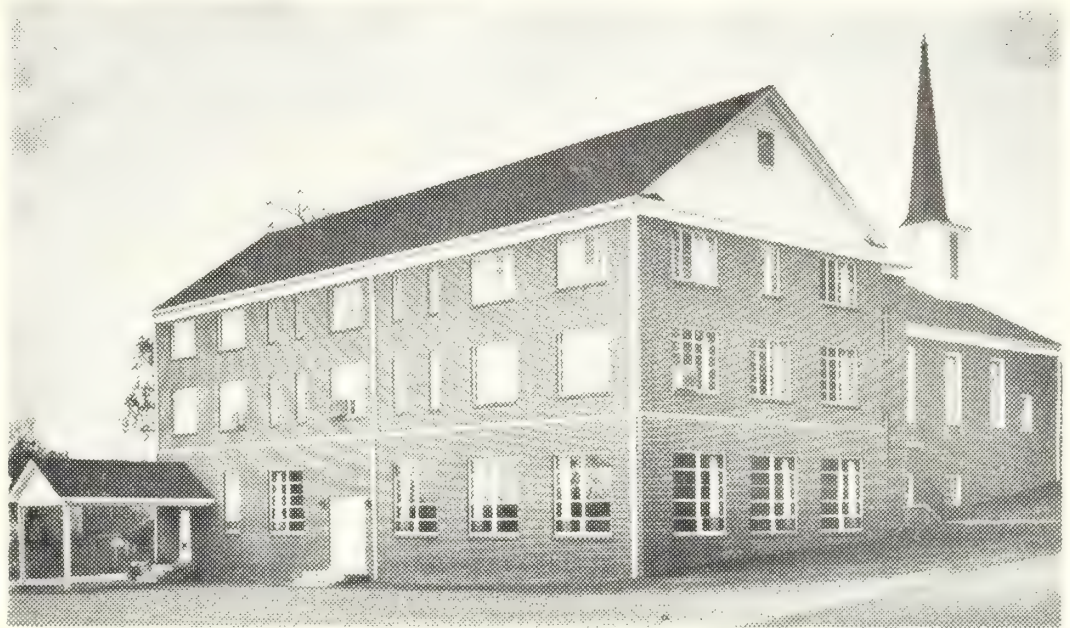
Dedication services for the Church School Building were conducted by the congregation of Abernethy Methodist Church, Asheville, Sunday night, Nov. 19.

The service of dedication was led by the Rev. Robert Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville district of the Methodist Church. Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., a former pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon. Others taking part were the Rev. T. A. Groce, the first pastor and retired member of the Western North Carolina Conference; and the Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., present pastor.

Church officials announced the fellowship hall of the building had been named W. C. Wilson Hall in honor of W. C. Wilson, building committee chairman and general contractor.

The new building includes church offices, 11 classrooms, a fellowship hall and kitchen. The church's commission on education presented the Church School Building to Dr. Tuttle for dedication.

Since the Abernethy Church was organized Oct. 1, 1946, with 16 charter members, the membership has grown to 480, buildings and grounds are valued at \$200,000,



and are completely free of indebtedness.

Ground for new building was broken June 8, 1954, and structure was completed in 1955. Serving on the building committee, in addition to Wilson, were J. Rob-

ert Groce; J. G. Barham and Harold R. Shipley.

The service of dedication began with a fellowship dinner at the church at 6:00 o'clock.

The Second Vatican Council

By CLAUDE NELSON

If we have pondered the prayer of our Lord in John XVII, we are concerned for Christian unity. If we remember what an obstacle to Christian unity was erected when the first Vatican Council defined the doctrine of papal infallibility, we are aware that the forthcoming Second Vatican Council may be either a help or a hindrance to mutual understanding and cooperation among those who name the name of Christ.

Long active in different phases of the ecumenical movement, and for the past forty years in touch with both Protestantism and Catholicism in Italy, the writer of these paragraphs has recently spent two months in Rome, reporting through Religious News Service (New York) impressions gleaned in the U.S.A., England, Geneva and Italy concerning preparations for the Council, and what various Christians expect of it.

Pope John XXIII announced on January 25, 1959, that he would call an "Ecumenical Council" chiefly in the interest of Christian Unity. It has since been made clear that it will be ecumenical only in the Roman Catholic sense; that is, it will include all bishops of the Roman Catholic Church and heads of orders. It has not yet been officially summoned. It will almost certainly not convene before October, 1962, and might meet even later. It will meet in St. Peter's, as did the first Vatican Council, a hundred years ago. Three centuries had elapsed between the Council of Trent and the first Vatican Council, 19th and 20th of the Councils regarded by Rome as "General" or "Ecumenical."

During the "ante-preparatory" stage up till near the middle of 1960, fifteen huge volumes, over 9,000 pages, were compiled, consisting of data and recommendations. These were classified and indexed, and are part of the agenda for ten commissions, and the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (originally, "Union"). These bodies have now been at work for a year. Their membership totals many hundreds, including consultants. They work in sub-sections, members and staff resident in

Rome meeting almost constantly, with non-residents coming to frequent plenary sessions, some of them almost constantly, with non-residents coming to frequent plenary sessions, some of them three or four times a year. Their work will all go to a Central Commission, which organize the material for the Council itself.

At least three significant developments may already be noted. The calling of the Council is itself a commentary on papal administration and infallibility. It was predicted by opponents that an infallible pope would never call a Council. Now, Catholic theologians are insisting on the responsibility of the bishops collectively, and some are saying that infallibility belongs to the church in its entirety.

Pope John's call has stimulated his adherents both to speak freely to the Council, of their desires for the Church, and to talk with non-Roman Christians in numbers and with frankness without precedent.

In the third place and highly significant, the Supreme Pontiff has created the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. This would have been difficult, and extremely unlikely, apart from the call and preparation of a Council. It is under the presidency of German-born Cardinal Bea, staffed by Dutch Monsignor Willebrands, and American Paulist, Rev. Thomas Stransky, and a Swiss priest, Msgr. Arrighi, all of whom talked with me freely and significantly. The Secretariat is in frequent contact with the World Council of Churches, and has joined with it in promoting exchanges of views, for example on religious liberty. Thus the Roman Catholic Church no longer leaves conversations with non-Catholics to individuals, unofficially or secretly, but itself participates in inter-confessional dialogue.

It was my privilege to talk with the heads of two of the Commissions, Cardinal Cento of the Apostolate for the Laity and Cardinal Agaganian for Missions, and with staff or members of the Central Commission and the Theological Commission. I have also conferred with many Protestants, both rank and file, and with several highly placed Eastern Orthodox on both sides of the Atlantic. There is space only to state their expectations quite summarily, and to mention what seem to me

the big questions, as of now.

It is generally agreed that Protestants, Orthodox and Catholic are all alike unprepared for any great forward step manifesting the unity that derives from our Christian faith. But the desire is widespread, and consists of a sense of Christian faith. But the desire is widespread, and consists of a sense of guilt and weakness because of the consciousness of need, if we are to evangelize mankind and make headway against atheism, tyranny and materialism, and confident hope that the Holy Spirit will lead us. The Council will devote itself to internal matters, but progress there, as Pope John emphasizes, will help to clear the way toward a wider unity.

Until quite recently, there had been an almost complete lack of direct communication between Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox. This amazed me and many others in view of frequent and cordial expressions earlier from both Pope John and the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras. Early in July, however, a delegation of Catholic prelates visited the Patriarch, in Istanbul. This was most timely, since a Pan Orthodox meeting is to convene on the island of Rhodes early this autumn. Without some such move from the side of Rome, the Eastern Orthodox would have been greatly perplexed; to heal the schism is difficult enough without new mistakes or ineptitudes.

Roman Catholics of great responsibility are hoping that no new barriers will be erected, no new anathemas appended to dogmas, no new stimuli added to the cult of the Virgin Mary; that Bible study, the effective use of the laity and the employment of the vernacular in worship will be increased and encouraged; that the shift in attitude in favor of religious liberty made by Pius XII will be maintained, and that the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity will be made permanent. Modest hopes, indeed, and the Italian medievalism all too visible at times in the Curia may be too strong for those who take seriously Pope John's call for "aggiornamento," bringing the Church up to date, making it relevant for the present age. We non-Romans may well join in prayer for such relevance, not only for Rome but for the whole of Christ's Church.



Woman's Activities



A New TV Series Produced by TRAFKO

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

A new TV series, "Breakthru," produced by TRAFKO, is announced by Mrs. W. T. Medlin of Winston-Salem, Conference secretary of Children's Work, in a message to all district secretaries of Children's Work.

Mrs. Medlin saw a preview of one of the films in Charlotte recently, and she is asking that news of the series of children's films be given to each local church in the conference.

She says, "This series of 13 films will deal with areas of concern in the lives of children. One—'The Frog Pit' deals with the problem of guilt. This is an exceptionally fine series of children's films produced by our own church. Please see that all local secretaries have this information in order that they might inform those concerned in the local church."

NEW SOCIETY IN GREENSBORO DISTRICT

A new Woman's Society of Christian Service was formed at the Bethany Church on the Bethany—Glenco charges of the Greensboro district this month.

Mrs. J. P. McCollum of Summerfield was chosen as president, Mrs. J. D. Baines as secretary, Mrs. Woodrow Collins as treasurer, Mrs. Paul Marshall, promotion, and Mrs. Clyde Simpson, spiritual life.

Mrs. Orell Lineberger of Stoneville, district secretary of promotion, assisted with the organizational meeting. Mrs. Max Tucker of Greensboro is district president.

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The officers of the Thomasville District W.S.C.S. made plans to increase their visits and contacts with local societies at a meeting held on October 19th at the home of Mrs. Ned Gibbs, district president.

Mrs. Gibbs stressed the value of personal contacts in Woman's Society work and asked each officer to make at least two visits this next quarter.

Plans were made to hold quiet day services in the subdistricts, in Davidson County on March 21 and in Davie County on March 28. Mrs. C. C. Phillips of welcome, district secretary of spiritual life, will be in charge.

Miss Carolyn Thorne of Denton, rural church and community worker for the Denton area, described her work in the Church Schools of the area. The women gave to her their most hearty support in the project.

Mrs. John Bowers outlined a plan to keep on hand a complete supply of literature to be used when a new society is organized. The officers voted to sponsor this plan.

Plans for the annual district meeting were also discussed.

THREE NEW SOCIETIES IN THE ASHEVILLE DISTRICT

Three new societies have been organized in the Asheville district within recent months, reports Mrs. O. C. Barker, district secretary of promotion.

Alexander's Chapel Methodist Church on the Weaverville circuit, one of the most historic churches in the region, organized a Woman's Society of Christian Service in October at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Holt Madison, in Weaverville. Mrs. John Parker was elected president; Mrs. Charles Aiken, vice-president; Miss Helen Williams, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. O. Plemmons, promotion; Mrs. Charles Seview, missionary education and service; and Mrs. J. Holt Madison, spiritual life.

The women of the *Bethany Church* on the Fairview charge were organized into a Woman's Society of Christian Service in a meeting held at the church in October. Miss Ina Lee Trantham was chosen as president, Mrs. L. A. Penninger, vice-president; Miss Mary Lula Searcy, secretary; Mrs. Gordon Trantham, treasurer and secretary of literature and publications; Miss Gertrude Searcy, promotion; Mrs. G. G. Gregory, missionary education; Mrs. Henry Dodson, spiritual life; Mrs. J. T. Bobo, supply work; Mrs. James G. Hudgins, children's work; Mrs. John Searcy, Christian social relations; and Mrs. Vernon Lytle, student work. Mrs. O. C. Barker assisted with the organization.

A new society was organized in the Asheville district's newest church this month when the women met at the Oteen Methodist Church at Oteen to elect officers.

The Rev. E. Vaudry Williams and Mrs. Williams conducted the service and Mrs. O. C. Barker assisted. Five officers were chosen and the others will be elected later. Mrs. Jesse T. Ross was elected president; Mrs. Milton Logan, vice-president; Mrs. Robert L. Brown, secretary; Mrs. George Digges, treasurer; and Mrs. W. S. Turner, secretary of literature and publications.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Program Committee Meets In Wilson

Intensive plans for the twenty-second Annual Meeting of the N. C. Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service have been in progress since the close of the 1961 Annual Meeting at the Hayes Barton Meth-

odist Church in Raleigh last April. The 1962 Annual Meeting will be held at the First Methodist Church, Wilson, next March 19-22.

Included on the program will be a return visit of Phillip Cartwright, of Milburn, N. J., noted singer in interpreter of sacred music. His appearance in Wilson will be his third before the women of the N. C. Conference, having been a feature of the Annual meetings at the Trinity Methodist Church, Durham in 1956 and at the Hayes Barton Methodist Church, Raleigh, 1961.

The Conference Annual Meeting Program Committee and the local committee of the host WSCS met recently in an all day session at the host church to formulate further plans for the success of the Annual Meeting.

Members of the Conference Committee are Mrs. Sam A. Dunn, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Turlington, Mrs. H. W. Doub, Mrs. Mary Gardner, Mrs. L. C. Vereen, and Mrs. J. W. Benson.

Chairmen of the Annual Meeting committees for the host society include Mrs. C. C. Benton, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Flowers, General Chairmen; Mrs. T. T. Herring and Mrs. T. T. Hardison, Registration; Mrs. Tom Graves and Mrs. S. M. Cozart, Housing; Mrs. John Hackney, hostess; Mrs. W. W. Umphlett, Jr., meals.

NATIONAL WCTU OFFICER CHALLENGES CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Speaking on the topic "The Challenge Today," Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, of Richmond, Va., told delegates and visitors at the recent Annual N. C. Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention in session at the First Methodist Church, Hickory: "Alcohol is one of the major problems today and we are going to have to solve the problem in the near future if we expect to survive."

The Vice-President of the National WCTU, wife of a prominent Methodist minister, and Virginia's 1961 "Mother of the Year" cited as four attitudes of many church members toward the alcohol problem the attitude of pushing the issue aside, indifference, compromise, and ignorance. "The church should have the attitude of Christian Concern," she declared, "and all Christians should work together toward the solution of the alcohol problem."

"The challenge today is that we shall be aware of what is going on around us; be alert and ready for action and work for legislation for chemical tests for drinking drivers."

TAI WHA CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CENTER

Tai Wha Christian Social Center was the first community center in Korea. Its establishment in 1919 spearheaded the effort to place similar centers in all parts of the country. Once nine centers dotted the Korean peninsula in strategic areas. Wars brought changes. Because of the rapid alteration of war and peace, the Tai Wha building has been used more by the army than by the church. Since the truce in 1953, six centers have opened their doors, mainly through the support of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Though each of the centers is unique in emphasis, all are united in philosophy and

purpose; seeking to minister to the whole person, to fill human needs, to provide Christian fellowship, and to be witnesses to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. They take as their standard Christ's example of the sacredness of human personality, and as their most valued gift, the redeeming power of Christian love.

One of the most difficult ideas to defeat is the concept of social centers as relief agencies. They do provide relief in emergencies, but relief is not usually considered a basic function. A significant emphasis of their program is a three-fold educational one: (1) training Korean workers to assume increasing responsibility in planning and directing the programs; (2) providing on-the-job training for social work students and volunteers; (3) interpreting the philosophy of Christian social work to the community at large—From brochure Christian Community Centers in Korea—WDSC.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Henry Kirkman

We the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, of the Jamesville Methodist Church, wish to express our love and appreciation for the memory of Mary Henry Kirkman who passed away October 27, 1961.

Mrs. Kirkman was a faithful member of the Church and Church School, serving as teacher for many years.

Her devotion to the Church, and joyful christian spirit will have a lasting influence on those who were privileged to know her.

Mrs. Kirkman had a sincere love for her family, home and community. She will be greatly missed.

—CLYDE P. DAVIS

Christian Family Featured On Commitment Sunday

The Christian family will receive special attention when Methodists observe Commitment Day on Sunday, December 3.

This year the annual church-wide observance will focus on the theme "The Christian Family Doesn't Need to Drink," emphasizing that alcoholic beverages make no contribution to the warmth and love of a Christian home.

During the observance Methodists will commit themselves to decision and action concerning alcoholic beverages and the problems produced by alcohol.

Roger Burgess, head of the Division of Temperance and General Welfare explained that the 1961 theme will stress the family since family relationships influence decisions to drink or not to drink and since drinking problems affect many families. He also noted that the family emphasis ties in with the 1961-62 study on "The Family and Rapid Social Change," suggested for the local church.

Special materials prepared for the 1961 Commitment Day by the Division of Temperance and General Welfare all highlight the theme. These materials are available from the Service Department, The Methodist Publishing House, 201 Eighth Ave., So., Nashville 3, Tenn., and include:

Leaflet on "The Christian Family Doesn't Need to Drink," \$1.50 per 100; Commitment Check List, \$1.00 per 100; Commitment Cards, \$1.00 per 100; Family Covenant Cards, \$1.00 per 100; Bulletin Covers, \$1.50 per 100; Poster containing the theme, 25 cents each; "Blueprint for Commitment," 25 cents each.

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On Sunday, November 12, 1961 we had ground breaking service for a new sanctuary for the Bayboro Methodist Church, Bayboro, N. C. Those in the picture are, front row, Rev. Lewis H. Dodson, pastor, r. A. J. Hobbs, District Superintendent, ew Bern, N. C.; Mr. Charlie McCotter, chairman of Building Committee; Mrs. B. Hollowell; Mrs. Leslie Pickles, Church treasurer; Mrs. Linnie Harrison, Chairman

Commission on Membership and Evangelism; Mrs. S. E. McCotter; Dr. S. E. McCotter, Chairman Board of Trustees. Back row, Pattie McKinney, Deloris McKinnie, Mr. Ferrell McKinnie, Mr. Robert Sadler, Sunday School Superintendent; Mr. A. P. Angel; and Mr. Theodore Rice.

The contract has been signed and we hope the building will be completed by June 30, 1961. The cost will be \$30,500.00.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



No Marks on God's Glasses

Mother had been reading to Jerry out of the Bible. Tonight it had been the story of the woman of Samaria whom Jesus met at the well. They had just reached the place where Jesus said to the woman, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."—John 4:14.

"What does that mean, Mother?" asked Jerry. "How could a well of water spring up? Don't you have to let a bucket down into it?"

"That's a good question," said Mother. "With most wells you do have to let a bucket down, or use a pump, to get the water up; but Jesus says that with His well it is different. The water flows up and over, all on its own, and keeps on flowing forever."

"But how could it?" asked Jerry.

"Well, darling," said Mother, "this is just a beautiful picture of the love of God for us. His love never stops flowing. It's like a spring that bubbles up out of the ground that no one can stop, or like a mighty river that never dries up. We can take all we want of it, bucketfuls and more bucketfuls; and after we have taken all we can use there's just as much left as before. No matter how many good things we may receive from Him today as proof of His love, we may know He is ready to bless us even tomorrow and the next day, and the next day after that, always and always."

"Just like you love me?" asked Jerry.

"Yes, just like that," answered Mother, "only ever so much more. And that reminds me of a story I'd like to tell you."

"Please do!" exclaimed Jerry eagerly, for he loved stories.

"It's about a poor boy who was brought to a hospital one day. His name was Charlie, and he was very pale and thin. The doctor said he was half starved, and ordered that he be given plenty to eat to make him well again."

"The nurse brought him a big glass of milk and told him to drink it. But Charlie, looking up anxiously into her face, asked, 'How deep can I drink?'"

"How deep?" asked the nurse. "Whatever do you mean?"

"Well, nurse," said Charlie, "at home all four of us children have to share the same glass of milk, and mother tells me to drink first because she knows I won't

drink too much, and I know where the mark is for me to stop drinking."

"You poor dear," said the kindhearted nurse. "I understand, but you don't have to worry about that here. You may drink all of this. You don't have to watch for any marks."

"So Charlie drank a whole glassful of milk for the first time in his life. Then he had more and more, for there was no end to the supply of milk the nurses wanted to give him after that."

"And so it is, Jerry," continued Mother, "with the love of God. It is like an ever-flowing well from which we can keep on drinking without ever fearing that we shall take too much. And when God offers His love to us He doesn't say, 'Drink some of it,' but 'Drink all of it.' And we may be sure that while there is sufficient for all our needs, there is just as much for everybody else in the world."

"There are no marks on God's glasses."

—Author Unknown

Entreaty

Lord,
For my sick son of three short summers
I would pray.
To Thine own plan
Help me to be reconciled.
I would ask of Thee a question,
If I may—
Wert Thou once sick
When but a little Child?

—SNEED OGBURN

A Different Skin

I am the person who was born to live in a skin with a different color from yours. I could not choose my parents, nor you yours. Thus, the color pigments embedded by the hands of nature in your skin are perchance white, while mine are black, or brown, or yellow.

But underneath my skin I am just like you. My muscles ripple in the same waves of power, and thrill to the same throb of joyous action. My mind has the same function as yours. I reach out, just as you do, in hope and aspiration. I love and hate, hope and despair, rejoice and suffer, along with you.

When my children lose their fair chances in life, and become aware of the bitter road of prejudice they must travel, then I know what my color has cost.

I offer you my hand in rebuilding an unjust world, that you and I may make

it better than we have found it.

I am the person in a different skin.
—Gospel Herald

Does He Get In Today?

Betsy loved to look at Bible pictures and never tired of hearing the stories about the people in the pictures.

One day she brought to her father the picture of "Jesus Knocking at the Door," and asked to hear the story again.

When he finished telling the story she asked, "Daddy, did He get in?"

Chuckles

During a community drive to round up unlicensed dogs, a policeman whistled an automobile to the curb. When the driver asked why he had been stopped, the officer pointed to the dog on the seat beside him.

"Does your dog have a license?" he asked.

"Oh, no," the man replied. "He doesn't need one. I do all driving myself."

A woman stood waiting at the door ready to go to the store, with her arm full of coats and four little children at her side.

Her husband, coming down the stairs asked why she was standing there.

Handing him the coats, she replied "This time, you put the children's coats on, and I'll honk the horn."

"What do you have in school now?" we asked a beginner, after a few weeks of it. "Reading yet, or writing?"

"All we have is line-up," said the youngster grimly. "Line-up for cookies; line-up for milk, line-up for rain coats; line-up to go out, line-up to come in."

Bible Quiz

1. What happened on these three mountains: Ararat? Sinai? Nebo?
2. What man was hanged on a gallows that he had built for his enemy? —
3. What is the greatest sermon ever preached, and who preached it? —
4. Who was beheaded to please a dancing girl? —
5. Who was called "the Shepherd King"? —

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Samson
2. Jacob
3. About 33 years
4. King David
5. Samuel

Sunday School Lesson

DECEMBER 10

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
Greensboro College

GROWTH THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Background Scripture: Luke 4:16-21; 24:25-27; I Timothy 4; II Timothy 1:5-6

Lesson Scripture: II Timothy 3:10 through 4:5

This is Universal Bible Sunday, a most fitting time for our lesson on "Growth Through Bible Study." Like one of our former lessons from II Timothy, the material deals with the work of the minister. However, much if not most of this applies equally to all Christians, especially to all those who find themselves in positions of leadership in the church.

It would be easy to fill all our space with quotations from famous people concerning their praise of the Bible. But our purpose is more specific. We want to see, and help others to see, the need for Bible study, the best ways of studying it and the way it can be approached so that it may yield the greatest values in Christian growth.

It has been said that the Bible is the book everybody praises and nobody reads. While this isn't true, we must admit that there are many of us in the church today who are not so familiar with the content of the Bible as our forefathers were—and they probably had to work longer hours, and thus had less time than we to use as they pleased. But they felt the Bible was important, so they found time to study it.

Looking at our Scripture lesson, we note that the young minister is urged to follow the example of the greatest of the early Christian leaders, though they are warned that this may lead to persecution for them as it did for the pioneers of the Gospel. If it is true that the vitality of a movement can be measured by the distance one has to go back to find its martyrs, then the Church of the present would have to be judged rather severely. Not many Christian people have been persecuted for their faith recently. Your class might have an interesting discussion as to why this is so. Is it

because the world has become more Christian, or because the church is less so? Getting into trouble, of course, is not always the result of Christian devotion. Some Christian leaders have got into difficulty because of their own attitudes, not because of heroic resistance to evil. Nevertheless, a positive stand for Christian behavior has often resulted in uncomfortable, or even dangerous results for him who makes the stand. Does the New Testament promise us we shall be free of conflict and opposition if we try to follow the way of Christ? One of the laws of growth is the ability to overcome obstacles.

Reference is made in verse 15 to the fact that the intended receiver of the letter has been familiar with the sacred writings from early childhood, and further, that there is power in these writings to make one wise and to lead him to salvation. Just here is a good place to point out that the Bible is the word of God for us only when we have appropriated its truth and made that truth a part of our lives. More than once preachers have declared that the ignorance of the Bible on the part of their congregations greatly diminishes the effect of their sermons. One writer put it this way: "The preacher is largely paralyzed when his people have given up the habit of Bible study." But there is another side of this question, too. If the layman doesn't know his Bible how can he be sure the preacher is developing the theme in accordance with Scripture? Since the Scripture exists, in part, for "teaching the truth and refuting error" how can we do this if we don't know what the Bible says? So there rests upon each body of Christians the duty of knowing as much as it can of what the Scriptures teach.

It is clear from what is said in I Timothy 4 that the written word is to become a standard by which wrong notions of the faith are to be judged. Heresy is an ever-present problem in the church. There are groups whose beliefs are so much at variance with the clear trend of Bible religion that they can only be called "sub-Christian." The New English Bible translates it this way: "For the time will come when they will not stand wholesome teaching, but will follow their own fancy and gather a crowd of teachers to tickle their ears. They will stop their ears to the truth and turn to mythology. But you yourself must keep calm and sane at all times; face hardship, work to spread the Gospel, and do all the duties of your calling."

Tradition says Saint Augustine was sitting one day in a garden in Milan when a child's voice said to him "Take up, and read." His record up to this time was one of sin and failure. In despair he decided to obey the voice. He opened his Bible at Romans 13:12 and began to read: "The night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." In that hour he decided to heed the words he read. Because he did so the world was given one of its greatest Christian leaders.

Dr. E. L. Hillman To Serve Burlington District

Dr. E. L. Hillman of Durham has been appointed by Bishop Paul N. Garber to serve for the remainder of the conference year as district superintendent of the Burlington District, following the death of Rev. W. L. Clegg last Saturday. This information came to the Editor of the Advocate from Bishop Garber.

Dr. Hillman is well qualified to fill this position. As a matter of fact he has served most of the churches of the Burlington district in this capacity while he was superintendent of the Durham district, which included many of the churches now in the Burlington district.

While Dr. Hillman took the retired relation at the 1958 annual conference, he has been very active since that time and has kept in constant touch with the work of the conference. He will come to his new appointment undegirded by experience, ability, and dedication.

This Is How They Did It

By ROLLIN P. GIBBS

Because the heating plant failed in the middle of the finance crusade week the rest of the meetings had to be held in a nearby building. While the custodian was moving the necessary church furniture to the temporary location a couple of little ragged boys passed by and inquired, "What are you doing, moving the church?" When they understood what was happening and why, they said they wanted to help too. They therefore searched their pockets and found seven cents each which they contributed to "help build a parsonage for the preacher."

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes once said, "I confidently expect, dear friends, when I get to heaven that hundreds of people will ring my heavenly door bell and thank me heartily for giving them a chance to get into relationship with the things of their Redeeming Lord through means of their pocketbooks. A preacher should never apologize for giving people a chance to get into relationship with the things of their Redeeming Lord through means of their pocketbooks."

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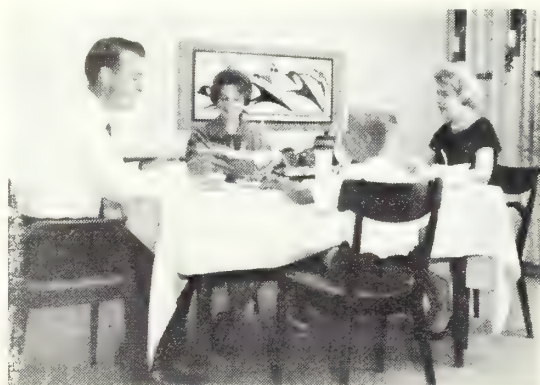
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Commitment Sunday, December 3, 1961

15th Annual Observance

COMMITMENT DAY has been authorized by the General Conference "To enlist Methodists and encourage others to commit themselves to personal abstinence from alcoholic beverages, to temperate living and to challenge church members to creative action for a sober home and social life, the first Sunday in December shall be observed each year as Commitment Day." (Discipline, 1960)



Theme for 1961

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY DOESN'T NEED TO DRINK:

- (1) To live to its fullest.
- (2) To love one another.
- (3) To know God's presence in daily life.

... AND THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY
WILL KEEP
CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST



YOU AND YOUR FAMILY can lead others to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages by being a happy, wholesome, positive example of the alcohol-free way of life.

A FAMILY COVENANT: As an expression of our love for each other and our concern for others, we, the members of this Family Circle, God helping us, hereby commit ourselves to abstain from the use of beverage alcohol, and to dedicate our home to creative fellowship and Christian service.

THE W. N. C. CONFERENCE APPROVES AN OFFERING ON COMMITMENT SUNDAY FOR THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE DIVISION OF TEMPERANCE AND GENERAL WELFARE.

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Mr. Charles W. Ferguson, right, Senior Editor of THE READER'S DIGEST, is shown a first edition copy of the King James Bible by Dr. Robert Taylor, Executive Secretary of the American Bible Society. The Bible, published in 1611, was on display at a luncheon commemorating the 350th Anniversary of the King James Version, held in connection with the 145th Annual Meeting of the American Bible Society in New York City, May 11th. Mr. Ferguson delivered the Anniversary Address.

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ NEW SALEM CHURCH, near Statesville, engaged in revival services last week. Rev. William H. Pheagin, Jr., is pastor.

¶ REV. J. C. GILLAND, pastor of Bethel Church in Hickory, has been elected president of the Hickory Ministerial Association.

¶ DR. LAIRD LEWIS, principal of Myers Park High School, was speaker for the Family Night dinner of Myers Park Methodist Church at 6:15 p.m., on November 30. He discussed "Family Discipline."

¶ LADIES' NIGHT for the Methodist Men's Club of First Church, Salisbury, was observed the night of December 6. The group was entertained by the Boyden High School Glee Club.

¶ YOUTH NIGHT for Methodist young people and their friends was held Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., in Unity Methodist Church in Thomasville. The Rev. Barrett D. Wilson is pastor.

¶ SUMMERFIELD METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Paul Dennis, pastor, dedicated a new organ at the Sunday morning service November 26. The Fidelis circle of the Womans Society of Christian Service raised the money and purchased the organ for the church.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Rockingham, is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. Dr. J. V. Early, pastor, will use as his sermon topic next Sunday, "The 175th Anniversary of First Methodist Church." This is one of the oldest Methodist churches in the nation.

¶ MRS. SYLVIA MATTHEWS COURIE has been employed as Educational Assistant of the Westminster Methodist Church of Kinston. She is a graduate of East Carolina College, and has taught school the past two years. She begins her work January 2nd. Rev. H. Langill Watson is pastor of Westminster.

¶ BISHOP PAUL N. GARBER preached last Sunday evening at the Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh. This was a part of the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church. All the Methodist congregations of the city were invited to worship with the Hayes-Barton Church Sunday evening.

¶ THE REV. GARLAND R. STAFFORD, executive secretary of the Commission on Town and Country Work for the Western North Carolina Conference, has been elected chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Town and Country Workers Conference. He succeeds the Rev. M. Wilson Nesbitt, professor at Duke University.

¶ REV. JIMMIE STANFORD preached at Davis Street Church, Burlington, last Sunday morning. Mr. Stanford was formerly associate minister of Davis Street Church. He and his wife and child, Denise, will leave soon for their missionary assignment in Peru. On December 17 at 6:00 p.m. a covered dish supper will be held, and Mr. Stanford will speak. At last Sunday's service the pastor, Rev. Howard M. McLamb, baptized the Stanfords' baby.

¶ THE METHODIST MEN of Christ Church, Greensboro, will celebrate Ladies' Night Friday, December 15. Dr. Mark Depp of Winston-Salem will be the speaker at the banquet meeting.

¶ THE BREVARD COLLEGE CHOIR, under direction of Nelson F. Adams, provided music for both morning worship services of Myers Park Methodist Church Sunday, December 3.

¶ DR. MARK DEPP of Winston-Salem was the speaker for a week-end series of services at the St. Paul Methodist Church, Burlington, ending last Sunday. Rev. Rufus Stark is pastor of St. Paul.

¶ REV. RAY F. SWINK, pastor of Granite Falls Methodist Church, and president of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, attended a briefing conference planning session of the Southeastern Region in Atlanta last Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6.

¶ GROUNDBREAKING SERVICES for the new sanctuary of First Methodist Church of Salisbury were held at the 10 a. m. worship service December 3. Bids on the structure were opened November 30. Dr. James C. Stokes, superintendent of the Salisbury District, led the services.

¶ DR. PIERCE HARRIS, pastor of First Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., was the featured speaker at the Charlotte District Conference held in Calvary Church, Charlotte, last Tuesday, December 5. The delegates attended in the afternoon the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new addition to be erected at the Methodist Home.

¶ A DISTRICT VICTORY RALLY was held in each of the nine districts of the North Carolina Conference last Tuesday night. This marked the close of the visitation phase of the United Christian Witness Mission in which intensive visitation campaigns were conducted. Bishop Paul N. Garber spoke over long distance telephone hookup to each rally.

¶ WHEN HE SERVED as interim pastor of Epworth Methodist Church in Washington, D. C., in 1919, the Rev. Nolan B. Harmon was newly ordained. He will return as Bishop Harmon to speak at the church's 75th anniversary program December 10. At the time of his pastorate at Emory, he was serving as a camp pastor at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington.

¶ DR. W. D. WEATHERFORD, director of the Southern Appalachian Studies, with headquarters in Berea College, Berea, Ky., was honored on the occasion of his 86th birthday Friday, December 1, in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Weatherford, a member of Black Mountain Methodist Church, was guest of honor for the celebration by the Town and Country Department, Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction, on the campus of Emory University. The Rev. and Mrs. John Lloyd McWhorter, pastor of the Black Mountain Methodist Church, attended.

¶ DR. PAUL A. FLEMING was guest speaker at the WSCS general meeting at Longview Methodist Church, Raleigh, last Monday night. He told of the Christmas customs in his native country of Holland.

¶ "THE SHEPHERDS' CHRISBMAS," a cantata, will be presented by the Senior Choir of the Highland Church, Raleigh, Sunday evening, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. The junior choir will also participate. The cantata will consist of a choir of mixed voices.

¶ FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Mount Holly, will formally open its new chapel next Sunday following the morning worship. The first service in the chapel will be a christening service Sunday afternoon. The following Wednesday evening at 7:30 the first formal churchwide service will be held in the chapel at 7:30.

¶ REV. HAROLD HIPPS, minister of education at West Market Street Church, Greensboro, attended a meeting of Committees on Recreation of the General Board of Education of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, held in Atlanta, Ga., the past week-end. Mr. Hipps is chairman of the Jurisdiction committee.

¶ THE MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM spectacle describing the religious, scientific and historical aspects of *The First Christmas*, which opened November 28, will be presented through January 8, 1962. (The Planetarium will be closed only December 25th and 26th). (Reservation unnecessary). Programs presented on Saturdays 11 a.m., 3:00, 4:00 and 8:30 p.m., on Sundays (including December 24th) 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 8:30 p.m.

In Memoriam

THE REVEREND EDGAR M. HALL

The Reverend Edgar Milton Hall, 89, of 415 Morrison Avenue, Raleigh, N. C., died Thursday morning, November 23, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, following a long illness.

He was the first general secretary of the Raleigh YMCA. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1918, and had served in Benson, Zebulon, Raleigh, Lillington, Southport, Kenly, Grifton, and Carey. He was an active minister for twenty-six years.

He was a Scottish Rite Mason, 32nd degree, and a member of Hiram Lodge No. 40, A. F. & A. M. In 1930 he was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

After retiring at the age of 72, the Rev. Mr. Hall was appointed chaplain of the Senate of the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1947.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ella Belinda Lovell; two sons, John L., of the home, and Dr. Edgar M. Hall, Jr., of Philadelphia; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 25, at 11 o'clock, at Edenton Street Church. The officiating ministers were Dr. Howard P. Powell, the Rev. E. C. Durham, and the Rev. Graham S. Eubank, district superintendent. Burial followed at Montlawn, with Masonic rites.

—REV. ERNEST C. DURHAM

Rural Fellowship Retreat Held At First Methodist Church, Mocksville

Methodist clergymen working in rural North Carolina will join with their laymen in bringing a better Christian witness to their congregations.

This was the pledge of Town and Country leaders of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference following a two-day Rural Fellowship Retreat in First Methodist Church in Mocksville November 27-28.

The meeting featured a report from Dr. W. D. Weatherford of Berea, Ky., director of the Southern Appalachian Studies. He told of the religious attitudes and needs of residents of the Appalachian region from West Virginia to Alabama.

Reports by Dr. Weatherford and rural clergymen and laymen pointed a need for:

Investment of "some of our best men in this work;" stimulation of interest among the young people and rank-and-file of the membership in rural congregations; more revivals; more "spiritual" preaching; more training for laymen in church offices; more reading of the Bible; and familiarization of members with Methodist worship and doctrine.

The Appalachian people are "one of the greatest people in America today, one of the most capable groups in the country." They are "open-minded to religious life" and religion is the tradition and folklore of the mountaineer. There are twice as many churches in the Appalachian Mountains per 1,000 population as in the rest of the nation, yet church membership is only 45 per cent.

At the turn of the century Methodists were predominant, but today Baptists lead with 40 per cent of the membership, the Methodists have 20 per cent and Roman Catholics are "growing at two and a half times the rate of Methodists." Presently there are 198 denominations and sects which exist in the 190 Appalachian counties surveyed.

The survey showed 21 per cent of the mountaineer churches with 25 or fewer members, and another 34 per cent with



Dr. W. D. Weatherford (left) of Berea, Ky., and Dr. James W. Sells of Atlanta, Ga., two men who have helped to make modern day Methodism great, look into an ever greater future for the church.

25-49 members. This causes the condition of only 10 per cent having a full-time minister, and of all clergymen serving these people, 43.6 per cent have only a high school or less education.

Money put in collection plates Sundays is the only salary of 21 per cent of the ministers, and another 22 per cent receive a salary of \$500 or less a year. This results in 51 per cent of the ministers working at other trades and jobs.

Dr. Weatherford and his survey team of college researchers found mountaineers tend toward an extreme informality of worship; an extreme belief that "anything the Bible agrees to, we agree to;" a fundamentalist belief in all of life; a literal interpretation of the Bible; a knowledge of the Bible that is confined entirely to "proof texts" in which words are pulled out of context to prove any belief; and a fear of any science which tends to depart from the fundamentalist way of life.

Yet, Dr. Weatherford said, 92 per cent of the mountaineers interviewed said they wanted a college education for their children.

"The mountain mother," he said, "is more keen on the education of her children than mothers I have met outside the mountains." And, he said, "she is the most influential person in a mountain community, despite the fact she always appears so quiet."

A survey of the mountaineers to discover what they thought about the ministry produced these results:

Fifty per cent said they thought it was the main job of the minister to visit the sick, and 33 per cent thought preaching was the chief task. Only two and one-half per cent thought education was important

for a minister, and 66 per cent felt training was less important than inspiration.

The survey revealed mountain people keep church lay leaders in positions of leadership too long and that most are not trained for, or in, their office.

Lack of money was given as the chief reason both clergymen and laymen rarely attend training institutes or conferences offered by the various denominations.

Dr. Weatherford said there appeared to be a complete lack of reading of books or magazines which discussed the Bible or religion in general.

The survey director said 60 Methodist mountain districts will send delegates to an August 1962 meeting at Lake Junaluska to study the present situation in the Appalachian Mountains.

Other speakers at the meeting included two conference leaders from Statesville.

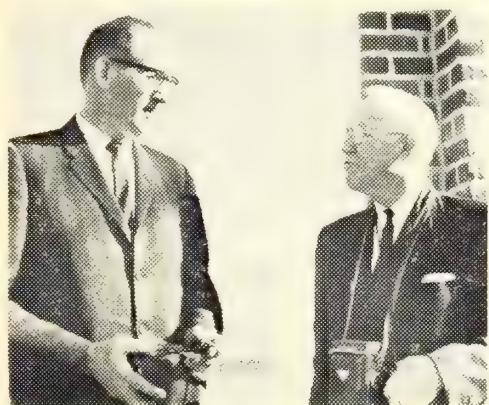
The Rev. A. Glenn Lackey, director of church extension, reported 5,800 members in the new Builders Club, an expected collection of \$40,000 from the first call, and a possibility of gaining \$200,000 during the three calls for funds during the 1962-63 conference year. He called for more mission stations to serve Methodists across the conference.

Dr. Horace McSwain, executive secretary of the Board of Missions, called for a greater effort by Methodist churches to support their ministers and remove the congregations from minimum salary support. For those churches which are paying their pastor's salary, he urged all to reach a level, or minimum, of \$5,000 a year.

He criticized churches which carry on only their own programs and do not aid in the world work of the Methodist Church. "A church which doesn't include itself in the world picture, that is just barely able to pay the pastor's salary, is in effect a private chapel," he said.

National Methodist speakers on the program included Dr. Harold Huff of Philadelphia, Pa., new director of the Town and Country Department of the Methodist Division of National Missions. He said Methodist seminaries are "still educating people

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Dr. Harold Huff (left) of Philadelphia, Pa., new director of Methodism's Town and Country Dept., chats with Garland Stafford of Statesville, executive secretary of the Town and Country Commission for the Western North Carolina Conference.

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EDITORIALS

Memorial Chapel To Be Erected At Paine College

Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth will long be remembered as a great missionary leader. Frail in body, he gave himself devotedly to the missionary cause. He and Dr. John Wesley Gilbert, of the CME Church founded the first Methodist mission in the Congo at Wembo Nyama in 1911.

Now, fifty years later, the church is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary of missionary work in that section of the world. The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church has authorized the building of a memorial chapel to the two great missionary leaders. It is to be erected on the campus of Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, where John Wesley Gilbert was the first graduate and first Negro faculty member of Paine College, and at the time of their Congo mission venture Bishop Lambuth was a trustee of Paine College. We hope to carry a picture of the proposed Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel in the next issue of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction are asked to raise during this Golden Anniversary \$250,000 for the building of the Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel. The two North Carolina annual conferences are very much a part of this undertaking. Representatives of both conferences are on the committee. The two bishops have given wholehearted approval of this project.

The Western North Carolina conference has asked its ministers to present this cause either December 3 or December 10 giving the people an opportunity to share in a voluntary offering to meet this request. The North Carolina conference is asking each charge for an amount equal to one-half of one percent of items 46, 47, and 49 of the pastor's report to annual conference, and it is hoped to raise this entire amount as a Christmas special. Both conferences in this state are asked to clear this matter between now and Christmas.

The period between now and Christmas is an especially appropriate time to give a fine expression of our interest in the work of these pioneer missionaries by cultivating the seed they planted until it brings forth its finest fruitage in human brotherhood. This offering may be designated as a "Mission Special," and certainly every church should carry one or more.

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." — Joshua 1:8.

Become Spiritually Educated By Reading The Bible

Next Sunday, December 10, is Universal Bible Sunday. By tradition this day, the second Sunday in December, has long been observed as such in the Methodist Church. On this day ministers, church schools, and other organizations are privileged to give special emphasis to the importance of Bible reading. Many ministers center their entire service around this theme.

The Church works in cooperation with the American Bible Society in promoting Bible reading. The one great purpose is to provide the Bible to every person on earth, without comment, in the language or form he can best read for himself. It translates, publishes, and distributes the scriptures without profit, and encourages their constant use. Since beginning its work in 1816, the Society has distributed more than half a billion copies of the scriptures. It works in more than 75 countries and territories on five continents, including every section of the United States. It publishes the scriptures in more than 1,000 editions and over 200 languages. More than fifty Protestant denominations are represented on the Society's Advisory Board. It is one of the oldest and most truly ecumenical missionary societies in the world.

The Bible is the Book for all the world. It knows no boundaries of nations, race or class. Its message is for everyone. But millions of people still do not have the book, and millions who have it do not use it. It is our firm conviction that if this Book were used more in a practical way, rather than owned for sentimental reasons, it would exercise far-reaching influence and many of the problems of individuals and society could be better solved.

Next Sunday should be a significant day in promoting Bible reading and the distribution of the scriptures to all mankind. Jesus said: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." One reason we know so little about Him is that we read so little about Him.

African Woman Educators Visit Colleges Of State

"Education, not commerce and industry, is Greensboro's finest product," Mayor David Schenck told 16 African woman educators as he welcomed them to the city Monday in a program held in Pfeiffer Chapel at Bennett College.

The women, who arrived late Sunday night, are ending a State Department-sponsored tour of the United States and will be based at Bennett until Nov. 29.

Philip J. Weaver, superintendent of Greensboro schools, said: "We are proud of our educational heritage in this community. Our philosophy is that every child is a different individual and education should be tailored to fit his needs."

President Willa B. Player, who presided, introduced Dr. Verna Carley of the U. S. State Department's Agency for International Development, who accompanied the educators and organized the project which began last year with two workshops held in Africa.

Other words of welcome were given by Miss Vivian Kirven, president of the junior class, representing the student body; Rev. J. J. Powell, pastor of Calvary Methodist Church, representing the local churches; Mrs. Fannie Hinnant, national president of the Bennett Graduate Association, and Mrs. Minnie B. Smith, representing the faculty-staff. Miss Lottie Hazeley, of Sierra Leone, responded for the visitors.

The educators also visited the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Woman's College, A&T College, North Carolina State College and St. Augustine's College.

List Of Daily Readings Offered By Bible Society

An inexpensive program of daily Bible readings is offered to churches and individuals by the American Bible Society.

Copies of the Society's 1962 Daily Bible Reading schedule are now available at 2c each or 60c per hundred. The Society will send a single copy free to everyone who requests it.

The schedule is printed in convenient bookmark form and features a two-color reproduction of the Society's newest Worldwide Bible Reading poster.

A passage from the Bible is suggested for each day throughout the year. Special readings are listed for Lent, Ascension Day, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Universal Bible Sunday and Christmas. Other readings cover the entire Books of Luke and Acts.

More than a million of these schedules are distributed annually. Churches order them in quantity for distribution to their members and to others. Individuals buy supplies of them to give to their friends and enclose in letters.

The address of the American Bible Society is 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

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"Christ's power to redeem depends on a climate of faith. . . . The essential reason why Christianity is unable to transform the world is our unbelief."

—BISHOP F. GERALD ENSLEY

Miss Birgitta Ahlberg Expresses Her Thanks

A young Swedish girl from Stockholm, who three years ago fought for her life in a Greensboro hospital after being crippled by an airplane propeller, says "I am almost glad I had that accident."

"Now don't misunderstand me," said 26-year-old Birgitta Ahlberg. "But if this hadn't happened I would never have known how kind and generous and big-hearted the Americans are. They wrote to me—a person they had never seen or known—wishing me well and being nice and encouraging."

Birgitta accidentally stumbled into a rotating airplane propeller while on a visit to Greensboro, August 5, 1958.

She suffered severe head and chest wounds and her right arm was amputated. During her month-long stay in a Greensboro hospital she received hundreds of letters every day, from people wanting to give comfort during the painful recovery from her critical injuries.

At the time of the near-fatal accident, Birgitta had just received her bachelor's degree in medicine at the Caroline Institute in Stockholm.

The costly hospital treatment—she was attended by five surgeons and had round-the-clock surveillance by nurses—was paid for by contributions from people in North and South Carolina, to a specially set up "Birgitta Ahlberg Fund."

When all the bills were paid she received a check for the balance—more than \$9,000—which she used for her studies and subsequent surgical treatment.

Rev. Herman F. Duncan Holds Revival At Jonesville

The First Methodist Church of Jonesville has just closed a very fruitful revival. The Reverend Herman F. Duncan, Superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District was the Guest Minister. Dr. Duncan brought messages that were both revealing and inspiring. Our Church has been greatly encouraged.

Preceding the revival the committee on evangelism had arranged a period of visitation using the twelve to canvass the latent elements of the church community. This was followed by a fellowship supper for the entire membership. Later times of prayer were observed and also a church-wide communion service.

Our attendance was good. We are grateful for the rich ministry of our Brother Duncan. We thank God for the good that has come to our Church.

—W. H. DYAR, Pastor

Dr. Willa B. Player Appointed

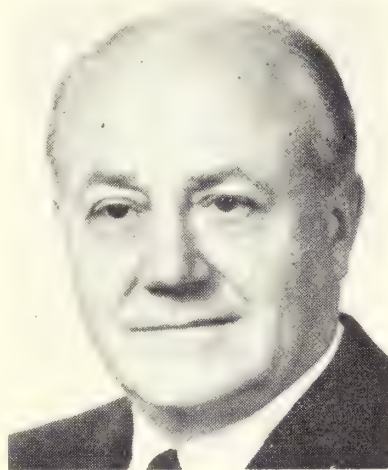
Dr. Willa B. Player, president of Bennett College, has been named as one of 29 members of an advisory committee on rural area problems appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

She has also been elected to serve on the Board of Managers of the United Church Women and on that organization's National Leadership Advisory Committee.

Emory Minister's Convocation To Hear Bishop Donald H Tippet

Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippet of San Francisco will be one of the principal speakers at Emory University's 28th annual Ministers' Week Convocation January 15-19, 1962.

Bishop Tippet will lecture on various aspects of the church before the gathering of several hundred ministers from through-



BISHOP DONALD H. TIPPETT

out the Southeast. His topics are "The Church as a Body of Christ," "The Church as a Believing Fellowship," "The Church as a Worshipping Fellowship," "The Church as a Witnessing Fellowship," "The Church as a Transforming Fellowship," "The Minister as the Chosen Instrument of the Church."

Bishop Tippet has been bishop of the San Francisco area since 1948. He was pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, for eight years prior to that.

He is president of the Television, Radio and Film Commission of The Methodist Church and is chairman of the Department of Ministerial Education of the Board of Education of the church.

Frequently a speaker at national meetings, he is the author of "The Desires of a Religious Man" and "The Vigil of the Cross with Tenebrae." He has an enviable record as a minister, professor, lecturer, author, world traveller and dynamic leader in many activities of the church's life.

No registration fee is charged as endowed lectureships furnish the speakers. Bishop Tippet will deliver the A. J. Jarrell lectures.

Arrangements for housing, special luncheons, and other functions can be made through Dr. G. Ross Freeman, Bishops Hall, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Ga.

New Appointment

Bishop Paul Neff Garber announces the appointment of Rev. H. D. Stanley to the Bolton Charge effective immediately. Rev. C. B. Hicks, former pastor of the Bolton Charge, has the new address of Lake Waccamaw, N. C. Mr. Hicks is available for preaching appointments by contacting him or the Wilmington District superintendent, Rev. Clyde S. Boggs.

High Point Methodist Ministers Lead Program Against Alcohol

A group of Methodist ministers representing the High Point area, has recently been appointed to bring in a report dealing with "What emphasis are we going to give to the alcoholic cause during the Christmas season and thereafter?" The committee consists of Rev. J. S. Higgins, Rev. H. M. Jamieson, Rev. R. M. Hardee, Rev. T. H. Swafford, and Rev. R. L. Oakley. The committee met recently and decided that the approach this year will be by radio. Radio time has been purchased and the program began Friday, December 1, when Dr. Ralph Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, spoke on the radio about the temperance program of the Methodist Church. Beginning December and running through the 16, there will be four statements each day (one minute) for seven days each week. Two of these will be in the morning and two in the afternoon. These broadcasts will be given over Station WHPE in High Point.

The following statement will appear in the area newspapers and the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE:

"It is the Christian conviction of the Methodist ministers of the High Point area that we should oppose the use of alcoholic beverages in every form—legal or illegal (sold by the ABC stores or the bootleggers), and it is our purpose to oppose it in every way possible."

The cost of the radio programs is being taken care of by the various churches. The committee urges every minister to publicize this program in every way possible.

Christmas Conference In Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26-29

The Methodist General Board of Evangelism's annual "Christmas Conference" for young Methodist ministers and their wives will be held December 26-29 at National College, Kansas City, Mo.

Theme of the meeting will be "You and Spiritual Renewal."

An attendance of about 100 is expected, said the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, who has been in charge of arrangements for the conference. He is director of local church evangelism for the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

Leaders for the conference will be the Rev. Dr. J. Claude Evans, chaplain at Southern Methodist University, Dallas; the Rev. Dr. James Overton, Nashville, staff member of *The Upper Room*, daily devotional guide; the Rev. G. Byron Deshler, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Evangelism; the Rev. and Mrs. Richard P. Jameson, Groveport, Ohio.

The conference commemorates the historic Baltimore Christmas Conference of 1784, when the Methodist Church in America was formally organized by a group of young preachers.

This is the eighth Christmas Conference sponsored by the Board of Evangelism.

Louisburg College To Observe 175th Anniversary

By BILL QUICK

The program and principal speakers for the 175th anniversary celebration of Louisburg College have been announced by the president, Cecil W. Robbins.

Dr. Robbins revealed that a special presidential assistant, a prominent Methodist bishop, two outstanding alumni and a former president of Louisburg College will be chief participants in the January 4-7, 1962 observance. On January 6, Louisburg will be 175 years old, the oldest chartered institution in America now serving as a junior college.

Brooks Hays, recently sworn in as special assistant to President Kennedy and a former Arkansas congressman, will deliver the anniversary address on Thursday evening, January 4, in the college's new Auditorium-Classroom Building.

Earlier in the day, a Franklin County native and alumnus of Louisburg will give the first of two scheduled historical addresses. Dr. Daniel McFarland, currently head of the department of Social Studies at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, will speak on Thursday and Friday morning at 10 o'clock. His historical addresses will be open to the public.

Other scheduled activities for Friday, January 5, include the Anniversary Concert at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium-Classroom Building.

William Clauson, Swedish-American balladeer and guitarist, will be featured at the concert. One of the world's leading folksong and ballad singers, Clauson has been lauded by Carl Sandberg as "The Viking of Song." His remarkable adaptability to the language, character and patois of the people has catapulted him to the top ranks of folk music interpreters. Clauson sings in thirteen languages and speaks six languages fluently.

A major day-long emphasis will take place on Saturday, January 6. On that date, 175 years earlier, the first charter for Franklin Academy was issued by the North Carolina Legislature. The resident bishop of the Richmond Area, Paul N. Garber, will speak at the Saturday ceremonies and officially open the Auditorium-Classroom Building. Bishop Garber will also lay the cornerstone for the new 100-bed men's residence hall now under construction.

Saturday at 1 o'clock in the Benjamin N. Duke Student Union, a luncheon honoring founders, benefactors, former presidents and alumni is scheduled. Speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. D. E. Earnhardt, a former president of Louisburg College. Mr. Earnhardt has long been noted as an outstanding leader of Methodism in North Carolina and served the college from 1936-39. He currently lives in Durham and serves the McMannen Methodist Church.

From 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. on Saturday a tea will be held and social activities will be climaxed on Saturday night at the 175th Anniversary Ball in Holton Gymnasium. At 10 o'clock the Anniversary Queen will be crowned by Miss North Carolina, Susan Kay Woodall of Roanoke Rapids. Music for the dance will be provided by the Lester

Lanin Travelers Orchestra, a nationally known band. Dr. Robbins emphasizes that tickets for the Ball and reservations for the luncheon must be placed with the Alumni office by December 15.

A rising young theologian and Franklin County native will speak in the final day's activities, Sunday, January 7. Dr. Clarence Bass, a graduate of Louisburg, class of 1942, will deliver the Anniversary Sermon.

Dr. Bass is professor of Systematic Theology at Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is considered one of the outstanding Protestant theologians in the United States and frequently is on tour of the northern army bases for the U. S. Defense Department.

Louisburg College, chartered in 1787, has a student body of 552 from twelve states.

Dr. Robbins emphasizes that homecoming will be held in conjunction with the 175th anniversary. All alumni are urged to participate in the celebration.

Amendment XII Still In Doubt

The Methodist Council of Bishops announced at its semi-annual meeting November 14-16 that the outcome of a referendum on the proposed Amendment XII to the Constitution of The Methodist Church is still in doubt.

The proposed Amendment XII calls for six changes in the denomination's constitution. It was passed by the 1960 Methodist General Conference, but before it can become law it has to be ratified by a two-thirds majority of all the members present and voting of Methodist annual conferences.

A total of 24,895 votes had been officially reported at the time of the council meeting, said Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, secretary of the council. Of the total, 15,924 had voted for the amendment and 8,971 against it.

Bishop Short said that the only annual conference in this country that has not voted is the Peninsula Conference. A number of overseas conferences have not voted, he said.

Student Recognition Day Dec. 31

The Methodist Church's annual Student Recognition Day will be observed Sunday, December 31.

On that day, Methodist churches across the country will give recognition to their college and university students in special services. In many cases, students will participate in the services.

A service of worship for Student Recognition Day is available from the Department of College and University Religious Life of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville.

The *Discipline of The Methodist Church* designates one Sunday a year as Student Recognition Day in the local church. It is usually the Sunday after Christmas.

Duke Endowment Votes Special Education Grants

Trustees of The Duke Endowment, meeting in Charlotte at Johnson C. Smith University, November 28 voted special appropriations totalling \$2,975,000 for the Endowment's educational beneficiaries in North and South Carolina. The special grants bring to more than \$7,400,000 the Endowment's educational allocations for 1961 and represent, according to Thomas L. Perkins, Chairman of Trustees, "evidence of the Endowment's continuing efforts to further the growth of Southern higher education, within the framework of the Duke trust."

Following their meeting the Trustees made an inspection tour of the University and were guests of Dr. Perry and the University trustees at luncheon.

The \$2,975,000 in special educational funds voted were allocated as follows:

\$2,350,000 for "general educational purposes, to be appropriated in accordance with recommendations of the Endowment's Committee on Educational Institutions, headed by Benjamin F. Few. A similar allocation a year ago was subsequently appropriated entirely for Duke University, largest of the Endowment's educational beneficiaries.

\$250,000 was allocated to Furman University (Greenville, S. C.), \$125,000 immediately and \$125,000 for later appropriation on recommendation of the Committee on Educational Institutions.

\$250,000 also was allocated to Davidson College (Davidson, N. C.), \$125,000 immediately and \$125,000 for later appropriation.

\$125,000 was allocated to Johnson C. Smith University, \$65,000 immediately, and \$60,000 for later appropriation.

Endowment Trustees who attended the meeting and subsequently toured the University, included: Norman A. Cocke, Dr. Wilburt C. Davidson, Benjamin F. Few, Dr. Bennette E. Geer, Philip E. Heartt, Thomas F. Hill, Thomas L. Perkins, Marshall I. Pickens, R. Grady Rankin, Watson S. Rankin, William S. O'B. Robinson, Jr., Mrs. Mary D. B. T. Semans, and Kenneth C. Towe.

Founded in 1867, and originally known as The Biddle Memorial Institute, Johnson C. Smith is the beneficiary of 4 per cent of the annual income deriving from The Duke Endowment trust. The original provision in 1924 was equivalent to an endowment for the University of approximately \$1,600,000, which was believed to be the largest single gift ever made to a Negro educational institution. Through 1960, the University has received from the Endowment a total of \$3,440,706 in allocations and/or payments.

The University, a co-educational college operated under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, has an enrollment of 921, and consists of a College of Liberal Arts (conferring B. A. and B.S. degrees) and a Theological Seminary, (which confers the degree of Bachelor of Divinity). The college has 4,000 alumni, 57 per cent in the field of education and 11 per cent in religion.

Bible Society Offers Booklet For Christmas Eve Observance

Churches and individual Christians in America and throughout the world are joining the American Bible Society to urge families to observe Christmas Eve by reading together the Christmas story from the Bible. The Society has been encouraging this custom for several years and reports that the response has been most encouraging.

Several million reprints of passages from the first and second chapters of Luke are being distributed by the Society again this year. They tell of the birth and childhood of Jesus and are printed in large type in attractive, colorful booklets, small enough to enclose with Christmas cards and letters.

Titled "Unto You . . . A Saviour," the booklets are available from the Bible Society in the King James or the Revised Standard Version in English, or in the new Reina-Valera version in Spanish. The price is a nominal \$3 per hundred. Through press, radio and television, the Society is offering to send a single copy free to everyone who requests it.

"We hope every church will use these Christmas Portions this year," says Dr. Arthur P. Whitney, Executive Secretary of the Society. "Placing one of them in every home is one of the best ways I know to call attention to the Christ who so often is forgotten in the secular celebration of His birthday. Christmas will be a truly religious holiday for families who begin its observance by reading the beautiful Bible story out loud together in their own homes."

The Society offers to send quantities of the booklets free to hospitals, prisons, nursing homes, YMCAs, YWCAs and other institutions which are not able to pay for them from their budgets and cannot find a church or individual to donate them.

"To the best of our ability," Dr. Whitney says, "the Bible Society will supply a copy of 'Unto You . . . A Saviour' to everyone who wants one, whether he can pay for it or not. We believe that the good news this booklet contains is the best news any of us will ever hear. We want to share it with everyone who will listen."

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Boulevard Church, Statesville, Has Great Revival Meeting

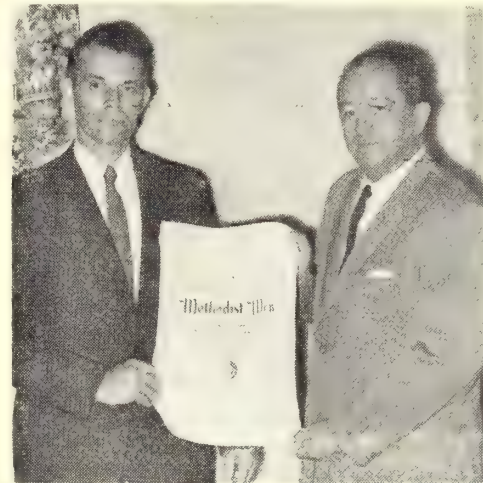
Boulevard Methodist Church, Statesville, of which Rev. G. E. White is pastor, has just concluded one of the best revivals experienced in a long time. The guest preacher was Dr. H. G. Allen, and the song leader was Mr. Joe Parker.

Much credit for the success of this meeting was given to the preparation leading up to the services. The pastor and his people had everything in readiness and the people were expectant. It is said there was much evidence of keen interest all the way through. The pastor will receive a large number on profession of faith and by transfer as a direct result. The spiritual tone of the church was intensified, and it is believed the influence of these services will continue in days to come.

Fair Grove Methodist Men Chartered

Judge L. Roy Hughes, Thomasville District Lay Leader, (right) is shown presenting the Fair Grove Methodist Men Charter to President Clyde Blair. The presentation was made at the November meeting of the Club. The infant organization has thirty-eight charter members.

The first slate of officers also was installed at this meeting by the pastor, the Rev. Dwight Pyatt. Officers in addition to



President Blair include Phillips Everhart, Vice-President; Glenn Trimnal, Secretary; W. C. Leamon, Jr., Treasurer; and John Sexton, Reporter.

Committee chairmen are Lawrence Burton, Attendance; John Reid, Membership; Coolidge Reece, Program; Earl Blue, Projects; Henry Lowder, Publicity; W. C. Leamon, Sr., Devotions; and Joe Don Fouts, Meals.

The men meet each first Sunday in the month for a 7:30 breakfast. Members of the Club take turns in preparing the meal.

We Are Still Receiving New Subscriptions

The following churches have sent in NEW subscriptions since our last report. We are grateful for these, and also for the large number of renewals, not included here. Our subscription list is increasing. May the good work continue. Thank you, brethren.

Wesley Mem.—Winston-Salem	11	Divine St.—Dunn	3
Davis St.—Burlington	19	Central—Clyde	
Rougemont—Durham	7	Bundle plan	10
Alleghany, Grayson		Asbury—Durham	2
Chg.—Sparta	1	St. Paul—Durham	1
Centenary—Smithfield	4	St. Mark's—Raleigh	3
Centenary—Greensboro	2	Trinity—Louisburg	9
Edenton St.—Raleigh	5	Gold Hill, Bethlehem—	
Cliffside—Cliffside	1	Gold Hill	2
Cashiers—Cashiers	1	Muir's Chapel—G'boro	8
Highlands—Highlands	1	Pinetops—Pinetops	6
Mt. Olivet—Manteo	4	Mebane—Mebane	1
Brevard—Brevard	10	Englewood—Rocky Mt.	1
Indian Trail, Stallings		Oakview—High Point	1
Chg.—Indian Trail	2	First—Wilson	5
Haymount—Fayetteville	2	Morning Star—Canton	5
Mt. Pleasant—W-Salem	2	Balfour and Moores	
First—Landis	7	Grove—Balfour	2
Montmorenci—Candler	7	Central—Shelby	6
Edenton—Edenton	7	St. Luke—Charlotte	1
Straits—Beaufort	3	First—Valdece	4
Bridgeton—Bridgeton	2	Salemboro—Salemberg	2
Jamesville, Chg.—		Roseboro—Roseboro	6
Jamesville	3	Trinity—Raleigh	1
Matthews—Matthews	1	Pine Forest—Goldsboro	12
Milton Circuit—Milton	1	Hopewell, Mt. Moriah	
Shady Grove Chg.—		—Clinton	9
Trenton	6	Pine Woods Chg.—	
Yanceyville Chg.		Thomasville	15
Yanceyville	2	Trinity—Kannapolis	1

Church School Evangelism Urged

By LEROY H. WALKER

Methodism need never know any real division in the task her Lord has set for her. We follow One who said, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10 RSV).

Dr. Albert C. Outler expresses it well when he says: "We fall into confusion when we tend to identify enlistment and 'evangelism' and fail to see that the other parts of the Church's program must be evangelistic as well. A church in which Christian education is not evangelistic is not really an evangelical church. A church whose missionary out-thrust, or social concerns, are not evangelistic is not an evangelical church."

The General Board of Evangelism urges the chairman and all of the members of the commission on membership and evangelism to read this issue of *The Church School* and come to appreciate the common task that is shared by the commission on education and all of the church-school workers.

Under the title, "We Share in Membership Training," Dorothy Jean Furnish points out that all departments of the church school, as well as the families of the church have a responsibility in finding, preparing, winning, and assimilating persons of all ages into the membership and life of the church. She also lifts up the significance of correlating the class study with the pastor's class in membership training. She concludes by emphasizing the responsibility of the church school for reaching the homes and preparing them to support the young people who are coming into the fellowship of the church.

Dr. Mary Alice Jones does a masterful job of interpreting the whole Methodist church school approach to the task of leading persons to become Christian disciples and active, growing members of the church. She emphasizes the part that adult workers must play in bringing persons to a personal commitment. "There comes a time when these experiences and teachings must be summarized and brought into sharp focus," she says. "There comes a time when each boy and girl must personally make his own individual response."

In this issue of *The Church School*, Dr. Lester Rumble interprets the new official Membership Manuals. One is *Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Boys and Girls* (Abingdon Press, 35c). The other is *Membership Manual of The Methodist Church for Young People and Adults* (Abingdon Press, 35c).

The General Board of Evangelism welcomes the upsurge in concern for universal and effective membership training classes. All across the church come reports of conferences making membership training classes their special emphasis for the year.

Methodist Institutions Approved

Two Methodist institutions are among those receiving college housing loans from the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. The loans were to Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, \$450,000 for dormitory for 120 women, and to Asbury Hospital, Salina, Kans., \$250,000 for a dormitory for 44 student nurses.

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How would you pay for a long siege in the hospital with costly doctor bills, and expensive drugs and medicines? Many folks lose their car, savings, even their home, and are sunk hopelessly in debt for the rest of their lives. We surely hope this won't happen to you, but please don't gamble! Remember, once the doctor tells you it is *your* turn to enter the hospital, it's too late to buy coverage at any price.

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Two District Conferences Visited Over Week-End

The editor had the pleasant experience of preaching in the Methodist Church at Black Mountain last Sunday at 11 o'clock. A fine congregation was present both for the 8:30 and 11:00 o'clock services. Lunch with the McWhorters in the parsonage afforded a fine fellowship not only with the preacher and his family, but also with his mother who was visiting them, and who was a schoolmate in grammar school back in the boyhood days of the writer. In the afternoon we journeyed to Asheville and appeared before the District Conference briefly, then left to attend the Marion District Conference at Marion. Each of these two conferences were well organized and were functioning in good shape. Dr. R. G. Tuttle of Asheville, and Dr. Fletcher Nelson at Marion know how to expedite matters and get things done. Each conference was well attended. From Marion we journeyed on back toward home, stopping by for an evening meal and hour and a half fellowship with former members of our church, who now live near Hickory. Arriving in Greensboro at 10:05, the editor and his wife felt we had enjoyed a most pleasant week-end. We hope to carry a fuller account of the district conferences later.

Union Thanksgiving Service At Haw River Methodist

The Haw River Methodist Church, Rev. C. C. Capps, minister, was host to the other three churches in the community for a most inspiring Thanksgiving Day Service. Each of the three visiting ministers; Rev. Dan Jones, Rev. Howard Moore, and Rev. G. A. Varrel took part in the services with Rev. Moore delivering the message.

During the evening before Thanksgiving Day members of the congregation brought food to the church to be distributed to friends and neighbors less fortunate. The story of that first Thanksgiving so long ago was lived again in the hearts and minds of the people here in this small community as they met as a group to thank God for all bounty and goodness and ask his guidance for all our future undertakings.

—MRS. R. M. BUESCHEL

Changes In Appointments

Bishop Paul N. Garber authorizes the following changes in pastoral appointments in the Durham District, effective December 1, 1961:

Key W. Taylor, Director of Research, Commission on Town and Country Work, North Carolina Annual Conference, Carrboro, N. C.

Robert G. Harris, Jr., Brooksdale-Brookland, succeeding Key W. Taylor.

Bobby A. Wesley, Eno, succeeding Robert G. Harris, Jr.

C. D. BARCLIFT
District Superintendent

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"There is only one appropriate way for God's people to live and that is the way of Christian concern."

DR. EDWIN A. BRIGGS, Chicago,



Groundbreaking services were held recently at Trinity Methodist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina for the new Education Building. The building will be two story and will consist of approximately 8,000 square feet of space. The cost of the project will be \$63,000. Taking part in the service reading left to right were Lewis Nichols, lay leader; Mrs. R. V. Boyd, Pres. W. S. C. S.; Nat Stephenson, Ch. Commission on Finance; R. B. Palmer, Supt. Adult Division; Rev. R. E. L. Moser, pastor; W. F. Ramseur (shovel in hand) Ch. Official Board; R. O. Gamble, Chairman of Commission on Education; Sarah Bost, Pres. of M. Y. F.; O. O. Barnes, Pres. Methodist Men; Kenneth Fulghum, Ch. Commission on Missions.

RURAL FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

(Continued from page 3)

to serve a church rather than to go out and serve a (rural) circuit."

Dr. James Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Methodist Jurisdiction, preached the closing sermon November 28. He spoke on "Wanted: Some New Rural Saints." He said a person becomes a saint by finding out what works—what the Lord wants him to do, and by doing more of it. A saint today, he said, would find a great vacuum and move into it, and become so busy burying himself in the lives of other people that he would never know his life was shining like a candle in a dark night.

He listed four needs in the church today which could challenge a man to "become greater than he is:"

The need to see in a sinner the potential of a saint, the need to hear the still small voice of God, the need to imagine, and the need to communicate.

Dr. Sells singled out two Western North Carolina Conference officials as "most outstanding" in their fields among American Methodism today. They are the Rev. Garland R. Stafford, executive director of the Commission on Town and Country Work, and Dr. McSwain. The Rev. Mr. Stafford was in charge of the Mocksville program, and the Rev. R. F. Hilliard, pastor of Burnsville Methodist Church, presided.

Panel discussion leaders were Robert Smith of Mount Airy, lay leader of the conference; and the Rev. Mark Tuttle, superintendent of the Waynesville District.

Devotion leaders were the Rev. John Carper, superintendent of the Thomasville District, and the Rev. Mr. Tuttle. Host pastor was the Rev. W. W. (Bill) Blanton.

Board of Publication Has Good Meeting

The Methodist Board of Publication, which operates the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE and the Piedmont Press, held its quarterly meeting last Thursday in the ADVOCATE office. Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, president, presided, and Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, secretary, kept the records. Present, other than those above mentioned, were Dr. A. J. Hobbs, of New Bern; Mr. W. B. Hall, of High Point; Mr. N. E. Edgerton, of Raleigh; Dr. H. G. Allen, of Statesville; and Dr. Charles E. Jordan, of Durham.

The board was glad to note marked improvement in the overall operation. Especially encouraging was the fact that the subscription list has greatly increased within the past few months, and new subscriptions are continuing to come in. The Piedmont Press also showed a profitable operation. In both the ADVOCATE and the Piedmont Press operating expenses have been reduced and the income has been increased. The editor stated it was his purpose to make the ADVOCATE a servant of the two conferences, and he was grateful for the fine cooperation he has received. Both ministers and laymen have been most encouraging in giving their support.

Family Prayer Sunday

By LEROY H. WALKER

The first Sunday in January, which in 1962 is January 7, has been designated as Family Prayer Sunday by the Committee of Bishops in charge of the Quadrennial Emphasis, "Jesus Christ Is Lord." It is expected that such a Sunday will be observed in every Methodist church, either on the first Sunday of the year, or in the case of circuits, on Sundays early in the year.

Those who have responsibility for directing the Quadrennial Emphases recognize that if Jesus Christ is to be the Lord of life, He must be the Lord of the family, to be acknowledged, worshiped, and followed in the home. Therefore, every Methodist church is called upon to seek to enlist every Methodist family in daily prayer. This call is issued with the conviction that through preaching, study, and demonstration, families can be led to a vital experience of family worship by which the members will grow in the Christian life. Such a call is therefore issued to every Methodist to practice daily worship with the assurance that thereby children and parents will be led to recognize "Jesus Christ as Lord!"

In these times of crisis and insecurity, the Christian family takes on renewed significance. In this Christian land, every child should have the sense of security that comes through the assurance that the home is under the protection and care of our Father God, and that the living Christ is a guest at every meal, and that the Holy Spirit is guiding in every family conference and decision. No better way of offering this security has been devised than that of establishing and maintaining daily family worship in the home. No church should miss the opportunity which Family Prayer Sunday offers to challenge each family to begin and continue daily family worship.

Advent Message From Council Of Bishops

The following message to The Methodist Church from the Methodist Council of Bishops was adopted November 16 at the council's semi-annual meeting November 14-16 at Gatlinburg, Tenn.

God in His mercy has brought us to the threshold of another Advent season. The birth of Jesus was announced in a message of "Peace on earth, goodwill among men." He has earned the right to be known as the Prince of Peace. The promise of sonship is to peacemakers. The making of peace is our business, our sacred trust.

In this heritage of remembrance, commitment, and redemption we call the Methodist Church, indeed all Christians, to join in a Crusade for Peace, to move resolutely against the drift toward war.

We believe the abolition of war is an absolute imperative, that under God it can be achieved in our time.

Wars arise from neglect of justice and the desperation of human misery. We urge increased support of the World Mission of the Church as it endeavors to transmit the saving power and new life of Jesus Christ to all; and every plan, agency, and enterprise which in wisdom and justice would serve human needs, promoting "better standards of life in larger freedom."

We were appalled by Russia's resumption of nuclear testing. This arrogant disregard for human rights was a crime against all humanity. In behalf of the human race, especially future generations, we plead for immediate resumption of the Geneva nuclear test ban negotiations in earnest hope for a speedy cessation by multilateral agreement of all nuclear weapon testing.

We are a world church. People called Methodists circle the earth. But we wish also to speak directly to Methodists residing in the United States.

We warn against the folly of panic programs for bomb shelters. This we believe invites surrender to the assumption that nuclear conflict is inevitable; encourages irresponsible, even reckless, action by national leaders; makes for indifference to the suffering a nuclear war and its aftermath would inflict upon defenseless and innocent people unable to avail themselves of protection; and develops a climate of hysteria which makes for war.

We call for a careful study by qualified national authorities before any all-out shelter building program is promoted.

We believe the best shelter program is that which is directed toward eradicating the causes of strife.

Also, we commend fellow Methodists for their common sense and loyalty in resisting continuous and insidious attacks upon the Church and Church leaders under the guise of patriotism and anti-communism by self-appointed, irresponsible persons and groups. In reality, such charges are a device of tyranny and terror to secure conformity and stifle freedom of thought and speech.

The basic commitment of a Methodist minister is to Jesus Christ as Lord and savior. This sets him in permanent opposition to Communism. He cannot be a Christian and a Communist. In obedience

His Lord and in support of the prayer, "thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven," he champions

justice, mercy, freedom, brotherhood, and peace. He defends the underprivileged, oppressed, and forsaken. He challenges the status quo, calling for repentance and change wherever the behaviour of men falls short of the standards of Jesus Christ.

These leaders stand forthright and unflinching in opposition to the errors and evils of Communism. Indeed, here and around the world the Church and its ministry constitute the strongest and most effective opposition to Communism.

Who could do more to play into hands of the Communists than those who, in the name of patriotism and religion, seek to destroy confidence in the Christian ministry and in the integrity of the Church.

It is time to say that while the menace of Communism on the world scene can scarcely be exaggerated, the immediate threat of Communism within the United States is slight in comparison with the truly great threat. That threat is the godless materialism, moral decay, and easy-going self-righteousness which is everywhere. It is the breakdown of family and home life, the loss of integrity and sense of responsibility for the common good, in all segments of society. It is the false patriotism of those who would make God into our image and quite without thought of soul-searching and repentance, claim God for our side, ascribing divinity to our achievements and aims.

As a people too many of us are trying to live without God, attempting to get by without obeying the laws of God. Our life is man-centered, not God-centered. Fundamentally, we are in rebellion against God. Outwardly, we are very religious. Our worship, however, is of the lips, not of the heart. We worship self, not God; obey our own desires, not God's laws.

The great peril is within our own hearts. The great need is moral and religious. We need to repent of our sins and return to God. We must get right with God or our sins will destroy us. This is the judgment of God writ in large letters upon the pages of history. There we may read the ancient words of warning and of promise: "Behold, I have set before you life and death . . . therefore choose life."

Columbus Subdistrict Christian Workers' School

The Columbus Subdistrict Christian Workers' School was held from November 13-15 in the Whiteville Methodist Church. Some 10 charges in Columbus County were represented. The school actually began on the 12th with a special Primary Laboratory course led by the Rev. Wesley G. Brogan, Director of Children's Work for the N.C. Conference. Total enrollment for the school was 99 with some 83 receiving cards of recognition. Other courses in the school were: "Developing Christian Workers" as led by Rev. James C. P. Brown; "Helping Adults Learn" led by Mrs. David S. Coltrane; "Understanding Youth" led by Rev. Robert L. Bame; and "Teaching Children" led by Mrs. W. R. Stevens. The chairman for the board of managers was Rev. P. H. Layfield, Jr., and the dean for the school was Rev. Paul W. Boone. All indications are that this was one of the best schools ever had in this area.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "The joy of the Lord is your strength" —Neh. 8:10.

The Broadcasting Companies offer to give one month to appeals to the unchurched. When that brings them, something must keep them.

Dr. Samuel Johnson went to the church dejected. When he came out he was asked what the preacher preached about. He replied, "The glad tidings of damnation."

I was a lonely soldier walking the streets of Boston and heard some wonderful singing. I went into the church and found a seat. Those people knew notes but that did not keep them from cashing in on music. They really sang by letter—they held back their heads and let her fly. They may have studied "Do Re Me Fa," but they had not turned it into, "Dough Raised fa me."

Too many of our city churches have left the agri out of their culture. Every soul turning to our churches needs fellowship and the joy of the Lord.

Convocation On Preaching In Colleges And Universities

"The college campus is the greatest mission field in the world today for the Church," The Methodist Church's first national Convocation on Preaching in College and University Communities was told.

The convocation was held in Cincinnati, at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel.

Dr. Deane William Ferm, dean of the college chapel, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., called the campus the greatest mission field.

"Here (at the colleges) the leaders of the next generation are to be found," said Dr. Ferm. "Here the competing faiths meet head-on in a life-and-death struggle for the minds and hearts of men. Here the course of the world may be determined."

"It is of vital importance, therefore, that the Church put her best foot forward," said Dr. Ferm, "that she approach her task with a sharpened intellect and dedicated heart."

"The minister in the academic community has a responsibility and challenge as awesome as it is inspiring," he said, "for he holds in his hands—and in his head—and in his heart—the burden of presenting the claims of the Christian faith in a way that will meet this challenge and fulfill this responsibility."

About 200 ministers who preach in academic communities attended the meeting.

A part of the denomination's 1960-64 quadrennial program, the convocation was sponsored by the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education in cooperation with the Methodist Council of Bishops' Committee of Nine, which is leading the church in the program.

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My absence from church is a vote to close its doors.



Woman's Activities



Speaker Calls For United Front

By MARY GARDNER

Mrs. J. Dale Stentz, of Concord, N. C., speaking before the general circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh on November 20, defined the Ecumenical Movement as "Christians of all nations working together."

The prominent laywoman of the Western North Carolina Conference, and former Secretary of Spiritual Life of the conference's WSCS, used as her topic "The Ecumenical Movement" and the theme for the 1961 meeting of the World Council of Churches, "Jesus, The Light of The World."

Tracing the Ecumenical Movement from Biblical times to the three meetings of the World Council of Churches of modern times, the speaker cited three items on the agenda for the 1961 meeting of the World Council of Churches, scheduled to convene on November 20 in New Delhi, India. These are: The merging of the Missionary Council with the World Council of Churches; forming a statement concerning broadening the requirements for membership in the World Council of Churches, and discussions of the great faiths, in order that they may better understand how Christians can work together.

"We must have a united front," Mrs. Stentz declared. "Methodist women have been asked to follow the meeting in New Delhi, as well as its spirit, that we might take more seriously the truth that Jesus is the Light of the World. Women of the WSCS have a wonderful light to shine; they have a wonderful heritage in the great missionary movement. We cannot fail to keep burning the lights that have been lit by the great leaders of the missionary movement in the past."

Mrs. Stentz was introduced by Mrs. Howard P. Powell, the Edenton Street Woman's Society's vice president.

WDCS AT WORK IN WEST INDIES

As long ago as 1902 Methodist women were concerned about condition on the island (Puerto Rico). Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Bureau Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, stood on the steps of Sol Street Church in San Juan and envisioned a center of health, education, and recreation to aid the people of this crowded city. Returning to the United States she enlisted the support of Methodist women, and George O. Robinson Home and School is the result. During its early years the school maintained classes for children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. In 1944 the educational work

was extended to include the entire high-school curriculum.

The campus of Robinson School, a spacious by Puerto Rican standards, is located in Santruce, a thriving suburb of San Juan. Several buildings of Spanish architecture are set among beautiful palms and flowering flamboyant trees. The chapel is open at all times for prayer and worship. Colonades connect the chapel with dining hall, library, classrooms and dormitories.

George O. Robinson School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary School. Every semester waiting lists of students indicate the great need for the kind of educational training given at this school. There is a strong emphasis on religious education. Bible classes are required, and chapel services are held twice each week. The Superintendent, the Rev. John E. Shappell, is an ordained minister, as is the Rev. William Martin, the chaplain and teacher of the Bible. Several deaconesses and U-S-A's are on the faculty. The group of commissioned workers is augmented by a dedicated group of faculty and staff who guide the students into Christian living.

In recent years many persons from the United States who have moved to Puerto Rico for business reasons have enrolled their children in Robinson because of the Christian training and academic soundness of the institution. Enrollment is approximately 400.

From Robinson School as a Base, twelve kindergartens and day-school units in Methodist churches all over the islands utilize the services of the kindergarten and grade-school supervisors provided by the Woman's Division, and yearly appropriations are given these schools. Ministers feel that these close-to-the-people projects are extremely worth-while in this predominately Catholic country with its cultural pattern of parochial schools. Church leaders feel that they are able to reach parents more readily when their churches give more educational facilities to the children of the parishes. It is usually estimated that the population of Puerto Rico is about 80 per cent Catholic and 20 per cent Protestant.

George O. Robinson School is not only the hub of Methodist and Protestant education for Puerto Rico, Vieques, and St. Croix; it serves also as a hostel for those passing through the area and a haven for those who need a resting place from arduous mission labors. Truly it is a spiritual link binding the many islands to each other and to the mainland—From a brochure *Our Mission to the West Indies*.

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



Janie Nichols Tells Of Trip

Miss Janie Nichols, a student at Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer, tells of her trip to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Christian Vocations Weekend at Scarritt College in October.

She writes:

"On Thursday, October 19, I left Pfeiffer with a warm feeling of excitement, because I was to attend the Christian Vocations Conference at Scarritt. I met Nelda Murray from High Point in Charlotte and we went out to the Airport Motel where we spent the night. On Friday morning we went to the airport, trying to look like we had flown all of our lives, but inside, feeling like six year olds. The flight was smooth and we loved every minute of it.

"We arrived in Nashville with an afternoon to spend before the Conference started. We enjoyed looking over the city. We then went out to Scarritt College where we were warmly greeted by everyone.

"We ate dinner in the cafeteria there with the Scarritt students, which was very enjoyable. That night Dr. D. D. Holt, Scarritt's president, delivered an excellent address which was followed by a discussion.

"Saturday morning we visited two community centers, which was helpful and interesting. That afternoon was spent in learning the Mission program of our church. Saturday night Mrs. C. C. Cranford of Asheboro, N. C., told of her trip to the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway this summer.

"The close of our service was very inspiring as we all gathered in the Upper Room Chapel early Sunday morning. There we were served communion around the table and challenged to be better witnesses to our God.

"There are not words to express what really happened at the Conference. It was a wonderful experience to meet all of the girls and share with them our thoughts and dreams. Friends were made quickly and we were really a group. The leaders were inspiring and challenging.

"Truly, Sunday as we boarded our plane to fly back to North Carolina, we realized we had been given a golden opportunity.

"I wish there were some way we could truly thank the women of our Conference for this wonderful weekend.

Janie Nichols
Pfeiffer College"

The two students, Miss Janie Nichols of Pfeiffer College and Miss Nelda Murray of High Point College were sent to Scarritt by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Christian Vocations Conference was planned by Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford of Asheboro, secretary of missionary personnel of the Woman's Society of the Southeastern Jurisdiction and former president of the Woman's Society of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Garland Stafford of Statesville, secretary of missionary personnel in the V

N.C. Conference, also attended the Scarritt Weekend.

NEW SOCIETY IN GASTONIA DISTRICT

A new Woman's Society has been organized at the Boiling Springs Methodist Church in the Gastonia District, reports Mrs. Charles W. Gunter, district secretary of promotion.

The new officers chosen to serve in the society are Mrs. J. O. Terrell of Boiling Springs, president; Mrs. Douglas Hardin, vice-president and sec. spiritual life; Mrs. T. R. Harris, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. N. B. Owen, children's work; Mrs. Donald Beam, literature and publications; Mrs. H. E. Crawley, promotion; and Mrs. H. C. Hudson, student work and youth work.

The Gastonia District was listed in the 21st Annual Report as having 84 societies with a total membership of 4,285 in the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

THE MINISTER AND THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Every Methodist minister values the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in his church. It is a very vital part of the church and its program.

In a recent letter from the secretary of promotion of the W.S.C.S. of the W.N.C. Conference, Mrs. S. Ray Lowder gives six special points of emphasis in a minister's work. She says:

"Cooperation of the minister with the Woman's Society is one of our most valuable assets.

He is a member of the executive committee of the Woman's Society;

He may install officers;

He is consultant in selection of officers for the Woman's Society;

He encourages the use of program material along with all Methodist literature;

The minister and the Woman's Society president are co-workers for the good and the growth of our church."

High Point College Choir Gives Jewish Sacred Music

A program featuring Jewish sacred music is being presented by the High Point College Choir in concerts in High Point and Greensboro this week.

Scenes for the concerts are Memorial Auditorium at High Point College Dec. 5 at 8:15 p.m. and Town Hall in Greensboro Dec. 7 at 8:30 p.m.

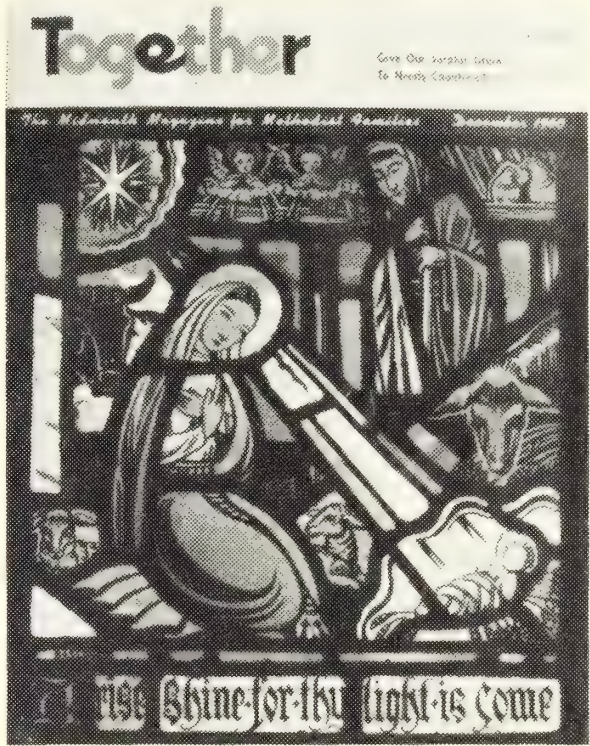
Soloists are Miss Virginia Person, soprano, and Norman Silver, baritone, both of High Point. J. Fryhover is director of the High Point College Choir.

Great Revival At Ebenezer On Old Fort Circuit

With humble hearts and grateful praise the people of Ebenezer Methodist Church, on the Old Fort Circuit, enjoyed a great revival the first week in November. Rev. Morris J. Byers, of the Marion Circuit, was the guest speaker. The revival really began the week prior to the series of meetings. Cottage prayer meetings were held in the homes of different members of the church each evening. Good meetings were enjoyed each evening through song service, prayer

and a speaker. During the revival souls were saved and hearts rejoiced. Others rededicated their lives to Christ. After the meetings had closed the following Sunday morning other souls were saved and still others rededicated their lives. When the pastor, Rev. H. D. Jessup, opened the doors of the church, thirteen joined the church on profession of faith. We are indeed thankful for a great time in the Lord and to see our altar again used for the purpose of seeing souls come to know Jesus as their Saviour. This alone made Thanksgiving more real this year.

—MRS. BERTHA FOHL



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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Digging For A Bicycle

Whoever heard of such a thing! Digging for a bicycle!

But it's true. He did dig for it.

"Then it must have been all rusty when he found it," you say.

Oh, no, it wasn't. It was just as bright and shiny as it could possibly be, all brand new and beautiful. It happened this way.

Bobby, who was eleven years old, had been wanting a bicycle for a long time. In fact, he had asked his daddy for one over and over again. But every time the answer was, "Sorry, Bobby, but there's no money to buy a bicycle just now. I'm afraid you'll have to wait a bit longer."

So Bobby had waited and waited, and meanwhile all his friends got bicycles, some as Christmas presents and some as birthday presents. "Isn't there some way I could earn enough money to buy one?" he said.

"Now you're talking some good, sound sense," said daddy. "That's the best way I know to get money for the things we think we need. Earn it! And if you do earn that bicycle, Bobby, you will enjoy it ten times more than if it were given to you."

"But what can I do to earn the money?" asked Bobby.

"Well," said daddy, "I'm very anxious to have the garden dug, and as I don't have time to dig it myself, I'll have to get someone to dig it for me. Now, if you would dig it as deeply and as thoroughly as anyone else, taking out the worst of the weeds, then I would be glad to contract with you for the job."

"And will you really pay me the same as you would pay anyone else?" asked Bobby, a little doubtfully.

"Surely I will," replied daddy. "You may take a little longer than an expert gardener, but the total amount I will pay for the job will be just the same as I would give him. Now, what about it?"

"I'll start right away," said Bobby eagerly.

And he did. I wish you could have seen him digging. Such enthusiasm, such persistence! Early in the morning, before he went to school, Bobby was at work, and back on the job again in the afternoon when he came home. Yard by yard he worked his way down the garden, with never a grumble or com-

plaint, and with never any need for someone to keep him at it. He worked as though he loved it, as though he wanted to dig the garden better than anyone had ever dug it before. In fact, he made the surface of the soil so smooth that it soon began to look like a big brown table.

Daddy was delighted, and said he would rather have Bobby dig the garden than anyone else, at which Bobby swelled up with pride and satisfaction and went on digging harder and faster than ever. In fact, his mother sometimes had trouble getting him to come in to supper.

At last the task was finished, and what joy was in Bobby's heart when he came in one day and said, "I've finished, dad!"

Then came the still happier moment when dad paid up. Bobby had never felt so rich in all his life.

A few days after that both of them went to the city to look for a bicycle. Bobby examined every one with the utmost care, and asked the poor salesmen in the shops all sorts of puzzling questions. Finally he made his selection, paid over his money, and walked out of the shop with his precious bicycle. When he compared it with those of all the other boys in the neighborhood, he felt sure his was by far the best of all.

And if I may let you into a secret, Bobby still loves that bicycle, even though it is five years old, and he is much too big to ride it now. You see, digging for it made it worth much more to him than if he had just received it as a present.

Why not try digging for something that you want very, very much?

—Author Unknown

Beauty For Everyone

As a child, I enjoyed keeping a little notebook of beautiful things I chanced to see. Each day I looked for something special to record. One day it might be a tower silhouetted against a sunset; another day, a dewdrop flashing like a jewel in the center of a flower; another day, a radiant smile on a face I had seen.

This hobby of collecting beauty was fun, and it taught me to see beauty in everyday life. When eyes and minds are so concentrated on duties and the business of living, it helps to practice the

habit of looking for beauty along the way. It is there in abundance to enrich our lives, if we will look and listen.

—Clipped



A Thank-You Prayer

God, I'm thinking today of the people I know

Who do things that help me to think and to grow—

My father and mother, my teachers and friends,

The library lady, the one who attends To the Children's Department; our minister kind,

Who helps me to keep happy thoughts in my mind.

I think they must all be a part of Thy care,

And I finish my thought with a glad Thank-You prayer

—Selected



Chuckles

Six-year-old Billy came home excitedly from his first day in school, his eyes bright and his head held high.

Rushing into the house, he said to his mother, "Mummy, I sure learned a lot in school today. Do you s'pose I know as much as I don't know?"

Honey: "Why did the little girl go to sleep in the fireplace?"

Bunny: "So she could sleep like a log."

"The baby's got her mama's complexion."

"Nurse, are you letting that child play with my make-up?"



Bible Quiz

Places in Bible Geography

1. Seven times they march around the town, And lo! the walls came tumbling down. _____
2. A carpenter brought world renown to this Galilean town. _____
3. Famine was spreading everywhere, but this one land had corn to spare. _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. The Ark landed on Mt. Ararat. Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai. Moses died on Mt. Nebo.
2. Haman
3. Sermon on the Mount, by Jesus
4. John the Baptist
5. David

Sunday School Lesson

DECEMBER 17

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
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GROWTH THROUGH ADORATION

Background Scripture: Luke 1:26-80

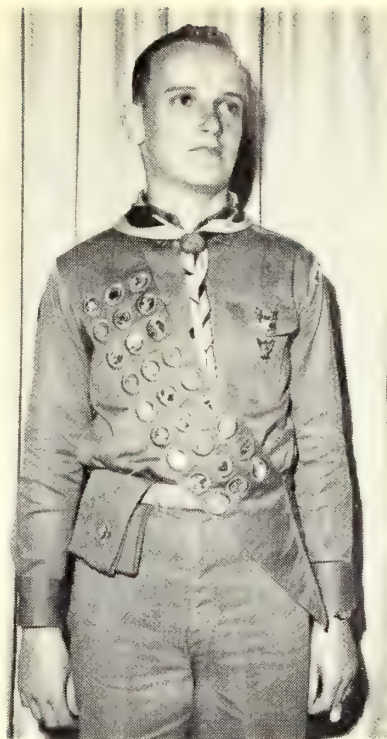
Lesson Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

The subject of our lesson "Growth Through Adoration" suggests a truth that is well known to the student of religion: *We tend to become like that which we worship.* Those who are interested only in the "use" to which religion can be put often miss the heart of worship, which is adoration. We have been inclined to value other elements in worship more than adoration. Prayer, dedication, enhancement of common ideals—all these seem to have a value that is easy to see. But what is gained by adoration? Nothing is gained by it if we are going to approach it in purely utilitarian terms. It must be spontaneous, or it is nothing.

A friend of W. E. Orchard, the great English preacher, said of him: "He would break out into a prayer of adoration most any time. If he were out walking and he was overwhelmed by the beauty of nature, he would fall on his knees and begin to adore God and praise Him for the gifts of beauty." Many people would dismiss this as an act of an eccentric, but who has not felt this way many times? If we have not many people like W. E. Orchard the world is the worse for it!

It has been said that our Christian faith was born in an atmosphere of song. And so it was. The shepherds heard the angel's song on the bleak cold hills of Judea. St. Luke includes two of the songs of the early church in this first chapter of his Gospel. One of these is the Magnificat, or "Song of Mary"; the other is the "Benedictus", or song of Zechariah, (see verses 67-80). In chapter 2 there is yet another by the old Saint Simeon as he held the child Jesus in his arms (See Luke 2:29-32. If these humble people could give utterance to such great affirmations of faith at the very beginning of the Christian era, how could they find words to express their adoration after two thousand years during which Christ has been adored in virtually every language of the world?

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." This verse is a fine example of Hebrew poetry in which the *ideas* rhyme rather than the *words*. The word "spirit" repeats the word "soul," and "God my Saviour" repeats the phrase "the Lord." The poem as a whole is strongly reminiscent of the "Song of Hannah" in II Samuel 2:1-10. It would be a good idea for the teacher to read the selection from Samuel while the class is reading Luke 1:46-55. In both of these we are in the presence of wonder at the fact that God takes the weak and humble things of life and causes them to frustrate the plans of the wickedly powerful. While most of us prefer to read this in the King James Version with its unmatched beauty



Eddie Shrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Shrum, Rt. 3, Lincolnton was given the Eagle Scout award at ceremonies on Thursday night.

A member of Asbury troop 82, Eddie has been in scouting for three years and has 27 merit badges. Next he will begin work on the palm.

Eddie's scoutmaster is Harry Parrot.

Eddie is a member of Asbury Methodist Church, is a freshman at Lincolnton High School and is most interested in bowling, water skiing, baseball and football.



George (Joey) Whitesides Jr., son of Mr and Mrs. George Whitesides of Route 3, Lincolnton and member of Troop 82, Asbury, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout Thursday night at First Presbyterian Church, Lincolnton.

Joey has been active in scouting for the past three years serving as patrol leader at present. He attended scout camp at Lake Lanier, Tryon, N. C., for the past three summers. He is a member of Asbury Methodist Church.

Jack L. Thompson, advancement chairman in charge of the court made the award presentation.

A 14 year old ninth grade student at Lincolnton High School, Joey enjoys reading, fishing, golfing, swimming and sports.

and dignity, sometimes the new version give us further insight into its meaning. For example the New English Bible translates verses 51-52 as follows: "The deeds his own right arm has done disclose his might: the arrogant of heart and mind he has put to rout, he has torn imperial powers from their thrones, but the humble have been lifted high." Compare this with verses in I Corinthians: "God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish . . . the world failed to find him by its wisdom, and he chose to save those who have faith by the folly of the Gospel . . . Divine folly is wiser than the wisdom of man, and divine weakness stronger than man's strength. Few of you are men of wisdom, by any human standard; few are powerful or highly born. Yet to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts folly, and to shame what is strong, God has chosen what the world counts weakness" (I Cor. 1:20-28, selected portions from the New English Bible).

We grow spiritually, then, by what we adore. This is so true that we might almost say: "Show me what you adore, and I will show you what you are becoming." Some poet has shown us how easy it is to find that which is adorable in the world about us. He wrote: "It is not far, the life of

adoration, for all about the many symbols lie. Each dawn has known the mystic elevation, and twilight burns pale tapers in the sky."

But, if we live only for the material aspects of life, we tend to become like the material. A writer recently declared: "In the Fifties, consumer indebtedness rose three times as fast as personal income . . . America was being forged into a nation where the acquisition of material possessions was doing for anxiety-ridden adults what thumb-sucking does for the insecure child." In the wilderness Jesus replied to the tempter in words from Deuteronomy 6:13 "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

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A Christmas Meditation

W. W. REID

The Infant Jesus did not come to earth that heralded night to remain forever a Babe, to have his birthday celebrated by lullabies and gaiety—and then to be forgotten for a twelve months . . . He came from God to grow to manhood (" . . . God . . . being born in the likeness of men"), and as a man to be our Teacher, and Healer, and Leader, and Savior; to be the Mediator and Interpreter between God and men, and between brother and brother; to guide and to be followed by men in all avenues of their lives.

Jesus did not come as a Child, nor grow to be a Man and the Christ, that the sales of liquor, of toys, of un-necessities might mount, that stores might register "greater business than ever," nor that festive and hurrying motorists might endanger the highways in annual observance of his natal day . . . Jesus the Christ came and grew in wisdom and favor so that he might lead men to a Way of Life better and loftier and more pleasing to God and to themselves than any they had known or lived before.

Jesus did not come into the world, nor give his blessing to little children so that they might pin their faith and their hope on Santa Claus as the giver of joy and of their needs . . . He came to show them God as the all-wise and all-giving Father, loving all his children everywhere, the Source of all physical gifts and of all spiritual satisfactions.

Jesus did not come so that God's and earth's children might range themselves in warring camps—"Christian against Christian"—and sacrifice their sons in combat over differing economies and ideologies . . . He came to proclaim a spiritual understanding and a spiritual peace that would overrule and allay all differences that grow from sins, and that grow from ignorance of God's love and God's purposes for men.

Jesus did not come—nor did he commission his disciples—to draw into his fellowship, nor into his Church, the well-fed, the well-dressed, the well-schooled only . . . He came to minister—and to have all who follow in his train minister—to all men of all conditions; but especially to the poor, be they poor in the share of God's bounty which other men have permitted them to garner, or poor in health, or in spirit, or in the necessities of life. He came to minister to all men, knowing all to be sinners in need of the knowledge and love of God.

Jesus did not come from God to earth and to man for a day, nor for a year, nor for thirty-three years. He did not come that we might celebrate or commemorate an event in history that will grow dimmer and less meaningful as the years recede . . . Jesus came with a message from God—and he came as God's own Son. The message Jesus brought is "Good News" today in America, as Good and as New tonight as it was in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. And the Baby Jesus—now mature, now entrusting the message to the Holy Spirit working through you and through me, and through the Church universal—lives and works in our world and in our individual lives today. The Messenger comes and the message is given today and every day of every year.

Methodist Ministers Released

The State Department has announced that four American missionaries of the Methodist church, arrested by Portuguese authorities in Angola last September, have been released at Lisbon. The four will be deported from Portugal, the State Department said.

The men are Wendell L. Golden, Rockford, Ill.; Marion Way, Jr., Charleston, S. C.; Fred Brancel, Endeavor, Wis.; and Edwin Lenaster, Lexington, Ky.

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The Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel To Be Erected At Paine College



One of the finest hours of all Methodism was December 7, 1911 when Bishop Walter Russell Lambuth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and Dr. John Wesley Gilbert of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church landed on the banks of the Kasai River deep in the Congo. They marched from there far into the interior to establish the first Methodist mission in the Congo, at Wembo Nyama.

In the prologue to his matchless story of the event, President Clayton Calhoun of Paine College says,

"Out in the far off African jungle, on a deep shadowed, nearly endless trail the frail body of the great missionary hero,

Bishop Lambuth, was burning with some jungle fever. Not willing to trust his friend to the jogging rhythms of the hammock men, Dr. Gilbert took him up in his own great arms to tote him through the dense and threatening jungle. That is my imperishable picture, the great and towering Negro scholar striding through the jungle with a distinguished, intrepid white bishop in his stalwart arms."—p1, of *Men Who Ventured Much and Far*.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church has authorized the building of a memorial chapel to these two great missionary spirits. It will be raised on the campus of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

The site is significant. John Wesley Gilbert was the first graduate and first Negro faculty member of Paine College, and at the time of the Congo venture, Bishop Lambuth was a trustee of the College. More meaningful than this, however, is the spirit of Christian dedication, unbounded by race, which was exemplified.

During the Golden Anniversary Year of this missionary venture, December 7, 1961 through December 7, 1962, the churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have been asked to raise \$250,000 for the building of the Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel. Each Annual Conference will raise its pro-

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CAROLINA BRIEFS *

TRENTON METHODIST CHURCH conducted a revival meeting November 23-26. Rev. Charles E. Vale, pastor at Beach Grove, assisted the pastor, Rev. Walter N. Bass.

¶ LINCOLN COUNTY Subdistrict MYF met Thursday night, December 7, at Asbury Church. Congressman Charles R. Jonas was the featured speaker.

¶ THE METHODIST MEN of Race Street Methodist Church, Statesville, are sponsoring the morning worship at 11 o'clock on the third Sunday of each month over Radio Station WDBM, 500.

¶ DR. HAROLD HUTSON, president, and Dean John E. Baker of Greensboro College attended the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which was held in Miami, Fla., last week.

¶ PRESIDENT THOMAS A. COLLINS and Dean Jack W. Moore represented North Carolina Wesleyan College at the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami Beach, Fla., December 4-7.

¶ REVEREND WILLIAM DAVENPORT, pastor of Clark Street Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, was chapel speaker at North Carolina Wesleyan College Thursday, December 7, 1961. Billy Horner of Richmond, Va., was the student presiding at chapel.

¶ "CHRISTMASTIDE," the largest musical program ever presented by First Methodist Church, was given at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 10, in the High Point College Auditorium. H. Grady Miller directed the 180 voices of all the church choirs.

¶ DR. L. STACY WEAVER, president of Methodist College, and Sam R. Edwards, Director of Admissions, represented the college at the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which met in Miami, Florida, December 4-7.

¶ THE WESLEYAN SINGERS gave their annual Christmas Concert in the chapel of North Carolina Wesleyan College at 8:15 on Tuesday, December 12. Dr. William G. Sasser, native of Wilson, is professor of music at Wesleyan and director of the Wesleyan Singers.

¶ THE EDITOR was the speaker at the annual banquet of the Golden Rule Sunday School class at Davis Street Church, Burlington, last Monday evening. Being a former pastor of the church, it was a delightful experience to be back with the class and enjoy their fellowship.

¶ SHADY GROVE CHURCH, Caswell County, will hold Watch Night service Sunday night, December 31, from 11:00 to 12:15. A short worship service will be followed by coffee and donuts after the program. Members of the entire charge are invited to be present.

¶ DR. E. F. SMITH, Methodist missionary recently returned from the Congo, preached in Memorial Methodist Church, Thomasville, at 11 a.m. last Sunday. On December 13 at 7:30 p.m. the congregation featured the movie, "The Coming of Christ."

¶ CHARLES K. McADAMS, director of public relations and development at Methodist College, spoke and showed colored slides of the college for the meeting of Methodist Men of the Longview Methodist Church, Raleigh, on Friday evening, December 8. The Reverend W. B. Cotton is pastor of the church.

¶ WEST MARKET STREET Methodist Church had teams operating in a "One Great Day of Witnessing" program morning, afternoon and night last Sunday, December 10, visiting the unchurched. A total of 30 teams, operating in shifts of ten, were at work. All met for a 6 p.m. fellowship supper in the church.

¶ DR. SAM WOMACK, JR., chaplain and professor of religion at Methodist College, was the featured speaker for the November Workers' Conference at Haymount Church in Fayetteville. Miss Margaret Cotton is director of Christian Education at Haymount Church and the Reverend T. R. Jenkins is pastor.

¶ CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, Asheboro, has employed Mr. and Mrs. Moyer L. Harris, Jr., as director of music and organist, respectively. Mr. Harris has been serving as director of music at the Episcopal Church in Asheboro. Also, Mrs. Farrel P. Wilson will serve as director of Children's and Youth's choirs.

¶ REV. J. D. STOTT of Swepsonville and several of the teachers in the school brought a group of seventh-graders to the ADVOCATE office last Friday, and we were happy to show them through the plant and explain the operation to them. They were in Greensboro to witness the swearing in of several naturalized United States citizens in the Federal courtroom.

¶ DR. MARCUS BARTH, son of the world renowned theologian Karl Barth, of Basel, Switzerland, spoke at the 11:00 o'clock service at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, last Sunday. Dr. Barth has served as a minister, and now professor at Chicago University. He was in the state to deliver the Wesley lectures at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

¶ AN EXQUISITE set of Bavarian China including 12 place settings and serving pieces was recently acquired by the parsonage of First Church in Thomasville from the estate of the late Mrs. D. R. Connell, a member of First Church, who bequeathed her household furnishings to the church, and the trustees decided to place this valuable collection in the parsonage as a memento of her benevolence, along with one of her beautiful hand paintings.

¶ THE GOLDSBORO Area Christian Workers' School will be held January 21-25. Place and schedule will be given later.

¶ MISS RUTH WALTERS has retired as director of Hanes House at Duke University, and is now living at Columbia, N. C., R.F.D.

¶ THE DATE of the Raleigh District Conference has been changed from February 2, 1962, to January 31, 1962. It is to be held at Spring Hill Church in Harnett County, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

¶ THE ANNUAL Christmas party for the ministers and their families of the High Point District will be held Friday night, December 15, at 7:30 at the Rankin Memorial Methodist Church, High Point.

¶ MR. WALTER F. ANDERSON, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, who is a very active churchman, gave the closing message last Sunday evening at the High Point District Conference.

¶ Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent of Fayetteville district, will preach at the Hope Mills Methodist church Sunday December 17 at 11:00 a. m. He will baptize the infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Odell Walker.

¶ DR. W. KENNETH GOODSON, pastor of Centenary Church, Winston-Salem, was the preacher at the Albemarle district conference last Tuesday at First Methodist Church, Wadesboro. Dr. Goodson is a former pastor of the Wadesboro church.

¶ THE ANNUAL service of Christmas music by the choirs of Broad Street Methodist Church, Statesville, was given at 7 p.m. December 10 in the sanctuary. Included was a live Nativity scene and the reading of the Christmas Story.

¶ REV. EDWARD F. SMITH, member of the North Carolina Conference, serving as a missionary in Africa, who is presently on furlough to the United States, will be teaching in the Divinity School at Duke University during the second semester of the present school year.

¶ The public is invited to a concert of carols which will be presented by the Pfeiffer College Department of Music Thursday, December 14, at 8:00 p. m. at the College. Featured work of the evening will be Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols."

¶ BISHOP C. B. DAWSEY, retired, will be the speaker for the evening service at Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte, on January 17. Bishop Dawsey has served in Brazil for many years. Hickory Grove Church is now studying Latin America in its missionary program.

¶ The Dora Reynolds Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Midway Methodist Church, Thomasville District, recently gave a Life Membership pin to Mrs. Clarence Craver of Midway. The pin was a memorial to Mrs. Nell (Wade A.) Beckerdite, a faithful and beloved member of Midway Church, Woman's Society and community. The presentation was made at the general meeting of the Society in November. Forty persons were present.

West Nash Methodists To Erect First Unit Of Four-Stage Plant



The congregation of West Nash Methodist Church in Wilson enthusiastically endorsed the plans to erect the first unit of its proposed four-stage plant at a special building rally program on Friday, December 8, at 7:30.

Dr. O. L. Hathaway, conference Board of Missions executive secretary, and Dr. W. C. Ball, superintendent of the Rocky Mount District, spoke briefly of their endorsement of the project. The Rev. R. Grady Dawson, S. M. Cozart and W. T. Lamm, Jr., brought greetings from First Church and revealed plans for a very definite campaign on their part to make the plant possible. A highlight of the service was the presentation on the part of First Church officials of the deed to the present property to the trustees of West Nash Church.

The first unit will be a sanctuary seating 22 persons and with an ultimate capacity of 350 when seating is rearranged and the balcony is completed. It will include an administrative wing to the left of the sanctuary consisting of offices, choir rooms, storage space, lobby, and a boiler room that can take care of utilities to the entire plant. The area to the right of the sanctuary consists of an organ chamber to be used for a classroom at the present, and an entrance. The unit will be of brick and stucco construction and contains 6700 square feet. It is estimated to cost \$90,000 with furnishings. The sanctuary has a divided chancel and an anteroom in the annex can be used for a classroom. The uncompleted balcony will also be used as a classroom. The present building will continue to be used for classrooms until the educational wing is built.

Succeeding stages consist of an educational wing with classrooms seating 350, a fellowship hall arranged for adult classes and dinners complete with a kitchen and stage, and lastly, a chapel seating 70 persons. A bell tower completes the present plans and the grounds will be landscaped as building progresses. An ample parking lot to accommodate 150 cars will be provided to the rear of the plant.

The Rev. Lester P. Jackson was appointed to form a new congregation in the grow-

ing western part of Wilson at the 1959 conference. Mr. Jackson's first task was to make the dwelling on the property of three acres suitable for worship and Sunday school. First Church of Wilson purchased the property in 1958 for the purpose of a new congregation and it is located in a rapidly growing community near the new \$1,000,000 Fike High School. The men of West Nash and the Fellowship Class of First Church united to remodel and paint the dwelling. It has spacious halls, and partitions were knocked down to provide a chapel to seat 100 persons. Space for eight classes is now being used and the chapel will be made into additional classrooms when the sanctuary is completed.

During August, 1959, services were held on Wednesday evenings at the homes of the prospective members and during September, worship services and Sunday school sessions were held at the parsonage. The first service in the remodeled building was on September 27 and the first group of charter members, 34 in number, was received into the church on October 4. A Woman's Society of Christian Service was formed in September and a unit of Methodist Men the same year. Charter membership was closed on April 10, 1960 at which time the number had increased to 83. During 1960, a Methodist Youth Fellowship group was set up and the men agreed to sponsor a Boy Scout troop the same year. A parsonage was purchased and painted in time for occupancy in July, 1960. The Rev. Mr. Jackson's record in organizing the church and reaching membership of 100 in two years with all the usual organizations of a church has been matched few times.

At the 1961 conference, the Rev. James H. Bailey came to the church after five years at Elm City, N. C. Under his leadership the church is experiencing its most rapid growth and holds unlimited potentials in the coming months and years. Membership is now 135 and the chapel has been enlarged to take care of increased attendance. Two choirs have been organized and Miss Patsy Hall employed as Minister of Music. Mrs. Richard Collier is the church secretary.

A committee of sixteen was appointed and approved by the quarterly conference in September of this year to make plans for a future building. This committee represented all phases of the church activities. Kermit O'Connell was elected chairman and the members include J. G. Dildy, T. E. Wessinger, Jr., Hoke J. Stephens, Jr., J. Thomas High, Mrs. Evelyn Tudor, Mrs. Beulah High, Leon Taylor, Miss Creolya Snodgrass, Hughes Dillard, R. T. Atkinson, Billy C. Braswell, R. B. Williams, J. Alton Gardner, R. C. Frazier, and Miss Pattie Ruffin.

After meeting each week and many long hours, the committee has come up with the present plans. Plans for the first unit have been approved and the plans for the units to follow are tentative as to floor plans but have been planned so that full use of the grounds may be employed.

West Nash Church has a great potential and is expected to grow into one of the conference's leading young churches during Rev. Mr. Bailey's pastorate.

Following the rally last Friday dessert and coffee was served to the members, friends and many from the First Methodist Church of Wilson.

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EDITORIALS

Christmas Is A Sacred Day

Christmas is one of the greatest festivals of all time. It is a memorial; it is a feast; it is the celebration of an event but it is more than that: it centers in a Person; it is the celebration of the birthday of the Son of God, the Redeemer of mankind. The real Christmas was conceived in the heart of God, and is manifested in his infinite love for men. It is the outreaching of his grace as he stoops to give himself to redeem a fallen race.

Much of the sacredness of this festival has been lost as men have turned it into a day of revelry instead of observing it as a sacred day. It has become commercialized. A so-called Christmas parade is nothing more nor less than an effort to play up spending and create bigger business and more profits in most instances. We can see the point made a few days ago by one who suggested that we either quite observing Christmas, or learn to observe it in a Christian manner. To be sure it is a day of joy, and should be a day of rejoicing. It is a good time for families to be together in the home, around the table, and in the church. It is also a good time for social fellowship, when relatives, friends and neighbors can visit and enjoy themselves together. In all these relationships, however, the attention should be kept centered upon the main purpose for the observance. Christmas and the Christmas season have an important place deep within the human heart, and nothing should be permitted which would detract from its sacredness. It is a family occasion, and a season of good will. Let us observe it with dignity and with deep appreciation for what it means.

The Christmas Party

The National Safety Council is sponsoring an all-out campaign to dry up the Christmas office party. This is an effort to reduce accidents. It is said that fifty-five percent of fatal traffic accidents during the Christmas season involves a drinking driver; that the greatest number of holiday accidents occur early in the holiday period; and that some of these accidents can be traced back to the office party.

To us it is unthinkable that an intelligent business man would "throw" such a party. There is nothing against an office party for fellowship and good will, but there is much against permitting it to be a drinking party. Most of

THEME FOR THE WEEK

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6, 7.

the employers would frown upon hiring or putting into a responsible position one who is given to drink. The simple reason being it would not be good business. Then why should a company or an employer encourage drinking by serving it at annual get-togethers? It doesn't make good sense.

Even if there were no plausible arguments against such from the standpoint of business, there are certainly many arguments against it from the standpoint of intelligence, morals, and religion. It is an insult to the One whose birth we celebrate. Of all the seasons of the year, this is the one time which is most inappropriate for such indulgence. The application of a little intelligent thinking will suggest that we should look upon this as a holy season

Correction

In last week's *ADVOCATE* it was stated in an editorial with reference to the proposed Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel to be erected at Paine College, that the North Carolina Conference was asking its members to raise their proposed part of this undertaking by giving one-half of one percent of items 46, 47, and 49 reported to annual conference. Through the good graces of Brother Bill Price we are informed that this is an error. It may apply to certain other conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, but has nothing to do with this conference. The North Carolina Conference is asking for a special Christmas offering in every church for this cause. It is hoped to raise the entire amount as a Christmas special. The offering should be received during one of the next two Sundays by all means. The Western North Carolina Conference is asking that the offering be taken either December 3 or 10. If neither one of these Sundays is used, then let it be the nearest one thereafter.

Bishops Garber and Harmon have both given hearty endorsement to this matter, and it has been approved by the Commissions on World Service and Finance of both conferences. This is an important matter and should receive proper emphasis. We regret the slight error in last week's *ADVOCATE*, and we are glad to make this correction.

Palm Tree WS Guild Installs New Officers

The newly-organized Wesleyan Service Guild of Palm Tree Methodist Church of Lawndale, N. C., had the Installation of Officers Service Sunday, December 3, at the church school hour.

Mrs. Gladys Hornbuckle of Lincolnton, secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild for the Gastonia District, was present to lead the service. Mrs. Katherine Lee, a charter member of the W.S.C.S. of the church, is coordinator to the Guild.

Officers installed were as follows: President, Mrs. Corine Lee; vice-president, Mrs. Jack Howard; promotion secretary, Mrs. Gene Queen; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Lee.

Others taking part on the program as chairmen of various commissions were Mrs. Herbert Shuford, Mrs. Hubert Smith, Mrs. Charlie Lee, Mrs. Dwight Shuford, and Miss Ann Lee. Guild membership: 15.

Jonesville Choir Will Present "The Holy Night"

The Jonesville Church choir will present *The Holy Night* as arranged by Don Besig, Wednesday night, December 20, at 7:30. The production will be under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Wolfe, director of the choir. Mrs. R. G. Boles, the church organist, will be the accompanist. Soloists will be Mrs. Paul Fisher, soprano, and Rev. W. H. Dyar, baritone. Mr. John Wesley Mathis will be narrator.

Earlier in the evening the intermediates, juniors and primaries will present a brief program directed by Mrs. C. G. Mathis. The customary treats will be given the children and other gifts will be given and exchanged following the program.

On December 17th the Commission on Christian Social Relations will provide several large boxes for "White Christmas" gifts and groceries to be taken to the homes of needy persons.

On December 4th the minister, Rev. W. H. Dyar, was elected president of the Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association.

The WSCS has collected and sent about 500 pounds of clothing to the Cuban refugees.

Church School Study On Christianity And Communism

Three forthcoming study units on Christianity and Communism have been announced for Methodist Sunday schools.

Definitely scheduled are two units for adults and one for youth, said the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Nashville, editor of Methodist church school publications.

Dr. Bullock said a unit on the subject will be in *Adult Student* in September, 1962. It will be by Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles.

The other unit for adults will be available in 1963, he said. It will be based on the book, *What We Must Know About Communism*, by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet.

The youth unit will be a two-month course in April and May, 1962, in *Christian Action*, a youth publication.

A Conversation With John Wesley

John Wesley as diarist, journalist, editor and letter-writer has left for our reading, study and guidance, much of his thought on a great range of topics. Certain of these writings were addressed in many cases to specific individuals and congregations, even, under varying circumstances; nonetheless, they have some transcendent values and are relevant for our time. Following is an imaginary conversation, cast more nearly in interview form, with the scholarly clergyman, conversationalist and incomparable leader of men. The portions from Wesley's literary legacy are taken from F. C. Gill's anthology *Through the Year with Wesley* (Pg. 201, 100, 18, 182, 55, 179, 186, 169 and 8 respectively).

Mr. Wesley, what is true religion?

"True religion is the loving God with all our hearts and our neighbor as ourselves; and in that love abstaining from all evil, and doing all possible good to all men."

Mr. Wesley, what is a true Protestant? What does he believe?

"A true Protestant believes in God, has a full confidence in His mercy, fears Him with a filial fear, and loves Him with all his soul. He worships God in spirit and in truth; in everything gives Him thanks; calls upon Him with his heart as well as his lips at all times and in all places; honours His Holy Name and His Word, and serves Him truly all the days of his life."

Sir, I take your words to mean prayer, when you say 'call upon Him with the heart.' Do you have further, specific thoughts of prayer?

"Hypocrisy or insincerity is the first thing to guard against in prayer. Beware not to speak what thou dost not mean."

"On every occasion of uneasiness we should retire to prayer, that we may give place to the grace and light of God . . . Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding is employed on outward things."

"Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain."

Mr. Wesley our people live in days of a fast tempo. What, in your opinion, are some of the ill effects of this tempo?

"Men are generally lost in the hurry of life, in the business or pleasure of it, and seem to think that their regeneration, their new nature, will spring and grow up within them, with as little care and thought of their own, as their bodies were conceived and have attained their full strength and stature."

Sir, what is the main purpose of the lives of our people? Many seem not to have a clear-cut understanding of their objectives or guiding principles for living.

"Who would wish to live for any meaner purpose than to serve God in our generation?"

Sir, what has been your main purpose in these many years as a minister? Can you summarize briefly?

"All my design and thought and care and labour were directed to this one point, to advance the Kingdom of Christ on earth."

Sir, what counsel would you give us on witnessing for God in our daily lives?

"Speak honourably, wherever thou art, of the work of God, by whomever He

In Memoriam

MRS. T. E. SATTERWHITE

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Rutherford College wish to offer this tribute of love to our beloved member, Mrs. T. E. Satterwhite, who went to live with the God she loved on November 17, 1961.

How much we will miss her, we can not find words to express. To know her was to love her. Always gentle and kind; her Christian spirit will linger with us forever.

She was a faithful member of her church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service; never failing in anything. She served as promotion secretary faithfully and well for many years, continuing long after she became ill.

MRS. J. E. BOLICK
MISS MARY LOWDER
MRS. W. F. CORNETT



SADIE MARSHALL HARGROOVE

In the passing of Sadie Marshall Hargrove, our Philathea Class has lost a faithful member, a true Christian, and one who loved her church, her class and also the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

She was a loving mother, a good neighbor and a friend to all. It is with great sorrow we mourn her passing, yet believing all was well with her soul.

And know her joy is far deeper than earth can ever yield

It is the joy of the reaper within the harvest field.

When'er we come to life's end of the way
And look away to the west,
Our Lord will welcome our homecoming,
Then home sweet home and rest.

How sweet to sleep where all is peace,
Where sorrow cannot reach the breast,
Where all life's idle throbbings cease,
And pain is lulled to rest.

(A tribute of love to Sadie, written
by a friend, Rosa Durham)

works, and kindly of His messengers. And if it be in thy power, not only sympathize with them when they are in difficulty or distress, but give them a cheerful and effectual assistance."

Sir, do you have some final words here for our guidance?

" . . . be most zealous of all for love, the queen of all graces, the highest perfection in earth or heaven, the very image of the invisible God, as in men, so in angels above. For God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him."

"Always remember the essence of Christian holiness is simplicity and purity; one design, one desire; entire devotion to God."

—GRADY L. CARROLL

Board of Education Meets In Cincinnati Jan. 3-4

The annual meeting of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church will be January 3-4 at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, and a Methodist Convocation on Christian Higher Education will be held there immediately afterward.

In the convocation, January 5-6, the Board of Education members will meet jointly with the National Association of Methodist Schools and Colleges and four other groups that have to do with Methodist higher education.

The board's three general secretaries, all from the agency's headquarters in Nashville, will submit annual reports. The general secretaries are the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Division of the Local Church; the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock, Editorial Division; and the Rev. Dr. John O. Gross, Division of Higher Education.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond, Va., president of the board, will preside.

Among the speakers for the board meeting will be seven bishops—Eugene L. Slater, Topeka, Kansas; John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C.; Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C.; Noah W. Moore, Jr., New Orleans; John Owen Smith, Atlanta; Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio; and Fred P. Corson, Philadelphia, former president of the board.

Also among the speakers for the board meeting will be Dr. J. Earl Moreland, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., and Dr. J. Wendell Yeo, vice-president for student affairs at Boston University.

Burlington Choirs Present Josef Haydn's "Creation"

On October 22nd the choirs of Front Street Methodist and Davis Street Methodist Churches sang parts one and two of Josef Haydn's "Creation." Dr. Malvin Artley directed the performance. Mrs. Alyse Smith Cooper and Richard Apperson were the organists. A fifteen-piece orchestra from Williams High School and Fletcher Moore, harpsichordist, also accompanied the chorus. Soloists were Mrs. Betsy Wood of Graham, Richard Cox, and Walter Vassar of Greensboro. The Reverend Leon Russell of Front Street gave the invocation and the Reverend H. M. McLamb of Davis Street gave the benediction. The church was filled to capacity with more than seven hundred fifty people present.

Albemarle Ministers Hold Family Banquet

The Albemarle District held its annual Christmas Banquet for Methodist ministers and their wives on December 8.

Rev. Jack Yarbrough led the group in the singing of several carols, after which Rev. A. B. Bruton of Indian Trail gave a delightfully humorous after dinner speech.

A beautiful sterling silver service tray was presented to the district superintendent, Dr. W. Jackson Huncycutt, and his wife.

There were sixty-three in attendance. Mrs. Harley Williams, district president presided.

—SYLVIA YARBROUGH
Secretary-Treasurer

Rural Advisory Committee Holds Session At Statesville

Unity, integrity, consecration and achievement were evident in the stories told by Western North Carolina's six rural church and community workers to the Rural Advisory Committee of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting at the Methodist Building in Statesville November 27.

Sharing verbally the results of their labors were Miss Anita Benoy, Greater Mount Airy Parish; Mrs. Arthelia Brooks, Yancey County Group Ministry; Miss Vera Falls, Cherokee Reservation; Miss Virginia Miller, Macon County Group Ministry; Miss Carolyn Thorne, Denton Area Group Ministry; and Miss Laura Wells, Clay County Group Ministry.

Vacation church schools, youth activity weeks, MYFs organized or regrouped, and study courses sparked or sponsored were the basic golden threads running through all the reports. Miss Vera Falls reported a unique crafts program underway that had proceeds of \$1400 during the summer sales. Numerous boxes of quilt scraps had been received and were being utilized through quilting parties. The services of nursery workers who had served during vacation church schools had been extended to the quilting parties with excellent results.

An outstanding feature of the Mount Airy Parish work had been a summer youth camp held in two farm houses within the area. Interest in and success of the venture indicated future expansion of the project, according to Miss Benoy.

Mrs. Arthelia Brooks told of a youth revival led by a Duke student meeting over six nights in as many of the churches. This proved quite helpful in lieu of the conventional youth activity week.

Six vacation church schools were held, one being in cooperation with the local A. M. E. Zion Church. The Latin America study course had been featured by a Latin American Supper, and had been attended by an offering for the work of the Reverend Joe Petree who had formerly served on the Yancey County Group Ministry staff and is now a missionary in Costa Rica. A special type of service to the prison camp in the area was also described by Mrs. Brooks.

Having been on assignment just two and a half months to the Macon County Group Ministry, Miss Virginia Miller had been very busy getting acquainted, setting up a 25-member charge-wide MYF, and in reorganizing church school classes. Teacher training, Guild and WSCS resuscitation, and UNICEF campaigns had occupied additional segments of her time.

Miss Carolyn Thorne had been assigned to the Denton Area Group Ministry since September. A full-scale program is being developed there among the 22 churches, the largest group in the conference. Included has been some missionary education concerning the Congo where Miss Thorne was formerly a missionary teacher. Demonstration classes have been taught in the church school and a newsletter begun.

Miss Laura Wells reviewed work in the

Clay County Group Ministry. Having inherited a complete set of new ministers at annual conference, considerable orientation had been required toward developing a smoothly working organization. Encouraging highlights had been an overnight planning retreat for the MYF Council of the county at Hinton Center; a toy repair program by the youth for Christmas needs of underprivileged children, and consistently growing response to UNICEF and Week of Prayer and Self-Denial programs over the past four years. A County Council of Methodist Women plans a co-ordinated and comprehensive program of study for the county. The County Lay Council is exploring means of serving and is currently circulating the Group Ministry film, "None Goes His Way Alone," for showing in the nine churches. Following the workers' reports, Mrs. Garland Stafford, chairman of the committee, gave the district superintendents and the directors of the group ministries an opportunity to share their goals for rural church and community work within their areas. Dr. Horace McSwain of the Board of Missions, and Mrs. Carl King, president of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and who also represented the Board of Education, spoke briefly of the importance of cooperation of the various agencies in the conference in leadership training in the rural field.

Mrs. J. W. Braxton, secretary of promotion, Waynesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, was elected secretary of the committee.

Asheville District Conference

By MRS. JOHN WRIGHT

Six hundred Methodists attended the annual district conference held at Trinity Methodist Church in West Asheville on Sunday, December 3, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, district superintendent, was in charge of both the afternoon and evening service. He also presented the opening meditation.

The entire theme of the conference centered in the church's responsibility in evangelism.

The Rev. Cato Dick, pastor of the Abington Methodist Church of Abington, Va., and a native of Norway, was speaker for the evening session.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford of the Blue Ridge Assembly near Asheville spoke on evangelism in the states including the region called Appalachia. He said that "A plan is being worked out to ask the bishops of the Methodist Church to get the 60 district superintendents in the Appalachian region, along with five ministers from each section, to come together for a conference at Lake Junaluska to study the needs of the people of Appalachia. This will reach into 1,800 Methodist churches."

Dr. Weatherford concluded by saying, "God's greatest work is with people. When you reach a man and a woman for God, you have done the greatest thing on earth."

Roy Cagle, president of the District Missions Society, summarized the work of his group, saying that the Missions Society had assisted in the organization of the new Oteen Methodist Church, had secured prop-

erty for relocating the Balfour Church and for building a new church at Barnardsville, had given financial assistance for parsonages at East Flat Rock and at Avery's Creek. He also told of giving financial assistance to the building programs of 13 churches in the district during the past few months. The Rev. Mr. Tuttle paid tribute to the work of this society.

Special recognition was given to the members of the Brooks-Howell Home for Retired Missionaries and Deaconesses and also to the students and faculty of the Allen High School at the meeting.

Mrs. T. C. Roberson of Candler, district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, stated that three new local societies had been organized in the district recently bringing the total number of local groups to 76. She said that \$1,800 had been pledged to missions by the women of the district.

The Rev. S. J. Starnes of Greensboro represented the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Jackson Hoyle of Winston-Salem spoke on the Children's Home.

Rev. Tom Swofford, Jr. told of a new series of films available through TRAFICO.

Carl Hyatt, district lay leader, told of the program of lay speakers in the district. A special consecration service was held for the 139 speakers included in this group. This was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Tuttle.

Two men were given approval of an interim grant as local preachers. They are Jesse Ray Johnson and Byrd Harrison Metcalf. Eight others were given renewal of licenses as local preachers. These are Vance B. Ashe, Stephen W. Brown, Paul Sevier Jones, Jr., Charles E. Nesbitt, Hubert D. Noblitt, Harold T. Reeves, Earl A. Whitaker and George H. White.

Three new young men were given license to begin studies as local preachers: Enoc Garfield Ball of the Riverview Church; Lawrence Waite Adams of the Oakley Church and Chester Allen of Route 6, Asheville.

The Rev. Mr. Tuttle conducted a service of dedication for this group.

Reports were given by the chairman of all district committees.

Supper was served to the group by the women of the Trinity Church.

On Monday morning sixty ministers of the district went to the Hinton Memorial Center at Hayesville for a district retreat under the leadership of the Rev. Douglas Corriher, pastor of the Providence Methodist Church of Charlotte. This is a custom instituted by the district superintendent, to have the ministers of his district hold a retreat on the morning after the district meeting.

Render Nine Decisions

The Jurisdictional Council, Methodism's nine-man "Supreme Court," made nine decisions on matters of church law at its recent meeting in Indianapolis, Ind. The council acted on cases from seven different annual conferences in the U. E. and abroad. Dr. Lester A. Welliver, of Harrisburg, Pa., is president of the council, and Dr. A. Wesley Pugh, New Castle, Ind., is secretary.

Rev. Loy C. Cornwell Died At Rutherford College

Rev. Loy C. Cornwell, Rutherford College, N. C., was born September 16, 1884, and died November 23, 1961. Son of the late C. C. Cornwell, Sr., and Elizabeth Summey Cornwell of Gaston County, he was named after two bishops of the Methodist Church, Bishop Loy and Bishop Chaffin.

Mr. Cornwell was married to the late Bessie Stirewalt of Old Fort. Survivors include his step-mother, Mrs. Annie Hall Cornwell, Dallas; a sister, Mrs. W. S. Bar-



field, of Gastonia; three daughters, Mrs. Fred Marschalk and Mrs. J. Q. Wray of Charlotte; Mrs. William S. Ellis, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three sons, Charles L., of the home; Carlisle S., Shelby, and Julian J., of Washington, D. C.; 13 grandchildren.

He was a graduate of Rutherford College and attended Trinity College (now Duke University), and completed the Conference Course of Study at Duke University Theological School. He taught in the public schools of Asheville and Leicester, in Buncombe County; Jonas Ridge, Linville Falls, Old Fort, Belwood, Granite Falls, in Mecklenburg County schools at Huntersville, McKeever and Old Haskins Institute. He was also district representative for International Correspondence School, with Belmont Textile Institute.

Mr. Cornwell was an ordained Local Elder of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference and served pastorates for about twenty years at Bakersville, Harpers and Colliers' Charges in Caldwell County. He also did supply work in a number of churches.

Since his retirement he has been a member of the Q. C. of the Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church at Rutherford College, N. C.

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"I believe in the need to oppose and resist authority whenever authority stands for injustice or cruelty or oppression or privilege or discrimination. We Methodists are proud to be dissenters and non-conformists. . . . I myself have been a governor for ten years. I trust that I have nevertheless fully maintained my respect for an honest rebel."—Sir Hugh Foot, former governor of Jamaica and Cypress, member of British delegation to United Nations.

Hendersonville Senior Youth Fellowship Holds Retreat

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church, Hendersonville, had a weekend retreat on November 18-19, with Steve Smith as leader. Theme of the retreat was "Pause to Reflect; Go Forth to Serve."

On Saturday evening as the group gathered in the large room of the mountain cabin with a big log burning in the fireplace, a round table discussion was held, leading the group into a period of reflection. Each one was given a self-evaluation sheet to think over and answer the questions about himself or herself. During devotional messages and discussion, these summaries were kept by each individual, and the young people were asked to give further evaluation to see what each had left undone in his life as a Christian.

Following are the questions discussed:

1. Do you believe you are a good Christian?

2. What can you do to improve your life as a Christian?

3. Are you satisfied with your church school and MYF? What suggestions do you have to improve or change the program?

4. Do you honestly strive to better religious and racial relations? Do you believe that this is *your* responsibility? Why or why not?

5. Most of you are members of the Methodist Church. What does this mean to you?

6. What do you believe your purpose in life is?

7. How are you going about achieving your purpose?

8. Some of you are going to college next year. Are your religious beliefs strong enough to stand against conflicting beliefs and non-believers?

9. How can we carry our religious principles into our vocations, or, in some cases, is it impossible to carry religion into our work?

Mrs. William T. McShane, MYF counselor, assisted in planning the retreat.

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Softly, Christmas

As you go through Christmas;
That each step may bring you
Down the star-lit path
To the manger-bed.

Talk softly
As you speak of Christmas;
That you shall not drown out
The glorious songs of angels
With idle talk and merriment.

Kneel quietly,
As you pause for Christmas;
That you may feel again
The spirit of the Nativity
Rekindled in your soul.

Rise eagerly
After you have trod
This Christmas path;
That you may serve more fully
The One whose birth we hail.

—MARGARET B. MOSS



Miss Georgia Haswell was presented an Honorary Life Membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church Sunday, December 3.

The life membership was presented at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church by the Rev. Lloyd Hunsucker in the name of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Miss Haswell, professor of Mathematics at Pfeiffer College, served for seven years as Spiritual Life chairman for the Conference Guild. In this capacity she directed much of the planning of conference worship programs at Lake Junaluska each summer, in addition to giving leadership to the general spiritual life emphasis of the conference Guild.

Mrs. M. H. White, Charlotte, Conference Guild secretary, commenting on Miss Haswell's contribution, said, "Miss Haswell is loved by all of the Guilders of our conference and the Honorary Life Membership is awarded to her in appreciation for her outstanding contribution to our program and for the fine person she is."

Miss Haswell, in addition to her recognition for work within the Methodist Church, is recognized as an outstanding teacher of mathematics. She is a former faculty member at Ohio Wesleyan and has been a student of some of the nation's most outstanding mathematicians.

Family Life Plans Listed

A sociologist, a theologian, two bishops, and a two-time Olympic pole vault champion will be the principal speakers for the National Methodist Conference on Family Life October 19-21, 1962, in Chicago.

The pole vault champion is Bob (the Rev. Robert) Richards, now director of the Wheaties Sports Foundation and a minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the Committee on Family Life, will give the keynote address, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, Los Angeles, the closing one. Other speakers will be Dr. Daniel Dodson, head of the department of sociology at New York University, and Prof. Nels F. S. Ferre of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Mass. About 3,000 parents and church workers are expected to attend.

Fall Evangelistic Campaign Produces Fine Results In North Carolina Conference

By BILL QUICK

North Carolina Conference Methodists learned Monday evening, December 5, that almost 7,000 persons had been won through the recent "Crusade for Christ and His Church." The fall evangelistic emphasis was climaxed at the rallies held in the eastern and central North Carolina cities.

Sponsored by the Conference Boards of Evangelism, Education and Missions the fall program was led by the Reverend C. Freeman Heath, executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

Bishop Paul N. Garber, resident episcopal head of the Richmond Area, spoke to the nine rallies over a special telephone hookup that originated from Raleigh's Edenton Street Methodist Church.

Following the statistical reports by the nine district superintendents, Bishop Garber reported that the crusade netted 6,856 new commitments for membership with 2,097 on profession of faith.

The 8,526 visitors used in the visitation evangelism program also reported 21,470 church school prospects. Persons who participated in the conference-wide 24-hour prayer vigil numbered 26,048.

Earlier it had been reported that 11,187 laymen participated in the October 22 "Knock on Every Door" census. In the 120,947 homes visited some 25,000 prospects

for church membership were found, according to Mr. Heath.

Bishop Garber told the assembled churchmen, "We must not rest on our evangelistic laurels. The work of evangelism is a continuing endeavor."

The Richmond bishop reported that North Carolina now had "over one million persons who are not church members" and the rate is increasing by "60,000 annually." He noted that the estimated population by 1975 in North Carolina is 5,712,000.

"Eastern North Carolina is in a changing era. We have seen our own industrial revolution," he said, "and we must not allow secularism to take over or our religion to become a formality."

Vital to the church extension movement is the program of evangelism, said the bishop, and we should never forget that "our church school program is evangelistic as well as educational."

The second phase of the North Carolina Conference program will be a follow-up in the early months of 1962 with the setting up of outpost Sunday schools in areas where there are immediate needs and the Methodist Church does not presently serve.

The North Carolina Conference embraces 56 counties and has a membership that now totals approximately 200,000.

Following is the district breakdown:

DISTRICT	VISITORS	Total Commitments	Profession of Faith	Number in Prayer Program	No. Church School Prospects
Burlington	1119	669	220	2472	1883
Durham	939	759	189	2980	2373
Elizabeth City	615	559	199	1785	1262
Fayetteville	963	785	228	3518	2715
Goldsboro	881	854	334	4002	3385
New Bern	706	752	286	2488	2453
Raleigh	1228	1231	291	3855	2571
Rocky Mount	218	567	167	2707	2218
Wilmington	1509	682	183	2241	1610
TOTALS	8,526	6,858	2,097	26,048	21,470

Rev. Leon Smith To Join Dept. of Christian Family

The Rev. Leon Smith, Atlanta, will join the staff of the Department of the Christian Family of the Methodist Board of Education January 1, 1962.

Mr. Smith, in his fourth year as minister of Park Street Methodist Church, Atlanta, was elected to his new position by the Board of Education, it was announced by the Rev. Dr. Leon M. Adkins, Nashville.

Mr. Smith will join the Board of Education staff under special appointment of Bishop J. Owen Smith, Atlanta, said Dr. Adkins.

The Rev. Dr. Edward D. Staples, Nashville, is director of the Department of the Christian Family.

"Upper Room" Switches Personnel

Two staff members of *The Upper Room*, Harold Rogers and the Rev. Leif Sevre, both of Nashville, were given different positions December 1.

Mr. Rogers, who has been director of promotion for *The Upper Room*, became a member of the field staff of the Department of Local Church Evangelism of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. *The Upper Room*, a daily devotional guide used interdenominationally, is published by the General Board of Evangelism.

Mr. Sevre, who has been an editorial associate for *The Upper Room*, became director of the Department of Devotional Life for *The Upper Room*.

You Can Help Refugees—Now

Did you know that now, and within the next few months, the Methodist Church needs 500 sponsorships for refugees?

We Methodists like to talk about our size, our organization, our accomplishments. How often we have heard one of our leaders say, "If it were not for the tightly-knit organization of the Methodist Church, it would have been impossible to have reached this great goal."

Why is it, then, that lately we seem unable to address ourselves realistically to the problems of refugees who need homes? Other denominations seem to be doing better. The Protestant Episcopal Church with three and one-fourth million members in 7,000 churches has sponsored 2678 refugees under the current programs. The United Presbyterian Church with about the same membership in 9100 churches has sponsored 2200. The Methodists with ten million members in almost 40,000 churches have sponsored 1782 refugees. How does one account for this—many more members, many more churches, but fewer sponsorships?

In July, 1960, Congress authorized a two-year program for two groups of refugees: The Dutch refugees from Indonesia, and the stateless refugees from Europe. Since then the responsibility of providing homes for Cuban refugees has also been laid upon us. Important as it is, however, we still have great need for sponsorships for the Indonesian and European refugees.

You can help most by writing or phoning the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief with your offers of sponsorship. MCOR is the agency of the Methodist Church to assist you in bringing refugees to your community.

Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief
475 Riverside Drive, Room 1373
New York 27, New York
Telephone: RIVerside 9-0700

Protestant Chaplain Retreats

Methodists will provide leadership for two of the five Protestant chaplain retreats scheduled this year by the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, an inter-church agency. The Rev. Dr. Lynn H. Corson, pastor of University Temple Methodist Church, Seattle, will be forum leader at Asilomar, Calif., Jan. 22-25. The Rev. Dr. Harvey H. Pott-hoff, professor of Christian theology at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, will be seminar leader at Estes Park, Colo., April 30-May 3. Subject of the retreats will be "The Image of God in Theology Today."

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"The development of a world-wide unified missionary administration would be a deadly threat to a younger church's struggle to develop its own, spiritually necessary missionary passion. A vivid sense of missionary participation does not come from having one or two representatives meet occasionally with an international agency administering funds largely donated from other countries."

—Dr. Eugene L. Smith, New York City.

LETTERS

Christmas

Mr. Editor:

We should be grateful that we are privileged to celebrate another Christmas season when we observe the birth of our Savior, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Truly Christmas should be a joyous occasion when we realize that it points to the greatest event that ever happened for the good of fallen man. As war clouds are hanging heavy over the land and our future is so uncertain, let us look to Him for deliverance, accepting the proclamation of the angels to the shepherds on the Judean hills, declaring peace on earth, good will to men, synonymous with the birth of the Savior.

War is the supreme tragedy of the age. We are thinking of the terrific toll it has taken in the past. Millions of fine young men have fallen on the battlefield and rest sepulchered beneath the poppy-covered fields of Europe—cut down in the prime of life, sacrificed to the god of war. They were denied the privilege of establishing a home and living lives of peaceful citizenship. These things ought not to be. The victims of war lie entombed in every corner of the earth. To them we may well apply the lines of the poet:

The breezy call of incense breathing morn
The swallow's twitter from the straw-built
shed

The cock's shrill clarion or the echoing horn
No more shall rouse them from their lowly
bed.

For them no more the blazing hearth shall
burn

Or busy housewife ply her evening care
No children run to lisp their sire's return
Or climb his knees, the envied kiss to share.

We plead for the warless world when
love among nations as well as men may pre-
vail in every land; when the Prince of
Peace shall be appropriated and His teach-
ings shall be adopted. May the day come
when Isaiah's prophecy becomes a reality:
"When nations shall beat their swords into
plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks;
when nation shall not lift up sword against
nation; neither shall they learn war any
more."

Let us appropriate the blessings that are
ours inasmuch as "A Child is born, a Son is
given. Peace on earth, good will to men."
Eternal life hereafter.

—ROLAND COVINGTON

Raeferd, N. C.

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Editor, *The Christian Advocate*

Sir:

Why are we subjected to a barrage of claims
in our church school lesson materials to the
effect that serious doubt exists regarding the
authorship of numerous books in the Bible?
We are told that "most scholars" are in agree-
ment in specific instances.

Both the Christian press and pulpit deplore
the widespread confusion in religious thinking
in contemporary life. Are not these assaults on
authorship one source of it? We are told again
that a "later writer" used the name of one he

admired, believing he wrote as the other would
have written in similar circumstances.

In order to acquire acceptance and prestige,
so the reasoning goes, the later writer did not
deem it dishonest to use the other's name. We
cannot believe that God would be a party to
such deception. If such a practice were en-
gaged in today, our courts of law would have
an unending backlog of litigation of this type.

Reluctant to sow seeds of doubt regarding
the trustworthiness of the Bible, we do not,
when teaching, refer to claims attributed to
scholars. We observe, too, a studied silence on
the latter's part to the clear statement in II
Timothy 3:16 testifying to the divine inspira-
tion of the scriptures.

It has been with sorrow to note over the
years the efforts to whittle down the Word of
God to something less than it claims for itself.

—A. D. CLOSSON

Weaverville, N. C.

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Scholarship Fund Set Up

The Commission on Education of West
Market Street Methodist Church, Greens-
boro, has established an In-Service Schol-
arship for religious education majors at
Greensboro College, at the rate of \$400
per academic year, or \$200 per semester.
It is to be awarded a student majoring in
religious education. First recipient is Miss
Mataleen (Tookie) Morgan of Hickory, a
junior. The scholarship requires the student
to become a member of the professional
education staff of West Market Street
Church as a student assistant in Christian
education. Miss Morgan will give her major
time to the program of the youth division.

At Greensboro College she has been ac-
tive in the Methodist Student Movement,
and for the past two years worked during
the summer as director of Christian educa-
tion at First Methodist Church, Granite
Falls.



Six presidents were elected Nov. 30 to compose the presidium of the World Council of Churches for the next six years. Left to right, they are Sir Francis A. Ibiam, His Excellency, the governor of Eastern Nigeria, Enugu, Nigeria (Presbyterian); Dr. Martin Niemoller, president, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hesse and Nassau, Germany; Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox Church, North and South America; Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Arthur M. Ramsey, London (Church of England); Dr. David G. Moses, principal, Hislop College, Nagpur, India (United Church of Northern India and Pakistan); Charles C. Parlin, lawyer, New York and Englewood, New Jersey (Methodist).

Miss Bess C. Miles Goes As Missionary To Japan

After 33 years on a Washington church
staff, Miss Bess C. Miles has "retired"—to
become a missionary to Japan.

Miss Miles was honored at a reception
by Calvary Methodist Church, which she
has served as director of religious education
and administrative assistant since 1928.

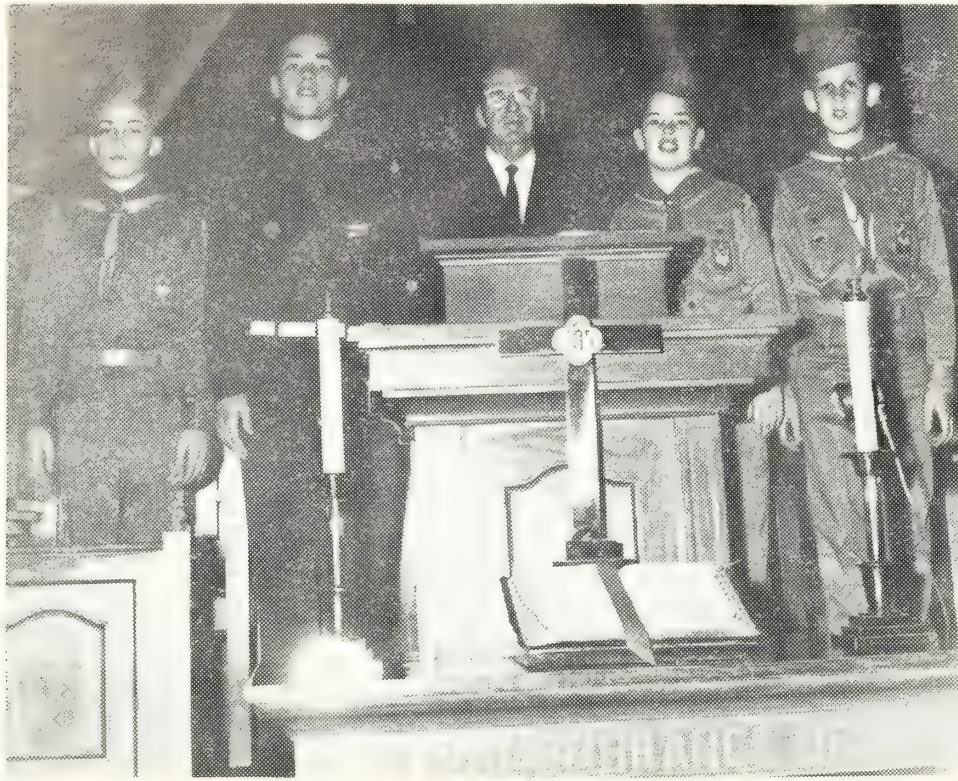
The honors included presentation of a
plaque designating her as the church's per-
sonal ambassador to Japan, where she will
teach in a field of religious education, under
a five-year appointment from the Board of
Missions. The plaque also noted her contri-
bution of "counsel and assistance" to Balti-
more Conference activities and the pres-
ence of "a radiant quality in her work."

One feature of the reception was the
presence of six Baltimore Conference min-
isters who as young men were led by Cal-
vary's Christian education program to
careers in the ministry.

Pfeiffer Students Attend "Conversation on Missions"

Four Pfeiffer students recently attended
a "Week-end Conversation on Missions" at
Chapel Hill sponsored by the Commission
on World Missions of the National Student
Christian Federation. Attending from
Pfeiffer were John Dorsey, Bob Yoder, Jan-
ie Nichols and Brenda Jones. The aim of
the program was to establish rapport be-
tween conference leaders and students in
small groups and then to discuss the world
missionary situation. Some 50 students at-
tended the conference. Prof. Mary Floyd
of the Pfeiffer faculty made arrangements
for the Pfeiffer students to attend.

Weslev Heights Church Gives "God and Country" Award to Four



Four Scouts, (from left) Don Whitley, Jr., Joe Wray, Jr., Alan Wray and Robbie Matthews, received the coveted God and Country scouting award Sunday, Dec. 3, at the 11 a.m. worship service of Wesley Heights Church, Charlotte. The congregation sponsors Troop 8, from which these boys hail. The Rev. Walter Kelly, pastor of the church, poses with the scouts.

Four members of Scout Troop 8, sponsored by Wesley Heights Methodist Church, Charlotte, received the coveted God and Country Award Sunday, December 3, during the morning worship service.

Trained by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Kelly, the Scouts worked a year on various religious projects in addition to studying the history of their faith. The Rev. Mr. Kelly has three more Scouts from Troop 8 in training for the award.

The God and Country Award is considered equal in honor to Scouting's highest rank, the Eagle. Each denomination awards a different type of medal for the achievement, but all follow essentially the same program of service for the Scouts as they strive for the award.

The four Scouts receiving the honor at Wesley Heights are Joe Wray, Jr. and Alan Wray, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wray, of 215 Summit Avenue; Robbie Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Matthews of 113 Grandin Road, and Don Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitley of 319 Grandin Road. All are active in the work of their church and school.

Joe Wray, Jr. is vice president of the Senior High MYF of Wesley Heights Church, secretary of his Sunday school class and former president of the the Junior High MYF. He is also president of his Junior Achievement company, Whataco. In Harding High School, where he is a junior, he plays in the band. In Scouting, he is an Explorer and Senior Patrol Leader, stepping up from a post as patrol leader. He likes to collect coins and stamps.

Alan Wray is a ninth-grade student at Spaugh Junior High, where he plays in the band. He is secretary-treasurer of his Sunday school class, secretary of the Junior MYF, carries newspapers for *The Charlotte News*, is a scribe in his Scout troop, and is a former member of the Scout Drum and Bugle Corps. He likes all sports, particularly bowling. He is an honor student at school.

Don Whitley, Jr., is in the eighth grade at Spaugh Junior High, where he plays in the band. He has been both an assistant patrol leader and a patrol leader in the Scout troop. He is a former treasurer for the Intermediate MYF of the church. He likes football and played this year for Enderly Park of the Pop Warner Football League.

Robbie Matthews is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and is in the eighth grade at Spaugh Junior High, where he also plays in the band. He is president of the Intermediate MYF and treasurer of his Sunday school class. In Scouting he is a scribe and a former patrol leader. He plays in the Scout Drum and Bugle Corps. He likes to hunt and also is a stamp collector.

Progress Reported

During a year which saw the end of the 30-year dictatorship of Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, the Methodist-related Dominican Evangelical Church took on new life in several areas of its work: church extension, ministerial training and evangelism. Rev. Maurice Daily of Radford, Va., Methodist missionary in the Dominican Republic, views this as a "time for new beginnings."

Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held At Methodist Home

One of Methodism's finest hours, in following Jesus' example of service to mankind, was witnessed in Charlotte Dec. 5 with groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$3 million infirmary and nursing home of The Methodist Home for the Aging, Inc.

Two distinguished Methodists told what the new six-story, 250-bed building will mean to Methodism and to the surrounding community and state, in keynote addresses.

Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, presiding bishop of the Charlotte Area, said, "We Methodists have never been narrow in our sympathy nor in our charity."

And Rep. Charles Raper Jonas of North Carolina said he is "proud to be a member of a church and conference which has pioneered in providing homes (for the aging) in the sort of atmosphere which exists in The Methodist Home."

Dr. Embree Blackaard, superintendent of the Charlotte District, presided, as he had done in 1947 when The Methodist Home was dedicated during groundbreaking ceremonies.

And the shovel used for the 1947 groundbreaking ceremonies, put into service once again, received a real workout, with about everyone present turning a spade of earth following the example of Bishop Harmon, Congressman Jonas and the Rev. E. O. Cole of the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy.

Most of the members of The Methodist Home attended the ceremonies and took their turns at the groundbreaking, despite their average age of 81 years.

"We Methodists have never been narrow

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Coordinating Council Approves Church Peace Center At UN

Approval of a \$2,150,000 church peace center on the United Nations Plaza in New York was voted by The Methodist Church's Coordinating Council at its semi-annual session in St. Louis November 27-28.

By a vote of 28-0, the council ratified the purchase of property at the southwest corner of 44th Street and First Avenue (775-777 First Avenue) in New York and approved the construction of a \$1,700,000 13-story church peace center on the site. The purchase price of the land was \$450,000.

The Methodist church's UN office, which specializes in UN study tours and seminars for church leaders and members, is a joint responsibility of the Division of Peace and World Order of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C., and the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, New York. The office, which has the formal approval of the General Conference, has been conducted for some time from rented quarters.

The Woman's Division of Christian Service has authorized a \$500,000 grant to make possible the purchase of the property.

While title to the property will be held in the name of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns, it is expected that the building will bear no denominational label but will simply be known as the Church Peace Center. Several other denominations have expressed an interest in sharing space in the new center.

Church leaders pointed out that the project will be self-liquidating on the basis of rental fees. In approving the project, the council stipulated that there be no solicitation of gifts for the project from churches, foundations or individuals or any other source without further approval from the council.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Final approval has been granted for construction of this Church Peace Center at the United Nations, by The Methodist Church's Board of Christian Social Concerns. Construction may begin next spring on the 12-story building in New York City, at a cost of some \$2,150,000, including land. The building, planned for inter-denominational use as well as the Methodists' UN offices, will include a chapel, cafeteria, meeting rooms, offices and library. The chapel entrance is at left, on UN Plaza, and the building entrance at right on 44th Street.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies

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in our sympathy nor in our charity, and never have we been called narrow in doctrine, in brotherliness, in joining with others, in giving our money for worthy causes," said Bishop Harmon. He pointed out that "there is no propaganda in this—no self-advertising—we would build here a building that would nurture and heal and comfort and rescue, because we are a Christian people who love to do so."

Looking to the national church, Bishop Harmon said, "I recall myself that when Church Union came, about 20 years ago, the Board of Hospitals was called a minor board, and the major boards were those of Missions, of Education, and of Publishing Interests.

"But in this score of years, Hospitals and Homes has come to be a major board with us, and this Home of ours here in Charlotte is one of its brightest and proudest spots."

Representative Jonas said the problems of providing for senior citizens have been compounded by social and economic fac-

tors. He said many elderly persons had planned for the declining years, but "inflation of recent years has robbed them" of their ability to care for themselves.

Some people say a little inflation is good, Mr. Jonas said, but the Congressman compared it to a narcotic—difficult to take in small doses and impossible to control.

"It is impossible to live on \$200 a month as we could do 10 years ago," Mr. Jonas said. "And many of our senior citizens find it impossible to live with their children in the small ranch-type house which is in vogue today."

Mr. Jonas said these senior citizens have of life for more than a half century; "they made their major contributions to our way have given themselves to their churches, their schools and their community, and so contributed to our way of life. Now they face a difficult financial problem which is bigger than most of them," the Congressman said.

Distinguished guests introduced by Dr. Blackard included: Willard S. Farrow, administrator of the Home for the Aging; Marshall and Stanton Pickens, sons of the first superintendent, Dr. C. M. Pickens; the

Rev. C. W. Kirby, a former superintendent; W. W. Hagood, Jr., president of the Board of Managers; the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., chairman of the Board of Hospitals and Homes, Western North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Carl H. King, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Conference; Robert M. Smith, Conference lay leader; E. E. McBride, representing the Methodist Home's "Home Meeting;" R. H. Pinnix, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee; Dr. Joe M. Van Hoy, chairman of the Medical and Health Committee; and Edwin L. Jones, chairman of the Special Gifts Committee; and the Board of Managers.

The new building will employ 100 additional persons. It will take the place of the present 55-bed infirmary which now exists on the third floor of the main building of the Home. This will be remodeled into other uses.

The Methodist Home presently consists of a main building with two wings, 36 apartments built in three sections over a period of eight years, and 14 cottages. There are 215 members of the Home.



Woman's Activities



Our Literature And Publications

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT

Mrs. Arnold Kirk

According to the November reports, literature and publications is making strides across the Western North Carolina Conference. An increase is noted in the total figures of practically every phase of the reports, and some figures show a major increase over those of the last reporting.

The special drive for renewals and subscriptions in October was not as successful as the drive for new subscriptions in April. However, we can never say just where the written word will go in its influence or what will be its effect on those who read it. Perhaps greater results will show up later from the efforts put forth during the month of October.

Subscriptions to *The Methodist Woman* have almost doubled since last reports came in. The Charlotte District leads the conference in the greatest number of single subscriptions, followed by the Statesville, Gastonia, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point Districts. We now have in the conference 7,702 single subscriptions to *The Methodist Woman*; 262 single subscriptions to *The World Outlook*; and 2,078 combination subscriptions.

The faithfulness and cooperation of the district secretaries in promoting the literature program is steadfast and heart-warming. With 100% reporting, on time all the time, they serve as an open channel to reach the local woman with what we have in the written word to help her carry on the duties of her office more effectively and more efficiently. Our best efforts this year are centered in the cultivation and stimulation of the work on a local level. The district secretaries are cooperating wholeheartedly in their contacts with local societies. Literature undergirds ALL of our work, and the secretary is responsible for making its full impact felt in her own local area.

(Mrs. Kirk is conference secretary of literature and publications.)

MEMBERSHIP GAINS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Western North Carolina Conference shows a gain of 272 in membership during the past six months, says Mrs. S. Ray Lowder of Lincolnton, conference secretary of promotion.

The total membership reported in November, 1961, reached an all-time high of 48,565 for the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society.

The districts, with the number of societies and their total membership, is as follows: Albemarle, 75 societies, 2,951 members; Asheville, 76 societies, 3,483 members; Charlotte, 63 societies, 5,898 members; Gastonia, 85 societies, 4,284 members;

Greensboro, 77 societies, 5,714 members; High Point, 69 societies, 3,974 members; Marion, 74 societies, 2,406; North Wilkesboro, 65 societies, 1,929; Salisbury, 65 societies, 3,783; Statesville, 77 societies, 4,085; Thomasville, 78 societies, 3,287; Waynesville, 50 societies, 1,966; Winston-Salem, 87 societies, 4,805.

A special tribute is given to six districts for having 100% reporting. They are Charlotte, Gastonia, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury and Statesville.

Mrs. Lowder praises her district secretaries of promotion in saying, "I am indebted to each one of you for the many hours you have spent on this report—and it shows, too. I am so lucky to have you to work with and I am, indeed, grateful. It is my prayer that each of you will have a joyous Christmas—that it will be filled with health, happiness and love. We are so fortunate to be living in so bountiful times, and we are thankful for the many blessings that we have and share."

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEET

The Woman's Society of the Asheville District made plans to have its annual district on April 3rd at the Bethesda Methodist Church near Asheville at an executive meeting held on November 28th at Central Methodist Church in Asheville.

A special officers' training period will be given at the subdistrict meetings to be held on May 15, 17, 22 and 24.

Mrs. Sherman Adams, district treasurer, reported that the women of the Asheville District had given \$1,200 to Brooks-Howell Home in recent months and that \$9,952 had been paid on mission pledge—this was an increase of \$758 over the same period last year.

Mrs. Thomas E. Frutchey, chairman of the Brooks-Howell Board, asked the members to please contact all local societies to take part in giving one or more shrubs to the new home. A list of trees and shrubs needed in the landscaping is available from the home.

A district administrative committee was named, to follow the pattern of the conference committee.

Mrs. T. C. Roberson, district president, was in charge of the meeting.

Government leaders and prominent Protestant laymen paid tribute recently in Washington, D. C., to Dr. Abraham Vereide, founder and director of International Christian Leadership, as he marked his 75th birthday. Dr. Vereide originated the idea of prayer breakfasts and prayer lunches when he was a Methodist pastor in Seattle, Wash., 40 years ago.

N. C. Conference

By MARY GARDNER



Durham District WSCS Gives Scholarship

The Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service, at its annual meeting at the Hillsboro Methodist Church last spring, voted to donate a \$2,000 scholarship at the Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Alaska. The scholarship is designated for a boy or girl from the Jesse Lee Home, Seward, Alaska (a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service). It honors the Rev. R. Gordon Gould, a product of the Jesse Lee Home, founder and director of the Alaska Methodist University, and guest speaker at the Durham District WSCS Annual Meeting.

Members of the Durham District WSCS Executive Committee, meeting recently at the S & W Cafeteria in Durham, heard a letter of appreciation for the scholarship from Dr. Lysond E. Morgan, director of the Jesse Lee Home.

Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, district president, announced the resignation of the vice president, Mrs. Carl M. Smith, and the appointment of several committees, including Finance, Administrative, and Annual Meeting Program Committee. Members of the committees are, Finance: Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, chairman; Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, the vice president, Mrs. J. M. Carr, Mrs. J. J. Gergen, Mrs. J. C. Wingate, Mrs. Clyde Roberts, and the WSG treasurer; Administrative: Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, chairman; the vice president, Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, Mrs. J. C. Wingate, Mrs. H. Bruce White, Mrs. J. J. Gergen, and Mrs. Clyde Roberts. Also, Annual Meeting Program Committee: the vice president, chairman; Miss Chandler, Mrs. George T. Hargitt, Mrs. J. C. Wingate, Mrs. Bruce White, and the subdistrict leaders, Mrs. Ada Diggs, Mrs. L. W. Hall, Mrs. Cecil Scott, Miss Mildred Finley, Mrs. P. T. Whitt, Sr., and Mrs. H. A. Gunter.

In other action the group elected Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, delegate, and Mrs. J. C. Wingate, alternate, to the quadrennial Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., next May, and heard reports of officers, committee chairmen and subdistrict leaders.

WOMAN'S DIVISION VOTES FUND FOR AMU

The base for interest in and financial support of the Alaska Methodist University at Anchorage was broadened considerably by two recent actions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions.

The University also was placed officially on the list of those institutions to which Methodist women can give cash for supply work through the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. That means that women may now give money for various types of supplies and equipment needed by the University.

Heretofore AMU has been a project of the Division of National Missions. With the

addition of support from the Woman's Division, it becomes a project of the entire home missions program of the Board of Missions. In recognition of the beginning of the support by the Woman's Division, the National Division at its executive committee meeting September 28 voted that two representatives of the Woman's Division should be included on the university's board of trustees.—*World Outlook*.

Editor Attends Seven District Conferences

Beginning with the Asheville District on Sunday, December 3, and concluding with the Albemarle District on Tuesday, December 12, the *ADVOCATE* editor was kept busy going to such meetings almost every day for ten days.

Dr. Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent, kept the program in high gear at Trinity Church, Asheville, Sunday afternoon, December 3. From there we journeyed to Marion where we found Dr Fletcher Nelson in the midst of his program at First Church. This is a very beautiful structure and would be a credit to any community. On Tuesday we traveled to Elkin and Rev. Herman F. Duncan was most gracious in his welcome to the North Wilkesboro District. Wednesday we had a fine fellowship with the preachers and laymen of the Winston-Salem District at Marvin Church. We deeply appreciate the encouraging remarks of Rev. Frank Jordan in presenting us to his conference. Thursday took us back westward when we attended the Statesville conference at Newton under the direction of Dr. J. Elwood Carroll. With one day between, we then went to High Point's Wesley Memorial Church, where Dr. Ralph Taylor was directing the affairs of the High Point District. Tuesday again found us on the road attending the Albemarle conference at Wadesboro's First Church. Dr. W. Jackson Huneycutt was in the chair and, as usual, directing the program in an interesting manner.

According to the reports and statistics there seemed to be a great deal of progress along all lines. Ministers and laymen are optimistic and are giving themselves to the work of the church in a splendid manner. This is not to say that all has been done that should be done, but that progress is in evidence and the challenge is sufficient to elicit the consecrated efforts of all as they face the last half of the conference year. Space will not permit detailed reports of all that took place in these gatherings, but we gladly pay tribute to the devoted efforts and interest of preachers and laymen alike. At the halfway mark it looks now like this will be a year of much progress in the work of the church.

Bishop Welch Is 99

Methodism's senior Bishop Herbert Welch of New York City celebrated his 99th birthday on November 7th. Born in 1862 in New York, he was elected to the episcopate in 1916 from the presidency of Ohio Wesleyan University. After his official "retirement" he served for eight years as executive of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

LET HIM LIVE WITH THE PIGS

Tong Chin lived in a mountain village on the East Coast of Formosa. His home was a shed which was part of a pig pen. He was in rags, couldn't speak Chinese, only tribal. He ate with his hands and his mother was anxious to get rid of him saying, "He can't do anything. He only eats." Her attitude explains why instead of living with her he existed with the pigs. He couldn't run away because he was blind. A more hopeless future than the one he faced is hard to conceive. But visit him now in a Christian Children's Fund Home for the Blind and listen to him recite his lessons and play part of a classic on the piano. In just a couple of months he has become a clean, bright and extremely appreciative boy. Modern teaching methods for the blind can accomplish miracles.



But what about the other needy blind or crippled, tubercular, leprous, deaf and children who are normal except for their cruel hunger? Some of them do not even have a roof over their heads and sleep in the streets—these refugee, cast-off or orphan children without a friend or guidance and who are neglected like a stray dog—these forsaken children whom mercy passes by?

Christian Children's Fund can rescue and properly care for only as many of them as its income permits. Such children can be "adopted" in Formosa or any other of the 45 countries listed below and the child's name, address, story and picture with the privilege of correspondence is provided the donor. The cost to the donor is the same in all countries, ten dollars a month.

Christian Children's Fund, incorporated in 1938, with its 412 affiliated orphanage schools in 43 countries, is the largest Protestant orphanage organization in the world, assisting over 36,000 children. With its affiliated Homes it serves 32 million meals a year. It is registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Aid of the International Cooperation Administration of the United States Government. It is experienced, efficient, economical and conscientious.

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Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



The Angel That Forgot

By Gail Bradshaw

Somewhere up in heaven at this very minute a curly-haired little angel named Christopher is lying on his stomach, reading his Bible story book. For that is what he does every day, and that is what he was doing last Christmas Eve when he nearly forgot!

Chris is not usually such a forgetful little angel, but that day he had been reading his favorite story—the one about Jesus in the temple—and had become so interested in it that he didn't notice what was going on around him. All the other angels were scurrying busily about, preparing for that moment at midnight when they would stand before the throne of God and present their gifts to Him. Each had bought something very special for the Father, and each took pride in tying ribbons about his package as he sang carols to himself.

When Chris finally finished his story, and rubbed his eyes, he found himself all alone, for it was very late and the angels had started their procession to the throne. At first Chris could not understand why everyone else was gone, but suddenly he remembered and jumped to his feet. He had completely forgotten Christmas! It was almost midnight, and here he was with a wrinkled robe and tarnished halo. He just couldn't stand before the Lord like this! Then suddenly a new thought came to him which made him feel even worse. He had no gift to give to the Father—nothing at all!

Chris sat down again on his cloud and put his head in his hands. He was a failure as an angel. How could he ever do such a terrible thing as this? He closed his eyes and tried to think what to do. All heaven's stores would be closed by now, and there was no way to get the Lord a Christmas gift. Chris wanted so much to sing carols and lay a present at the Father's feet, but there seemed no way out of this dilemma.

Suddenly the determined little angel straightened his robe and put his halo in place. "I'll go anyway," he thought. "I'll sing carols to the Father and He'll understand. He understands everything. Even if I don't have a gift He'll know that I love Him." So Chris set out with empty hands and a carol in his heart.

When he reached the throne he found the other angels already singing, and he began to sing with them as he slipped into the long line. As they finished the

last chorus, the heavenly chimes struck twelve, and the angels began to lay their presents before the throne. When they had all offered their gifts and left, Chris walked timidly up to the seat of God and said, "Father . . ." A light of dazzling brilliance fell on the small angel, and a kind voice said, "Yes, Chris?"

The shame of what he had done brought tears to Chris' eyes. "Father, I have no gift. I . . . I forgot Christmas. I am very ashamed and have no excuse except that I was reading my Bible story book and the day slipped by before I knew it. I'm so sorry . . . really I am. I *do* love you just as much as the other angels. I love you *very* much!"

A kindly hand reached out and beckoned Chris closer to the throne. "Come, my son," the voice said, and Chris ascended the steps into the arms of his heavenly Father. Then the Great One spoke again.

"Chris, the words you have just spoken have been a greater gift to me than any other could have been. Christmas is love, for I am love, and when you express your love in any way at Christmas time, you have truly celebrated the birth of Jesus. You gave me no gift, but you expressed your love in words, and I am very happy. Now, rest well, and know that you have pleased your Father, and that he looks upon you with great favor.

Chris was so happy that he felt that he would burst with joy as he ran back to his cloud. And as he closed his eyes that night, he smiled, and wished himself a Merry Christmas.

The Christmas Heart

Lord, let me keep a Christmas heart,
That 'mid the tumult of the throng,
Still hears the echo, clear and sweet,
Of angels' song.

Lord, let me keep a Christmas heart
That hears and sees another's need,
And strives each day to follow Thee
In word and deed.

To light with joy the children's eyes,
And know the Christ Child, though He
come
In humble guise.

So may I keep Thy birthday, Lord,
In all I say, in all I do.
A Christmas heart of faith and love
The whole year through!

—GRACE BUSH

"Be Sure That Jesus Shows!"

The children were arranging the figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child in the little manger scene.

They lighted two tall candles and carefully tried them in various positions until the light fell exactly where they wanted it. One child said excitedly, "Be sure that Jesus shows!"

How wonderful it would be if from this joyous Day we would carry into our daily lives the thought, "Be sure that Jesus shows!"

—From Bible Society Record



Chuckles

A small boy sat on a fence eyeing the luscious-looking apples hanging from the branches of a nearby tree. Suddenly the farmer appeared, and said sternly, "Sonny, are you trying to steal those apples?"

"No, sir," the lad replied, "I'm trying not to!"

A group of city boys were hiking in the country, when one of them came upon a heap of empty milk bottles. In great excitement, he yelled to his companions, "Hey, fellas. Come here quick! I found a cow's nest!"

Little Johnny to his mother after his first day at school: "Mummy, I'm not going back to school!"

Mother: "Why not?"

Johnny: "Well, I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk, so what's the use?"



Christmas Quiz

1. In what town was Jesus born?_____
2. What famous choir sang the story of His birth?_____
3. Who were the first to come and kneel beside His manger cradle?_____
4. What gifts did the Wise Men bring to the Christ Child?_____
5. What gift does Jesus want most from us today? _____



Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Jericho
2. Nazareth.
3. Egypt

Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 24

By RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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"GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY"

Background Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Lesson Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

A comparison of Matthew's and Luke's account of the birth of Christ will reveal differences in detail. These should not disturb us any more than the differences we see in paintings of Jesus. Each one took the stories as they had been passed down through oral tradition and highlighted those things which he felt in his heart were most important. The Gospels, we believe, are the "notebooks of the early Christian evangelists." From these accounts there emerges one fact of tremendous power. This is the belief, on the part of the gospel writers, that they were dealing with a super-human, even a supernatural Figure when they attempted to put on paper the meaning of Christ for the world. We do not, therefore, need to spend our time in trying to harmonize these accounts. As was pointed out in an earlier lesson, Luke, particularly, writes about the Great Event in poetic and spiritual terms and not in terms of cold, historical facts.

Our aim in this lesson should be to allow Christ to be where he belongs—at the very center of our Christmas celebrations. This is no easy thing to do in a culture where the Holy Season is too often no more than a commercial and social emphasis. The ancient Christian scholar, Origen of Alexandria, opposed the idea of the celebration of Jesus' birthday when it was first suggested by some Christians in the third century. He dreaded to see it become just another holiday comparable to the many which the Greeks and Romans celebrated in honor of this god, or that. A good question to discuss would be this: If this old saint of the church could return to earth and see how Christmas is observed today would he say "I told you so" or would he say "I was wrong to oppose the celebration of Christmas?" As a matter of fact, it was not until about the middle of the fourth century that December 25 became the official date for the celebration.

The good news of Christmas is that man has a Savior, "Christ the Lord." The word "Christ" means the Anointed One, in the sense of the kings of ancient Israel being the "anointed ones." In other words, Christ is both Savior and King. But he is also Lord. Here is where the Early Christian Church parted company with Judaism, the mother religion. The church's earliest creed was "Jesus is Lord" which, to the pious Jew, was a blasphemous utterance. But, as St. Paul said in I Corinthians 1:22, "For the Jews demand signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." If anyone can know even a little of what is going on in our world today and cannot believe modern man needs a program of salvation—both individual and social—he must indeed be blind. It is precisely this that the Christian faith offers the world. One wonders

how many more times our civilization will be bathed in blood before it can accept its Savior!

The good news of salvation came to the lowly ones first, the shepherds. The manner of Christ's coming to the world was such that the proud, the powerful and the worldly-wise would be inclined to sneer. They cannot understand why God should have chosen "the back door" instead of the front; a stable instead of a palace; an insignificant little province of the Roman Empire instead of one of the world's great cities; the son of a carpenter instead of a prince. Is this a rebuke to the mighty ones of earth, as the song of Mary says? (see Luke 1:46-56). Is it still true that "where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in?" Must we look for hope to those who govern millions with armies and bombs, or to the wholesome faith in right and justice which still is to be found among many of the world's common people?

The message of the angels was "Fear not for I bring you tidings of great joy." If ever in the world's history there were more people afraid, it would be hard to say when it was. It was during World War II when the fortunes of the Western Allies reached their lowest point that two ministers met on a street of a North Carolina city. One said "Things certainly do look bad for our side, don't they?" The other minister said, "O, I don't know; these dictators have arisen before in history and have had their day and passed away. I believe Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito will go the same way." He proved to be right. Maybe this is a good time to take the long look. God thinks in terms of thousands of years while we are thinking in terms of years and days.

Council of Evangelism To Meet In January

A meeting of the Council of Evangelism of The Methodist Church will be held January 2-5 at Texoma Lodge, Kingston, Oklahoma.

The council is an auxiliary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, which promotes The Methodist Church's total evangelistic program.

Among those attending will be secretaries of evangelism for Methodist annual conferences, chairmen of conference boards of evangelism, and some district superintendents.

An attendance of about 200 is expected, said Harold Hermann, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Principal speakers will be Methodist Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Jr., Syracuse, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Bauman, a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., and a leader in the teaching of religion through television; the Rev. Dr. Kermit L. Long, president of the Council of Evangelism and pastor of Central Methodist Church, Phoenix, Arizona; and Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

One of the main purposes of the meeting will be to consider plans for a Methodist year of evangelism in 1963, said Mr. Hermann.

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: *Honor those to whom honor is due.*—Romans 13:7.

In case you want to honor the devil at Christmas you need to suit your celebration according to his needs and desires, such as:

1. Wild parties given to the office force where the boss men and the secretaries serve everything but water and coffee.

2. Commemorate the devil's entrance into the world with firecracker explosions designed to make sensitive people nervous and ill at ease.

3. Fill the roads with 35-mile-an-hour creepers and 75-mile-an-hour racers and sadden a thousand homes with black crepe.

4. Trade in the milk bottle for baby for the liquor bottle for daddy so daddy can have hot blood and a loose tongue.

5. Swap Christ for Santa Claus and swap your poor friends for rich ones.

In case you should want to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace the above plan would have to be revised.

Birthday of Jesus

The birthday of Jesus had to be
In Bethlehem—not Galilee
In Micah, chapter five, verse two
It was foretold—our God foreknew.
The heavenly Father of the race
Foreknew the time, also the place
In which to carry out his plan
For redemption of the soul of Man.

The shepherds heard the angel say,
"In Bethlehem is born this day
A Saviour which is Christ the Lord,"
And they believed the angel's word.
The heavenly choir up in the sky
Sang, "Glory be to God on high,
Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Then went away to heaven again.

In haste the faithful shepherds went
To see this wonderful event,
And found Him like the angel said
In swaddling clothes in a manger bed,
And I believe the manger bed
That cradled this dear infant's head
Was of our God's all-wise design
To carry out his plan divine.

Symbolic was the inn that night
Of a world of uncompassioned light.
Men emphasize prestige—not grace
Thus give the Saviour second place.
And many give Him none at all,
For they heed not the Spirit's call.
With hearts so occupied with sin
They do not let the Saviour in.

Christ Jesus took upon himself
The human flesh devoid of self.
He suffered much for you and me
From manger cradle to Calvary;
No love like this was ever known—
A Saviour's love from God's own throne—
To redeem mankind from Adam's sin.
Isn't this enough your heart to win?

—LENA HAMMER THACKER

The Blessed Christmas Star

Up and down the carpeted aisles
Of a Cathedral Church I walked
On Christmas Day;

A stranger in that city, seeking comfort
For a heart in search of a place to pray.

The church was not crowded with people,
But a little door with a name engraved
Shut up every pew.

The usher said, with a manner stiff and cool
That unbought pews were few.

With my heart more sore, there by the door
Seeking in a temple light a place

In a pew unbought;
I knew that if a seat I found
It would be in another place I sought.

The sermon of that church, if sermon
There was preached to my soul

That Christmas eve,
Was that often yet, God is granted no room
To cradle His grace for men bereaved.

But walking through that church door,
Looking up, as Magi did of old, I saw

An Evening Star,
Assured if Christmas dies in the heart of
some
It still is kept for men in heaven afar!

—O. L. EASTER

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The Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel To Be Erected At Paine College

(Continued from page 1)

portionate share in its own chosen way. The Western North Carolina Conference committee is requesting that the churches of the conference raise the apportioned \$27,537 through voluntary offerings taken as near to date of the anniversary of the Gilbert-Lambuth missionary journey as possible. Thus it is recommended that Sunday, December 3, 1961 or Sunday, December 10, 1961 be set aside for this purpose. If neither of these dates is satisfactory then that the next most convenient nearest Sunday to these dates be utilized. The North Carolina Conference is providing for its \$16,100 by asking each charge for a special Christmas offering to be applied to this cause. The offering should be received either next Sunday or the following Sunday. It is hoped this amount will be raised as a Christmas special during December. This National Advance Special has the endorsement of the Annual Conference, the Commission on World Service and Finance, and is being undergirded by the District Superintendents and the local church pastors. We hope that with the proper emphasis, the entire amount will be raised through this medium at this Christmas season.

Bishops Garber and Harmon have both heartily endorsed this undertaking, as have the Commissions on World Service and Finance of both conferences in North Carolina.

The Division of National Missions has designated the project as a National Advance Special for those churches wishing to route their offerings through this channel. All contributions for the Chapel should be sent to the treasurer of the respective conferences.

In this day of racial tension the Methodists of the South could not have chosen a more appropriate, effective way to promote good will and understanding than in this significant gesture, the erecting of a chapel from which the praise of God will go forth for many generations.

Nine Named to Confer

Nine Methodist leaders have been named by The Methodist Church's Commission on Church Union to confer with committees from three other denominations in exploratory talks looking toward possible union. The other denominations are the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Protestant Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ.

A meeting of the representatives of the four groups has been tentatively scheduled for April 9-10 in Washington, D. C.

The Methodist group includes three bishops, three clergymen and three laymen. They are: Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Des Moines, Iowa; Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Denver; Rev. Jolly B. Harper, Shreveport, La.; Rev. Edwin R. Kimbrough, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. Norman L. Trott, Washington, D. C.; Charles F. Marsh, Spartanburg, S. C.; Raymond Meyers, Los Angeles; and Charles G. Parlin, New York.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

*Gleam, Guiding Star, Through Our
Dark'ning Night*

Gleam, guiding star, through our dark'ning
night,

Across torrid sands speed revealing light;
Lead to the Child again, Prince of Peace,
Whose justice and government shall in-
crease.

Chant, angel choir, your celestial hymn,
Restore us with song when our hope grows
dim;

Often your message seemed lost to men,
O give ready hearts the Good News again!

Come, Holy Child, come to weary earth,
The outcast, the hungry acclaim your birth,
We, who in pride have refused your Way,
Now, penitent, hasten to love and obey.

Long have we worshipped you, Babe and
Youth,

But long have denied you as Teacher of
Truth;

Now, disenchanted by worldly strife,
We hail you, Child-Savior, our King, our
Life.

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The Christmas Chimney

H. E. SPENCE

The old-time Christmas chimney sent its light throughout the room,
Dispelling all the shadows and driving out the gloom;
From out its spacious throat arose a bright and brilliant spark,
That gave defiant challenge to the demons of the dark.

On early Christmas morning, its ruddy hearth aglow,
It welcomed eager children who could hardly wait to know
Just what mysterious treasures, what gifts, what lovely toys
Were in those well-filled stockings, those magic Christmas joys.

As day wore on the elders were gathered all around
The cheery blaze to chatter; then came the welcome sound
Of joyous Christmas carols, so blithely, gaily sung,
As songs of praise and gladness welled out from every tongue.

Come evening shadows and the fire died down to smold'ring ember;
Only the old folks lingered on, the glad day to remember;
With mingled feelings, joy and pain, of happiness and sorrow;
With memories of yesterday and fond hopes for the morrow.

Dear Christmas chimney, emblem of a happy day long past;
Like other treasured things of earth, too beautiful to last:
May its dear mem'ry linger on and fill our hearts with cheer,
And bring us joy and gladness throughout the coming year.

—Bessie and Hersey Spence—

CAROLINA BRIEFS *

¶ REV. AND MRS. EDWARD M. HEATH and their son Michael have added a son and brother to their family by adoption. He is Anthony Thomas Heath, aged 3 years.

¶ WATCH NIGHT services, sponsored by the Ayden Ministers Association, will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night, December 31, beginning at 11:30. Rev. John Goff, pastor of the Ayden Christian Church, will preach.

¶ REV. WILLIAM R. GARRARD, former missionary to Puerto Rico, has been appointed pastor of the Washington circuit in the N. C. Conference. He succeeds Rev. Thomas N. White, who is returning to a post with the N. C. Revenue Department.

¶ DR. C. E. ROZZELLE, retired, of Winston-Salem, is giving a series of Bible studies at the Ardmore Methodist Church on Wednesday evenings. The course is called "Luke, The Devoted Doctor." The course is sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

¶ THE CHOIR of Plank Chapel Methodist Church, near Kittrell, will appear on Station WRAL-TV, Raleigh, on the program, "Church of Our Fathers," Sunday, January 31, at 1:00 p.m., and on Radio Station WRAL at 9:30 the same day.

¶ THE REV. KENNETH M. JOHNSON, pastor of Oak Summit Methodist Church of Winston-Salem, will be one of the speakers for the Methodist Ministers' Conference on Discipleship February 6-9 at Assembly Inn, Montreat. A Methodist laymen's conference on Discipleship is scheduled February 9-11 at Montreat.

¶ QUEEN STREET CHURCH, Kinston, held a dinner for newcomers to the church family on Tuesday evening, December 12. Sunday, December 24, a service of Carols and Candles is featured by the youth and junior choirs. On Sunday, December 31, at 11:00 p.m. a Watch Night service will be held in cooperation with Kinston U.C.Y.M.

¶ MISS GAIL BRADSHAW, of Roanoke Rapids and a senior in the high school, has written a story called "Wrapped In Blue Ribbon." The story has been purchased by *Classmate*, and appears in the January issue of that publication. Our readers may recall that Gail has furnished several articles for the Children's Page of the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. We may be able to publish this latest article at a later date.

¶ MEMBERS OF THE choirs of the Pelham and Ruffin Methodist Churches joined in presenting a Christmas cantata at the Pelham church Saturday night, December 16, and on Sunday night, December 17, in the Ruffin Methodist Church. A second program will be presented at the Pelham Church Saturday night, December 23. The Hickory Grove Church on the same charge will give its Christmas program on December 24. Rev. Lawrence E. Barden is pastor of the Pelham-Hickory Grove charge.

The Season's Greetings

The editor and every member of the staff of the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the Piedmont Press extend hearty good wishes to each and every one of our subscribers and customers. May this glorious season bring joy to every heart and peace to every home. The old wish for a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" is our Christmas gift to every one. For this to become a reality, we pray that this season may bring a conscious assurance of the living presence of the One whose birth we celebrate.

THE EDITOR AND STAFF

¶ REV. J. F. COBLE, superintendent of the Retirement Home at Durham, preached in the First Methodist Church, Hamlet, last Sunday morning. The Rev. J. D. A. Autry, who had served the church for the past three and one-half years, died the preceding Sunday evening.

¶ PASTORS AND LOCAL church chairmen of the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the North Carolina Conference will meet at the Jarvis Memorial Church, Greenville, January 5, 1962. Mr. Rodney Shaw of Washington, D. C., will speak on "World Peace." The program will begin with a supper meeting at 6:00 p.m.

¶ THE DURHAM-ORANGE Counties chapter of the High Point College alumni association was held at the Methodist Retirement Home at Durham Tuesday night, December 12. The dinner meeting was at 6:30 and the program at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Coble is president of the association. Two members of the faculty of the college were featured speakers, Mr. J. H. Allred, of the Modern Language department and former dean of students, and Dr. William P. Matthews of the Education and Psychology Department discussed recent developments and future plans of the college.

¶ FRIENDSHIP METHODIST Church, Salisbury District, Rev. Earl Cook, pastor, is celebrating its golden anniversary during this month. The church had its beginning under the ministry of the Rev. N. R. Richardson, who was pastor at Mount Pleasant and began to preach in the community now known as the Friendship Church community. A church was organized in 1911 and has been served by 19 pastors. Rev. Mr. Cook carried the picture of each, with the date of their pastorate, in the recent issue of his church bulletin. The church is an attractive "Little country church." It is now a station work, and they have recently built and furnished a new parsonage.

¶ HAY STREET CHURCH, Fayetteville, is broadcasting the morning services during the month of December, over Radio Station WFNC.

¶ OPEN HOUSE will be held at the Jonesboro Methodist parsonage on Friday, December 22, from 7:00 till 10:00 p.m. Rev. Vernon Tyson is the pastor.

¶ THE DRAPER Y.M.C.A. male chorus will present a concert of Christmas music in the gymnasium Thursday evening, December 21, at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

¶ THE REV. R. L. JEROME, superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, and his wife were presented with three nice blankets as a gift from the ministers of the district at their annual fellowship dinner at First Church, Elizabeth City, on December 12.

¶ A SPECIAL SESSION of the Gastonia District Conference has been called by Dr. E. C. Few to convene at Central Methodist Church, Shelby, January 7 at 2:30. The conference is to consider the building of a new district parsonage.

¶ The number of visitors in Rocky Mount District for the recent Evangelistic campaign was 818 instead of 218, as formerly reported. Visitors for the conference were 9,126. These figures are corrected as of the latest report.

¶ REV. WILLIAM A. ROCK, JR., pastor of the First Methodist Church at Draper, has been elected president of the Tri-City Ministerial Association for the year 1962. The Association is composed of ministers of the Leaksville, Spray and Draper area.

¶ ACCORDING TO OUR information the Virginia Conference has gone beyond the \$7,000,000 Higher Education goal. The Richmond District pledged more than \$1,000,000. This program was begun a few months ago. The major portion is to be used to establish a new college at Norfolk.

¶ MISS REBECCA JO ANN WEBSTER, director of music and youth work at Davis Street Methodist Church, Burlington, and Mr. Mack Allen Moore, Jr., of Wilmington, will be united in marriage at the Leaksville Methodist Church, Saturday, January 27. Miss Webster is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Palmer Webster. She was educated at Greensboro College, and formerly taught in the public schools of Wilmington and Charlotte.

¶ ON DECEMBER 4TH Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Nelson entertained the Marion District ministers and their wives at a dinner in the Morganton Community House. The hostess used beautiful seasonal decorations in the reception room and in the dining room. After a very lovely meal, Mrs. R. L. Young, Jr., led the group in singing Christmas carols and Mrs. P. F. Snider presented a meditation on the real meaning of Christmas. Later Mrs. Nelson gave a reading of a very humorous nature. At the conclusion of the dinner the Reverend Horace C. Bolick presented a pair of silver candelabra to the Nelsons as a gift from the guests. Approximately eighty people were present for this festive evening.

Central Church, Concord, Honors Dr. W. A. Jenkins

Central Methodist Church, Concord, honored a former pastor, Dr. W. A. Jenkins, at a special service on Sunday, December 10. Dr. Jenkins, a resident of the Methodist Home in Durham, was pastor at Central for four years, 1921-1925. The Bill Jenkins Bible Class, named in his honor, sponsored the special service at 10:00 a.m.

A portrait of Dr. Jenkins was unveiled during the church school hour. A plaque on which is inscribed the names of all deceased members was also presented during the memorial service. Both the portrait and plaque have been permanently placed in the classroom.

Three charter members of the class, organized in 1922, are still active and were present. They are Ernest L. Hicks, W. B. Ward, Sr., and George B. Griffin. Wives of deceased members were also present. Members of the immediate family of Dr. Jenkins were present.

Parks Alexander, president, presided. W. S. Bogle presented the plaque and led the group in the memorial prayer. Dr. Jenkins was presented by L. D. Coltrane, Jr., a past president. Dr. Jenkins taught the class.

Rev. Roy E. Bell, pastor, welcomed Dr. Jenkins to Central. He said, "A crucial test of real leadership often comes after the leader himself has vacated a particular scene of action. If what he has built serves as a dependable foundation for future expansion, then his work has unquestioned excellence. Dr. Jenkins has measured up at this point. He will always seem a part of us, and his visits will continue to bring us great joy."

Editor Spends Pleasant Week-End At Bethel

The editor preached in the Methodist Church at Bethel last Sunday morning. It was a pleasure to be with Brother Carl Barbee and his fine congregation. It was also a delight to drive down on Saturday evening at the invitation of Brother John Staton and spend the night in his hospitable home. Brother Staton and his wife and daughter, Camille, were gracious host and hostesses. Incidentally, Brother John Staton is well known in the North Carolina Conference for his many years as chairman of the Board of Pensions. His son, Harold, now heads that Board, and his daughter, Camille, is the new president of the Rocky Mount District Woman's Society of Christian Service. Brother Barbee and his wife and daughter, Patsy, were also dinner guests in the Staton home on Sunday. The Bethel Church has a good list of subscribers to the *ADVOCATE*, and they promise to have more. These are largely due to the work of Miss Olive Jones and two Boy Scouts working on their God and Country Award.

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It was said that the Wise Men after visiting the Babe in the manger "went back another way." No one can really see Christ and go back the same way. Life becomes different from that hour.

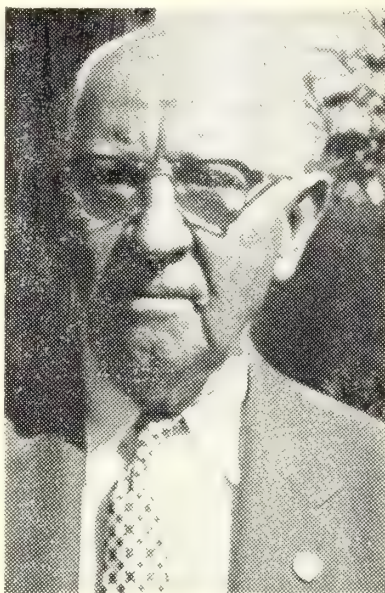
—E. STANLEY JONES.

A. R. Bell, Retired Methodist Minister, Dies At Carthage

REV. JOHN CLINE, SR.

Adolphus Robert Bell, son of Adolphus Taylor Bell and Elizabeth Berkley Bell, was born in Sunderland, England, on April 28, 1879, and passed to his eternal home December 7, 1961.

On June 24, 1903, he was united in marriage to Josephine Frances Cooper of Murphy, N. C., who survives him, and to their



happy union were born three children, one daughter, Elizabeth Hortense, of the home; two sons, Adolphus Abram Bell, Tallahassee, Fla., and George Robert Bell, Washington, D. C. He is also survived by two grandchildren and one brother, Rev. Ernest B. Bell of Robbins.

Brother Bell's father, also a minister, emigrated with his family from England to America when Brother Bell was twelve years of age, and settled in Mississippi. After twelve years he moved his family to Murphy and became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Brother Bell was graduated from Trinity College, now Duke University, in 1903. In November of the same year he joined the Western North Carolina Conference which met in High Point. He retired in 1931. During a fruitful ministry he served for a time each of seventeen pastoral charges. In addition, he served for a time during World War II, on Broadway Circuit and Moncure.

For fifteen years Brother Bell served as manager of the Pastor's Book Exchange in the Western North Carolina Conference which was a very useful service.

Brother Bell was a friendly, witty and courageous man who stood for truth and right without fear or favor. He and his lovely wife made a good home for their children. He was a man of many talents—he tuned pianos and other musical instruments.

During the last two years, Brother Bell made his home in Carthage where his daughter Elizabeth taught in the high school. Here he rapidly became acquainted with the people and they learned to expect his jovial witticisms. Here, too, he and his

faithful wife celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary last June.

Carthage Methodist Church has received much benefit from Brother Bell's living in its midst. He ably taught in the church school, preached when opportunity presented itself, and seemed at home among us. We shall feel his absence.

Servant of God, well done;

Thy glorious warfare's past;

The battle's fought, the victory's won,

And thou art crowned at last!

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Carthage Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Robert Moore, assisted by Rev. B. E. Dotson and Rev. C. A. Kirby. Burial was in Cross Hill Cemetery.

Murfreesboro Methodist Church Observes Missions Day

Missions Day was observed at the Murfreesboro Methodist Church on Sunday, December 10.

The Reverend Clyde Tucker, missionary to Chile, was the guest of the day. He visited each class during the Sunday school hour and was introduced by Rev. R. H. Jordan. The morning services were conducted by Rev. Tucker, who told of the needs of Chile and of his work there.

At 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon there was a family night covered dish supper, followed by the showing of slides of Chile by Rev. Tucker, and an informal discussion.

All present agreed that Missions Day in our church was very inspiring and a great challenge to us all.

—MRS. H. C. COUNCILL

Sec. of Missionary Education, WSCS

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"Wesley challenged the prevailing idea that education should be limited to privileged persons. He wanted its blessings given to the laity. . . . This educational concern has affected the whole of England, America and all the lands that Methodism has touched. Methodist men and women, lifted from ignorance, led in the reforms which helped to correct social injustices. . . . Why do they educate? Simply for the reason that man bears the image of God and they are obligated to help man claim his God-given capacities."

—Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn.

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Incarnation

(A Christmas Meditation)

BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON

Christmas 1961

A great word appears in the calendar of the church each year as "the time draws near the birth of Christ." For *Incarnation* affirms in its impressive way an even more impressive fact: That, as the New Testament declares, Christ was born in Bethlehem; as the church puts it, God became man; as life has it, Christmas is here again.

It is curious how through the long centuries that one birth has been taken as a marker to divide all time into an almost unknown *before*, and a most uncertain *after*. But fiction can never match the historic fact. A new-born baby in an unheard-of town in an out-of-the-way country who lived and grew, and how little by little, and afterward with increasing fervor and zeal, the gathering about that one Life of the hopes of man. The lovely stories of St. Luke's Gospel reflect the way the strands of the sacred story weave themselves about that one Person. Shepherds who heard sky-singing; a star that moved; wise men with gifts; a cattle stall — and a world that now after these two thousand years yet looks back to that one event and dates time from it. "The hopes and fears of all the years," wrote Phillips Brooks, "are met in Thee tonight." "If Jesus was not the Christ," I heard Bishop Ware A. Candler say once, "Christ has forever lost his chance." For the test of the Incarnation is what happened in this world.

Now we live in a day when we are accustomed to hearing the prophets of doom sounding from high places and from low. Especially it seems to me that religious people enjoy being pessimistic. I know preachers who take a masochistic delight in telling how soon we all are going to be bombed off the face of the earth. They positively enjoy spreading gloom, it seems to me—or maybe they cannot make people listen in any other way. But with all the present threat of atomic destruction and the reeling "backward into the abyss" which we hear of, never forget that the world is immeasurably better than it could ever have even dreamed of being when the star of Bethlehem shone over the hills of Palestine.

For the world then was dark with a blackness indescribable. It had no war—not at that moment—but there was unrest and dissatisfaction; the rich were getting richer, and the poor were becoming poorer. Cities were growing at the expense of the country, and in these cities raging crowds were calling for amusement and for bread. Idealism there was none, and as for brotherhood, it was but a phrase praised in the cold temper of a few philosophers who walked about their porches and prated of a virtue and goodness which neither they nor their descendants could ever have brought. There were no hospitals, no alms-houses, no public awareness of human need, no child welfare, no laborer's rights. As for sincerity,

Greeting from Bishop Harmon

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY CHRISTMAS WISH TO YOU, "MY PEOPLE," AS I LIKE TO CALL YOU, OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE, A SINCERE WISH THAT AT THIS HOLY SEASON WHEN THE ANGELS' SONG AGAIN IS HEARD, THE DEEPER MEANING OF GOD'S GIFT IN CHRIST MAY TO EACH OF YOU BE MADE HIS VERY OWN. FOR IT IS CHRIST WHO MAKES CHRISTMAS, AND WITHOUT HIM ALL THE DECORATIONS ARE SO MUCH TINSEL, ALL THE CAROLS BUT MEANINGLESS MELODIES, AND ALL THE GIFTS BUT A COMMERCIALISM GONE RAMPANT. BUT WITH HIM! HOW WONDERFULLY THEN COMES IN WHAT THE PRAYER BOOK CALLS "THE HOPE OF GLORY." WHAT IS A FIFTY MEGATON BOMB UP AGAINST THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM? OR THE THREATENING RAGE OF A DICTATOR COMPARED WITH THE ANGELS' SONG OF PEACE? HOW CAN WE EVER LOSE OUR HOPE WHEN WE KNOW FOR A SURETY THAT THERE IS BORN TO US AND TO ALL PEOPLE A SAVIOUR WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD?

IF I COULD GREET EACH ONE OF YOU IN PERSON ON CHRISTMAS DAY, AS I SHOULD LIKE TO DO, I COULD WISH FOR YOU NO GREATER THING THAN THAT THIS HOPE OF GLORY MAY ABIDE IN YOUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS AND REMAIN TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH A GLORIOUS NEW YEAR.

Nolan B. Harmon

it was the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, who scornfully asked when One spoke to him of truth, "What is truth?" And as he record has it, "when he had said this, he went out"—before the only One who ever could have told him had a chance to respond. The world had grown old with its sorrow and care, all right.

Now looking back through the long perspective of these twenty centuries, see what has happened. For whatever be the theory, the fact is that the world today has an entirely different place from that which saw the birth of Christ. Even if, as scoffers have always alleged, cunningly devised fables are behind it all, how can the long upward climb of man *since that time* be explained unless one sees an infusion of the Divine? For Incarnation is not a cold theological word representing some sort of divine-human compound. It means the coming among human spirits of a Greater Spirit. A greater Traveler has joined us who are travelers over the wastes of the world. God in Christ has become a brother and a comrade, camping with us, fighting alongside of us, slugging it out foot by foot by our side, not one who is apart from the feelings and passions and dangers and disappointments which we know, but all men's comrade, brother, friend.

Incarnation means babyhood and helplessness. It means boyhood and growing in knowledge and wisdom. It means idealism and the flaming zeal of youth to do things right and do them well. It means home life, and the family circle, the love of a father, the love of a mother. It means a great Physician who saw disease and set himself against it, commanding those who followed Him to go and heal as well as teach. It means a Carpenter who labored with the crude tools of his age and understood the meaning of toil. It means a Teacher come from God who gave to the world truths which yet shine as beacon lights. It means a majestic Exemplar who told his disciples that they should imitate him, as He walked in lowly paths of service. It means One who was touched with a feeling of our infirmi-

ties, who understood what was in men. It means humanity in all its aches, pains, and fears and longings—but it also means God, and that it was which made this Incarnation *The Incarnation*.

Strange how the Church and Christian thinkers have emphasized at one period the humanity of Jesus, at another his divinity, while not for an instant giving up either. In one era it is the "Christ of the Creeds" who enlists the thought and adoration of all. At another it is the "Galilean peasant," the "lowly Jesus." Greek thought liked to emphasize the divine element—indeed had to, forced to face questions a thinking world was asking about the "Jesus cult," and how a human being could be begot by God. Greek thought finally came out with an answer that rolls on like a war drum beating to battle in its tremendous affirmations: "*I believe . . . in one Lord, Jesus Christ . . . God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God . . . who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*"

Then when a Creedal Christ becomes distant, detached, enshrined in stained glass or carved in marble, the Church begins to turn with equal fervor to the "sympathizing Jesus," meek and lowly of heart, who grew tired, who wept, who slept, who died on a cross. Always the pendulum has been swinging between these two views, but never can a Christian let go of either. Christ Jesus truly lived, he truly suffered, he truly died, and, miracle of miracles, *He rose again from the dead*, ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, etc. Creed and history intertwine in Christian faith, not to be plucked asunder.

But what philosophy and theology can never quite understand, the heart can. Poetry and devotion put forth answers which reason cannot reach, but in which it strangely rejoices. The plain-song of the Carpathian foothills, "O, Come, O, Come, Immanuel," echoes the call of a vast multitude, while Harry Farrington, out of a can-

ning factory in Maryland, could rise to write:

"I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
could in the God-head be;
I only know the manger Child has
brought God's life to me.
I know not how that Joseph's tomb
could solve death's mystery;
I only know a living Christ, our im-
mortality."

That is to say, where reason falters, something that rests on "deeper inconsequent deeps" comes into play. Faith takes over where Knowledge ceases. Love understands where eyes cannot see. Spirit with Spirit meets, and deep calls unto deep when God gives his summons to man. *He that followeth me*, saith the Lord *shall not walk in darknes*. Nor shall he—but that following! Ah, there's the rub! For Faith, when all is said and done, is not bare *credence*, but trust; not intellectual assent but risking one's life and one's all that God is good, and that Christ is true and that his Truth will validate itself in self-evidencing power in its own way.

"Lord, and shall angels have their songs?" asked Charles Wesley in an old, now forgotten hymn, "And men no tunes to raise? O, may we lose these useless tongues when we forget to praise."

Message From Dr. A. G. Dixon

A message has just come to me from Dr. A. G. Dixon, a retired member of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference now living in Maryland, for many years superintendent of the High Point Children's Home before it was merged with our Home at Winston-Salem, and one of the great servants of Methodism in this state. Dr. Dixon is now over ninety years of age, and for several years has been living with his daughter in Towson, Maryland. Recently he had a rather serious illness, but seems to be on the road to recovery. He is now in the Towson Convalescent Home at 301 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 4, Md.

Dr. Dixon asked me to express his deep appreciation for messages of encouragement from friends in this state, and for assurances of their love and prayerful concern. Also, he asked me to express through the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE his deep regret that due to his illness he would not be able to send out Christmas cards and letters to his many friends in this conference.

—J. C. MADISON

Student Recognition Day December 31

The annual Student Recognition Day will be observed in local Methodist churches throughout the nation on Sunday, December 31, giving special recognition to college and university students in their congregations.

In many churches, the students participate in special worship services. A suggested order of worship has been prepared by the department of college and university religious life of the Methodist Board of Education. Copies may be obtained by writing the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Dr. John R. Church to Preach In Revival at Coleridge

Revival services will begin at the Coleridge Methodist Church in Coleridge on December 31st. Dr. John R. Church, Conference Evangelist, will be the preacher. The services will begin on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and will continue through



January 10th, at seven-thirty each night. There will be day services on Tuesday through Friday at ten-thirty. Mr. Sam Allred will lead the singing. On the 31st, there will be several ministers speaking. Also a praise service and prayer meeting that will continue through until the new year. "From the time of Wesley, Methodists have spent time in worship as the old year dies and the new year begins." The public is invited to all services.

The services will be sponsored by the Coleridge Charge, consisting of Concord, Maple Springs, Mt. Olivet, and Rehobeth. Rev. John S. Oakley is pastor.

Come, Ye People of The Earth

Come, ye people of the earth,
To the scene of Jesus' birth;
Find your king, as shepherds found;
Kneel in rev'rence on the ground.
Kneel in rev'rence on the ground.

Let us all our homage pay,
To The Christ, this Holy Day;
Bring your hearts, a gift so meet,
Lay them at your Soviour's feet.
Lay them at your Soviour's feet.

Lift your voice in joyful song,
Age on age His praise prolong;
God has wrought all men's release,
Through His Son, The Prince of Peace.
Through His Son, The Prince of Peace.

Join we now the heavenly band,
Singing joy to every land;
Peace, good will to men of earth,
On this day of Jesus' birth.
On this day of Jesus' birth.

Written by REV. H. GLEN LANIER
May be sung to the tune Hendon
(page 147, Methodist Hymnal)

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Mrs. S. A. Rhyne of Statesville would like a copy of the 1890 minutes of the Western North Carolina Conference. It is needed to complete the set of minutes of her father, the late Rev. E. W. Fox, which she is presenting, along with more of his books, to the Conference Archives of the Western North Carolina Conference Historical Society at the Methodist Building in Statesville.

His file of the rest of the minutes of the Western North Carolina Conference, both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the unified Methodist Church, is in the hands of the binders; but the binding cannot be completed until after the first of the year. Mrs. Rhyne would like to find one before the job is completed so that it can be included and make the collection complete.

Anyone who has one should get in touch with her at 632 Greenway Drive, Statesville, N. C., and discuss with her the terms on which she can obtain it.

The gift of Brother Fox' files begins a basic part of the archives. Others might do well to follow Mrs. Rhyne's example and give the minutes of other conferences that have gone into the making of the present conference—the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its predecessors, the North Carolina and Holston Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, prior to 1890, the South Carolina Conference before 1870, the Virginia Conference before 1849 and the Deep River Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Five Areas Designated For Children In Church School

The Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church has designated five areas of curriculum for the forthcoming new curriculum for children in Methodist church schools.

The new curriculum will be introduced in a completely set of periodicals in September, 1964, said the Rev. Dr. Edward C. Peterson, Nashville, editor of the Methodist church school publications for children.

The areas were designated at the annual meeting of the Curriculum Committee Nov. 27-30 at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn.

The areas of curriculum are as follows:

Life and Its Setting: The Meaning and Experience of Existence.

Revelation: The Meaning and Experience of God's Self-Disclosure.

Sonship: The Meaning and Experience of Redemption.

Vocation: The Meaning and Experience of Discipleship.

The Church: The Meaning and Experience of Christian Community.

Dr. Peterson said the new curriculum has been planned because "fast-changing times require up-to-date curriculum." It is expected, he said, that the curriculum will help make the gospel more relevant to the current life needs of boys and girls.

The Curriculum Committee decided to have its 1962 annual meeting November 26-30 in Nashville.

Bisho Nolan B. Harmon, Charlotte, N. C., committee chairman, presided.

A Visit to Bethlehem —

By WILSON O. WELDON

Minister, Myers Park Methodist Church
Charlotte, N. C.

Across the span of many centuries people have visited the city of David, little Bethlehem, among the hills of Judea. Some shepherds, after hearing the grandest news of all the years, made a hurried pilgrimage to this village and discovered for themselves the experience which was to transform not only their lives but the trend of human affairs. Since that night multitudes have gone.

So, there is nothing unusual about the son of a Methodist minister and his minister turning their direction from Jerusalem towards the south, making their way into Bethlehem. Stanton W. Pickens and the writer wanted to go to this village, enshrined in the hearts of all Christians everywhere. The distance is not long, it being only about six miles, but approximately eleven by automobile along the highway which leads from Jerusalem.

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The first view is tinged with excitement, exhilaration and thoughtfulness. As one comes to the crest of a hill and sees the outlines of this village he finds himself saying, "This is it!" The grandeur of the surrounding countryside! Rolling towards the east, the land is not carefully fenced, but still divided by little piles of stone, those ancient "neighbors' landmarks" of Old Testament days. The contours of the land are likely very much the same as in those ancient days. Here and there is a grouping of olive trees and now and then one sees sheep and goats grazing—on what, one finds it difficult to answer.

Inside the town you see winding streets, with persons, some young, some very old, moving rapidly and slowly. There are the shops, mainly manned by Christian Arabs, who constitute the major part of the population today. The major industry, taught by sixteenth century monks is the manufacture of a wide variety of ornaments in mother-of-pearl. Bibles and Testaments are available with mother-of-pearl covers. Bethlehem women are widely famous for their embroidery. One can note jackets, heavy with embroidered design.

Central in the skyline of Bethlehem and paramount in interest is the Church of the Holy Nativity. We crossed the broad courtyard adjacent to the high walls on the right and came to the very tiny entrance into the famous church. (This site is perhaps the best authenticated shrine or holy place in all of Palestine.) Older doorways have left their markings from the times when men could ride their horses into the church, and often did just that. The doors were made smaller, and now every person who comes finds it necessary to bow his head before he enters the place where Christ was born. In the cove-like area there is the low roof of jagged rock, darkened with both age and the smoke of countless candles through long generations. Lamps and more lamps were hanging, some being of golden nature and

design, the kind which easterners appreciate so much. A few steps downward there is a kind of niche in the rock where two altars facing each other supposedly mark the location of the manger, and the place where the wise men knelt to offer their adoration of the baby Jesus.

A marble slab now marks the manger site, and in it there is a large silvery star. It didn't look very much like a stable, but we should recall that man's ideas of adoration and of commemoration have been widely varied. The Greek Orthodox, the Roman Catholics and the Armenians do not share our standards of decoration or our thoughts of simplicity. Such garish crudities have come from the eastern notions of reverence. However unattractive and in one sense revolting, we tried to look above this veneer and see the simplicities and picture the cave as a dirty stable on that first Christmas day.

Upon leaving the church you can look up to the towering belfry which houses the famous Bells of Bethlehem, which ring out their notes of peace on earth around the world. Down the street there is an Arab woman, gaily bedecked in native attire with a much loaded basket on her head, and a baby on her back. This road leads, in a winding, circuitous fashion towards the Fields of the Shepherds. There is a rock wall beside the road and adjacent to the fields in which the shepherds were tending their flocks on that glorious night. The fields are not green with grass, as many have thought, but market with ubiquitous stones, brown-earthed and with only scanty pasture.

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Now for the significance, for a word of interpretation.

Not all good will, surely there is not all peace. Bethlehem is within the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordana, an Arab country. And only a few miles away is Israel. There is no travel intercourse between the two. They do not even exchange newspapers, except by a very round-about process. From Arabic Jerusalem one goes through a "no-man's land" into the Jewish country of Israel—and soldiers with their mounted machine guns are looking at you. This is not far from Bethlehem! And that picture brings us with a jolt to the realities of the present day.

Nonetheless, let it be said that Bethlehem is both a symbol and a reminder. It reminds us of an event, the event of all the ages, which confronts the minds and hearts of men. You may never visit the town as we did, but can one ever forget the event which it enshrines? For Bethlehem is more than a place; it is an *experience*, the out-reaching mercy of God ever breaking through our narrowness, our pettiness, our busy-ness, and letting earth meet heaven in a love which never dies.

Anyone can make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, even without a wallet of travellers

checks — if there be what we call love in the heart. In humility bow your head; with voices lifted in praise to God above; in out-reached hands of service to little children; in new surrender to Him who has hallowed the very name of Bethlehem—and you will have been to Bethlehem!

Music Institutes To Be Held

Four Methodist regional church music institutes have been announced for July and August, 1962.

They are scheduled as follows:

South Central—July 9-14 at Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Ark.; North Central—July 15-20 at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Southeastern—July 29 to August 3 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.; Northeastern—August 13-18 at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.

The institutes will be held in cooperation with the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NaFOMM), Methodist geographical jurisdictions involved, the Central Jurisdiction of the denomination, and the executive secretaries associations of the jurisdictions.

They were announced by Cecil E. Lapo, Nashville, NaFOMM executive secretary and director of the ministry of music of the Division of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education.

The institutes are primarily for music leaders of Methodist churches, said Mr. Lapo.

He also said that music in the total program of the church will be emphasized in all the institutes.

The Sermon And The Song

In a large city church on the good Lord's Day—

A magnificent church with a very high steeple—

I heard a man preach in a wonderful way,
To a large congregation of wonderful people;

And something took place, most inspiring to me,

While the preacher his very great message was bringing;

Through a window there came, from the top of a tree,

The grandest applause by a mocking bird singing.

It seemed that the mocking bird sang its "amen"

To all that the great city preacher was saying;

And I became conscious of this, and right then

For both sermon and song with praise I was praying;

Both heaven and earth joined together that day,

As that preacher to all his message was bringing;

Heaven spoke through the words we heard the man say,

And earth's voice was heard through the bird that was singing.

—ERNEST G. DURHAM

Raleigh

High Point District Conference Holds Second Annual Session

The Second Annual Session of the High Point District Conference was held at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, Sunday, December 8. There was a large attendance of delegates and representatives from the 74 churches of the district.

Rev. Walter R. Thompson gave the devotional message to open the conference. The conference was presided over by Dr. Ralph Taylor, district superintendent. Rev. H. Glen Lanier was re-elected conference secretary.

After gracious words of welcome, given by Dr. C. C. Herbert, host pastor, the conference heard reports from representatives of Greensboro College, High Point College, the N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education, the Methodist Home for the Aging, and the Children's Home. These representatives were Dr. Allen Best, Dr. Herbert Peterson, Rev. Cecil Hefner, Rev. S. J. Starnes, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Mr. Willard S. Farow, and Mr. Jack Hoyle, respectively.

Reports were given by the district directors of Children's, Youth and Adult Work, Christian Social Concerns, Ministerial Training and Christian Vocations, Evangelism and Missions, and Lay Activities.

Rev. Ed Smith, missionary on furlough from the Congo in Africa, addressed the conference on our mission work in that field.

A report was heard from the Committee on District Camps and Conferences. During this report a check in the amount of \$652.87 was presented to the treasurer of the District Camp Fund from the Randolph County MYF Subdistrict. The conference voted to ask each church to give an apportionment of 2% of three items in the church budget toward development of the district camp. It was further voted that each church in the district set a Sunday between now and May, to allow the people to make a free-will offering toward the immediate expense of developing the camp, the camp site is located in Randolph County and covers over 500 acres of land, donated to the High Point District by Mr. D. S. Hedgecock of High Point.

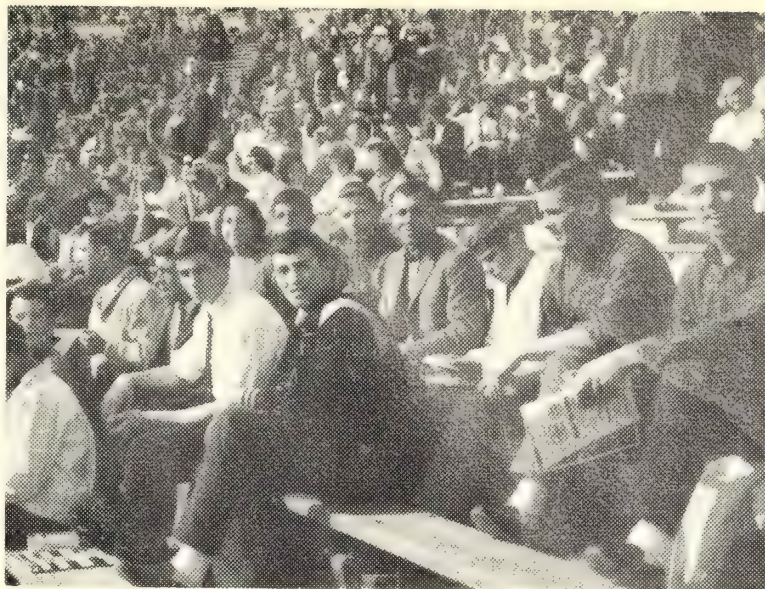
Two young men were granted license to preach. These were Robie Bunyan Evans and Thomas Harrison Adams of Fairfield Methodist Church.

Twelve were granted renewal of license, nine were granted approved Supply Status, one was recommended for Local Deacon's Orders, and one was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission.

Mr. Joe D. Ross, Jr., district treasurer, presented a motion, "That funds received from the Thomasville District by churches in Randolph County as equity be turned over to the High Point District to be used for purchasing furniture and landscaping at the new High Point District parsonage." This was approved by the conference.

The High Point College Choir sang during the concluding worship service, and Mr. Walter F. Anderson, Director of the Bureau of Investigation, N. C. Department of Justice, gave the address.

The next Annual Session of the High Point District Conference will meet at Calvary Church, Asheboro, N. C.



These Zebulon MYF'ers were among the 800 from the Raleigh District who attended the recent District Rally and Duke-Notre Dame football game.

The Raleigh District Methodist Youth Fellowship held its Fall Rally at the conclusion of the recent Duke-Notre Dame football game in Durham.

The rally, which attracted some 800 youth, counselors, ministers and visitors, was held in the Duke Chapel.

The featured attraction of the afternoon was the 34-13 victory of the Blue Devils over the Fighting Irish.

At the rally, the program featured members of the victorious Duke squad who are members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jack Wilson, a member of the Edenton Street Church and captain of the Blue Devils, presided over the program.

Jay Wilkinson, Dick Havens, Pete Widenor, "Tee" Moorman (1960 All-American) joined with Wilson in giving their Christian testimony. Wilson told the youth, "It's tough to be a Christian. We have faced some tough teams in my four years at Duke, but to follow Christ with conviction is an even tougher assignment."

"Christ needs you today," he continued, "not forty years from now, or even ten years from now."

Wilson is a first year student in the Duke Divinity School. Counselor for the Raleigh District MYF is the Rev. Jack Hunter, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.



Raleigh District MYF officers at Youth Rally and Football Game

A Christmas Prayer

O God, whose Light has come to earth
In human life, of humble birth
To Bethlehem, a far-off place;
To bless mankind, each land, each race:

Send to this world Thy truth once more,
As Thou hast done in days of yore.
Make us receptive to Thy Word
Made flesh and dwelling with us, heard.

Where error's darkness is so strong,
Thy truth return to right the wrong.
O grant Thy Spirit strength to win
The mind, the flesh, the soul of men.

In every land and every clime
Men's hearts are fearful in our time.
O God of peace, show us Thy way,
That we might follow and obey.

Where want and hunger are the lot
Of humankind, earth's darkest blot;
To those who in this day have need:
We pray Thy blessings, not our greed.

Enlarge our thoughts that we may be
In love and fellowship with Thee;
And grant Thy peace the world to know,
Through us Thy power and grace bestow.

Renew within us, Lord, and send
The Spirit of Thy Son, and Friend
Who brought to earth with angels' song
Knowledge and power to conquer wrong.

O Thou, Almighty, be our Guide;
May anxious thoughts Thy love subside.
Praise to Thy name for Thou art high;
Believers in Thee shall not die.

We lift our prayer to Thee this day
In Jesus' name: Light, Truth, the Way;
O may Thy blessings from above
Be with us and all those we love. Amen.

—REV. JAMES S. BELLAMY
Bethlehem Methodist Church
Claremont, N. C.

Wesley Two Centuries Ago

John Wesley was born in 1703 and died in 1791. Two centuries ago, in 1761, his Oxford days, missionary days and his renown heart-warming experience at Aldersgate were behind him, as were more than twenty years of itinerant and field preaching. He had been married ten years. Thirty more years of highly active leadership remained in the life of this, one of the busiest Englishmen of the century.

What were the accomplishments of the ecclesiastical statesman two centuries ago? Had he been less busy and more inclined to review the past, what would he have recorded in his *Journal* for that year? The following brief survey of a major part of his work reveals its magnitude and variety, and, at the same time, may furnish inspiration for modern Christians.

In 1761 John Wesley made some 145 separate entries in his *Journal* (the Standard Edition is used here) as to his travels and work. Some entries are as brief as one sentence; some are paragraphs in length and others contain whole, lengthy letters to individuals and newspaper editors. Many entries record the work of two, three or more days.

Wesley's *Journal* shows that he visited 154 specific English, Welsh and Scottish cities, towns and villages in those twelve months. Others were visited, but he did not always specify their names. London, Bristol and Newcastle, the focal points of his itinerant work, were visited in this time, as were other cities, towns and villages as Liverpool, Manchester, York, Edinburgh, Canterbury, Hull, Kingswood and Epworth, his birthplace. There were return visits to several of the towns mentioned above in 1761, for part of his success lay in this return to places of preaching and teaching. Of total miles traveled by "the Lord's Horseman," we may not have immediate knowledge; his yearly average was nearly always in excess of 4,000, mainly on horseback, until the 1770s and afterward.

Wesley did not travel to Ireland in 1761; he had been there in 1760 for his eighth trip and would travel there again in 1762 for the ninth. In all, he was to make twenty-one trips to that part of the realm. Robert Haire gives fuller account of these in his *Wesley's One and Twenty Visits to Ireland*.

In the 154 places to which Wesley traveled, he preached, according to his indications, a total of 169 sermons. In London, near the end of the year he preached a "course of sermons." On occasion the text is provided, or a paraphrase is given, or the main theme followed. While most were of the 20-25-minute variety, some were longer.

The exact number of letters he wrote that year we may not know. John Telford in *The Letters of the Rev. John Wesley*, however, has preserved twenty-nine that survive, a small indication of a much larger number that he penned. Telford preserves two to Charles Wesley, one to Mrs. John Wesley and one to Patty Wesley (Mrs. Hall), his sister.

From September 1st to 5th Wesley presided over the eighteenth conference of the leaders of "the people called Methodists" in London. The first conference was held there in 1744, as were others through the years.

There are indications of the reading Wesley did that year, some of it enroute, as was his habit. In December he wrote *Farther Thoughts on Christian Perfection*, which was published two years later.

Indications are included, too, in the record for that year, of his attendance at and direction of Class and Society meetings, love feasts and some watchnight services, the latter especially at the end of the year.

In May Wesley was in Edinburgh and he visited Holyrood House there, taking more than passing note of this historical site in a historical city. On occasion he takes note of the size of

Groundbreaking for Education Building Held At Troy



Reading from left to right, those in the picture are: William Thrower, Chm. of the Commission of Stewardship and Finance; Frank Ledbetter, Chm. of Commission of Education; Dr. J. A. Russell, retired minister; Everette Saunders, contractor; Dr. C. P. Morris, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and a former pastor; E. T. Reynolds, church lay leader; Rev. J. Paul Edwards, pastor; H. A. Ritchie, president of Methodist Men; David Beaman, Church School Supt. and chm. of building committee; and Dr. Thomas Kornegay, chm. of Official Board. Not in picture, Mrs. Lee Head, president of WSCS.

his congregations and the effectiveness of his work.

King George III was England's reigning monarch, for his predecessor, King George II, had died in October, 1760, a fact Wesley noted in his *Journal*. George III was to reign until 1820. The Duke of Newcastle was the nation's prime minister.

Charles Wesley had moved to Bristol five years prior to this time; he had largely given up itinerant work in 1756. George Whitefield, a fellow evangelist, was to labor in the Lord's vineyard for nine more years. Francis Asbury, Thomas Coke and Richard Whatcoat were yet to come.

In 1761 the English people had had in their hands the King James Version of the Bible for 150 years.

Thus we see, in part, John Wesley moving forward the mainstream of the Evangelical Revival two centuries ago, through constant preaching, through letter-writing, through counseling and direction of Classes and Societies and through personal example. This was but one well-filled year in many for the incomparable spiritual leader and founder of our church.

—GRADY L. CARROLL

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DeWitt C. LeFevre, Beaver Falls, N. Y., business executive and prominent Methodist layman, has been cited by the Free Enterprise Awards Association "for his inspiring example of combining business success with a dedication to church and humanitarian activities." He is a member of the General Board of Education and lay leader of the Northern New York Annual Conference.

Open House

Formally marking occupancy of the new church parsonage by the family of the Plank Chapel Methodist minister and his family, the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Rudd, open house was held Sunday, December 3rd, at the residence on the Bobbitt-Kittrell Road, near Kittrell, N. C.

The property was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Finch and the church has invested some \$16,000 in the house debt-free. The residence is a six-room building furnished with mostly new items throughout. Featured are a living room, pastor's study, three bedrooms, two baths, a family room-kitchen combination and a carport.

The project was the first major building program staged by the church and its 285 members for many years.

Strengthens Seminaries

Methodist-related seminaries overseas are among many around the world that are being upgraded through the aid of a four million dollar international and interdenominational program to strengthen theological education. The program, now in its third year, is underwritten by grants from 15 Pentecost boards of missions, including the Methodist Board of Missions, which is one of the largest contributors.

The program is the Theological Education Fund of the International Missionary Council (now the Division of World Missions of the World Council of Churches).

Marion District Conference

The Marion District Conference, under the leadership of its District Superintendent, Dr. Fletcher Nelson, met in session on Sunday, December 3, 1961, in the magnificent and worshipful new First Methodist Church of Marion. The host pastor was the Reverend Horace E. Bolick. More than 300 delegates, ministers, visitors, and special guests attended.

Dr. Nelson called the Conference into session at 2:30 p.m. and organized by electing from the floor a secretary and a Committee on Resolutions. Mr. Garner Halman, lay leader of the host church, extended a warm and hearty welcome to all present.

The district superintendent announced to the conference the formation of another new church in the Marion District. This is the newly organized Methodist Church in Columbus, North Carolina.

The business of the district conference was conducted through the Interboard Council composed of the following boards:

The Board of Membership and Evangelism; The Board of Education; The Board of Missions and Church Extension; The Board of Lay Activities, Stewardship, and Finance; The Board of Christian Social Concerns, Hospitals, and Homes.

During the report from the Board of Membership and Evangelism, the chairman, the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., highlighted the program of "Depth and Breadth Evangelism" which is already in progress in the Marion District. He said that from the preliminary reports that have been sent in by the pastors of the several charges in the district, already more than 900 prospective new members have been located, and surely there will be others. Mr. Nease, called upon all to give generously of time and abilities to witnessing and visiting these and other prospective members, especially during the "Visitation Week," that all may be won to Christ and His Church this year.

Also during this report, the Reverend Paul Cassel gave a most encouraging and heartwarming testimony as to the effectiveness and success of the formation of the TWELVE in his church.

Under the leadership of the chairman of the Board of Education, the Reverend Earl Brendall, the conference heard reports from the following persons: the Rev. Grady Burgin, Adult Work; the Rev. Horace Bolick, Publishing Interests; the Rev. John Barnes, Christian Vocations; the Rev. Neil Smith, TRAFICO; and the Rev. Bill Haire, chairman of the Board of Managers of the District Camp McCall. Dr. Fletcher Nelson gave a very encouraging report from the Christian Higher Education Campaign, informing the conference that the Marion District rated third from the top in the conference in the percentage of pledges paid to date. Miss Margaret McGimsey, chairman, gave a report on the Children's Work in the Marion District.

Two visitors representing Conference Connections were present and gave good reports. They were Mr. John Lambert from the Methodist Home in Charlotte, and the Rev. S. J. Starnes, editor of our *North Carolina Christian Advocate*.

Under the leadership of the chairman, the Rev. Earl R. Haire, and co-chairman

Rethinking The Meaning Of Christmas

There never was a Christmastime—for you, and me, and all—
With such a ringing challenge and with such an urgent call,
That men rethink the meaning of the coming to the earth
Of God in human flesh the night that Jesus had His birth.

The time has come when thoughtful Christians seem to be in doubt
That earth's vast multitudes now know or care what it's about—
This ringing of the Christmas bells, this preaching of the Word,
About the sound of angel songs, and what the shepherds heard.

Against a background black with sin, and moral wrong, and crime,
We paint the picture of the Christ of light this Christmastime;
'Twas black back there when God was born in flesh that holy night,
And, oh, how wonderful His Star, how beautiful the light!

We've moved so far away from where and when the Christ was born,
That now the story of His birth seems quite too old and worn
To many people who are ever looking for the new;
And now for thrills they do not care just what they say or do.

O, turn us, Lord, from foolishness, and war, and moral loss,
And give us true perspective of Thy Birth, Thy Life, Thy Cross!
And may we seek Thy way of love; let hate and warfare cease;
And let there be on earth a Christian brotherhood—and peace.

—ERNEST C. DURHAM.

Mr. C. K. Avery, the Board of Missions and Church Extension presented its report to the district conference. Mrs. J. C. Rabb, District President, brought greetings from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and from the Wesleyan Service Guild, and gave a very excellent report from those two groups, indicating marked growth and success throughout the district. Mr. Avery reported that there are to date 415 persons in the Marion District holding membership in the Conference Builders Club. The Rev. Mr. Haire stressed the importance of the Cuban Relief Offering, and urged all churches present who had not already done so, to receive an offering for this most worthy cause.

Mr. Walter Smith, chairman, presided over the report given by the Board of Lay Activities, Stewardship, and Finance. He urged all churches to make a special effort to conduct the Every Member Canvass this year. And offered his assistance to any church desiring to organize a Methodist Men's Club.

The Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications, directed by the Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., chairman, presented the ballot and conducted the election. The results are as follows:

For renewal of local license: Judson F. Bowers, John Henry Causey, Delbert Morphew Curtis, Grover Cleveland Greene, J. D. Pyatt, Marion M. Swann.

For renewal of local license and approved supply status: William Levy Crowell, Joe Cliff Davis, Arelin Ray Freshour, James Lee McKinney.

For continuation as approved supply pastor: John Wesley Cole, Carl A. Haire, Mrs. Mabel Jenkins Snider, Bennie Walters, Gerald Boyd Tomlinson.

For local elder's orders: Carl A. Haire, John Wesley Cole.

For admission on trial: Roy Hunter Lockridge.

For passage of character: M. T. Hinshaw—retired local elder.

All the aboved-named persons were

unanimously recommended.

At the conclusion of this report, the entire district conference stood in a moment of silent prayer and respect in memory of the Rev. L. C. Cornwell, (AS) recently deceased. The closing prayer was led by the Rev. M. G. Ervin.

The conference delegates, ministers, and visitors were entertained at a most delightful evening meal served in the lovely Fellowship Hall of the new church.

The evening program was given over to the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Hospitals, and Homes, the Rev. Grady Burgin, chairman, presiding. Brother Hoyle from the Children's Home in Winston-Salem was introduced, and spoke briefly to the conference in behalf of that institution. And the Rev. R. L. Young, Jr., reported for the District Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications.

Dr. Charles P. Bowles, minister of the West Market Street Methodist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, was the keynote speaker and he brought an inspiring, informative, and challenging message on the Social Concerns of Methodism.

The District Superintendent, Dr. Fletcher Nelson, expressed gratitude to all those responsible for the very fine evening service.

The Reverend Morris J. Byers submitted the report from the Committee on Resolutions, and it was unanimously adopted by the conference.

Dr. Nelson pronounced the benediction after expressing his appreciation to the ministers and the laymen of the Marion District for their fine spirit of willingness and co-operation in carrying on so acceptably the work of the Lord here.

JOHN H. BARNES, *Secretary*

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"We have but one thing to give—ourselves; one way to give it—in love; one hope for the giving—that God may be glorified and the world redeemed."

Two Hundred-Voice Choir Took Part In Christmas Musical Program At First Church, High Point



Shown above are the choirs of First Methodist Church of High Point as they combined to present a Christmas musical program at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 10. The program was under the direction of Mr. H. Grady Miller, choirmaster of the church. More than 200 persons took part in the program, called *Christmastide*. The church, with a seating capacity of 1,000 persons, was practically filled for the occasion, notwithstanding the very inclement weather conditions. The people of High Point were elated over this very fine program.

On A Wide Circuit

By W. W. REID

Where There Is Concern There Is Hope

As we approach "the holiday season" and again turn our thoughts to the advent of the Messenger who was sent to proclaim God's love and goodwill to man, and peace between men, it is not difficult sometimes to find ourselves in a mood of pessimism rather than in one of joy.

"Jesus came to earth almost 2,000 years ago," someone says to us, "and look at the state of the world today: just through two wars, and a worse one threatened; perhaps more hate in the world and fear in the world than when Roman legions were terrorizing the nations. Does the Christian church—or the faith it represents—hold any hope or give any peace and goodwill this year 1961?"

But in our better moments and moods, we may see today, the 20th century, and the 20 centuries in something of perspective: and when we do, the picture is not so dark. We say, of course, "Men have never really lived the way Christ taught: when they do, the wrongs in the world will be righted." The problem is: When, how, and where do men begin earnestly to work, individually and en masse, toward peace and goodwill—man with God, man with man?

I believe, *over the centuries* (yes, slowly for us whose span is but three-score and ten years), man is reaching toward these goals. In other words, "God is working his purposes out," in ways and on a time schedule we mortals find it difficult to comprehend. Perhaps the surest proof of this is that year after year, *the Christmas hope and purpose* are kept alive in the hearts and minds and aspirations of men. They are the yardstick by which we measure gain and loss. We have evolved no higher goal, and we have not, spiritually or mentally, accepted or settled for, any lower one. We have not physically attained the mountain

peak, but it is still the objective of our endeavor.

And I think an understanding reading of both history and of literature (the latter often being the truer history) will show that over the centuries, and even in recent decades, *concern for people* (a basic ingredient of our faith) *has been increasing*. The fact that man is concerned for man is the future's greatest hope—violations only emphasizing a whole civilization's or a whole religion's uprising against the grossly unconcerned. Even those peoples whose ideologies we deplore are reputedly experimenting with devious efforts to achieve quickly some of the goals first envisioned in Christianity. *We believe they will fail* because of erroneous and evil factors—but God can use them to spur us to greater zeal for Christ's way. I firmly believe that if we will read the literature of the Anglo-Saxon and King Arthur periods, the history-literature of the *Crusades*, the industrial story in England as portrayed by Dickens, the social story that Thackeray ridiculed, and follow these with the works of Upton Sinclair, the problems out of which grew labor unions, and the backgrounds that forced "social welfare legislation" in America, one will conclude that there has been a growing concern for people, for justice, for goodwill, and for peace through freedom, these many years. Conditions of those days would not be accepted now; their perpetrators—honorable and "Christian" men in their day—would fill our jails.

No, the job is not done; there may even be newer and greater tasks ahead for the Christian: but so long as he is concerned, and is endeavoring to do something because he is concerned, the Christmas Message is being heard, and hope and goal of the Messenger are not lost.

And, I believe, there is a greater longing in the hearts of men today to know and relate to God, and to be at peace with all men, than ever before in history. At least I cannot find more sincere searching at any

other period—call it theology, or philosophy, or human relations, or international-interracial relations, or social justice, or banning of the instruments of war. Frankly, was "the man on the street," or even "in the back pew," in our grandfather's time, or two centuries ago, concerned with these topics? Today he may not call his concerns by these classroom and dictionary names, but deep in heart and mind and soul they are uppermost . . . If you don't think so, get in conversation with a stranger next time you take a long bus ride. Where there is *concern* some action will result.

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Like A Tree

PSALM 1:3

The trees, like Joseph, stripped of colors bright
And for a season bared to cruel blows,
Will live again the people to delight,
Full-clothed with life which only from God flows.
With barren arms they point to heaven above;
They lift their heads nor wince at winter's blast;
Their deep roots firmly set in God's great love
Nurture life that comes again when winter's past.

So Joseph, instrument of God's wise hand,
Seemingly was dead to all the earth;
But deeply rooted was his faith in God, and
He gained new life and pow'r of untold worth.

Are you unhappy, reader? Feeling blue?
The color in your life all turned to gray?
Then upward look! Have faith! Start life anew!
In Christ is life if you His law obey.

—LENA HAMMER THACKER
High Point, N. C.

Let Us Use Christmas For Friendships

By S. L. MORGAN, SR.

Several years ago I stood by an unknown man at the desk in our post office, each of us mailing our Christmas greetings. It bored him, and he said in a grouch, "Christmas is a humbug—gives me a pain in the neck." I said, "It is a joy to me—the best time of the year."

I plead to make it that by using it wisely. I always look forward to it with delight—and a prayer, and am never disappointed. It always leaves for me a beautiful after-glow. How use it?

To draw old friends closer and to win new friends. The most wretched poverty on earth is the lack of friends—God and people. I'm sure I've held many friendships intact for years simply by love-notes once a year at Christmas. My article in December *Home Life Magazine* tells of my favorite means—love-notes on postals. The results to me have been marvelous. Often my postals revive old friendships. I learned the address of a woman lost to us for 25 years. She had been our nurse at the birth of our oldest son. It brought her and her husband to see us—a precious friendship revived. I've had many like experiences.

And how many precious new friends Christmas has brought me. Round the corner several years ago was a wonderful missionary couple. Christmas warmed their hearts to look out two old people. They came with their slides, showed us their mission in Southern Rhodesia, drove us to see the city lighting, and now for several years have been among my closest friends on earth. The Christmas spirit did it.

An unknown woman wrote me at Christmas: "Many years ago you were pastor in the town where I lived. I never met you. But often my sister and I have wanted to write you our thanks for things you wrote." Christmas has warmed the hearts of many people in many states to write similar letters, often to become fast friends. So I thank God for Christmas and the enriching of friendships. And we'll need them more in the years ahead, I, the more for the recent loss of my dear wife of many years.

To make the most of it, prepare early a list of old friends to cling to, and write at least a love-note on a postal. I know from long experience the marvelous results in holding old friends. And just as truly in winning new friends by an overture of friendship. I urge the doubtful to try out my favorite hobby of love-notes on postals.

New Children's TV Program To Be Released Early In 1962

The first children's television series produced by the Methodist Church will be released early in 1962. The name of the series is *Breakthru* and it consists of thirteen half-hour programs aimed especially at nine-to-eleven-year-olds.

Breakthru is a new concept in Christian education for boys and girls," said the Reverend Dr. Howard E. Tower of Nashville, Tennessee. He is associate secretary of the Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO) and director of its radio and television department.



One hundred twenty-six members of the Methodist Men's Clubs in the Asheville District attended a recent dinner meeting at Brevard College. In the picture above Robert G. Tuttle, Asheville district superintendent, is shown leading devotions at the speakers' table. At his right is President Emmett K. McLarty, Jr. Next to him is Hugh Stevens, Assistant U. S. Marshal, who was in charge of the meeting. President McLarty reported on the progress of the College Development Program. Dean John B. Bennett spoke on the academic program and standards of the college. Chaplain Edward Roy's subject was, "Brevard College, a Character-Building Institution." The college Madrigal Singers performed under the direction of Professor Nelson F. Adams.

Norlina Churches Present Live Nativity Scene

A live Nativity scene, sponsored by four Norlina churches, will be on display each evening, 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock, from Wednesday, December 20, through Sunday, December 24.

Sponsoring churches are Norlina Baptist, Rev. Billy Fallaw, pastor; Norlina Methodist, Rev. C. W. Wooten, pastor; Zion and Jerusalem Methodist, Rev. B. F. Funderburk, pastor.

Each church will be responsible for two hours during the four nights. Ten persons from each church will wear costumes that depict the character they represent. The costumes were made by a committee of representatives from each participating church.

Choir members from the participating churches will sing appropriate Christmas music each evening. The choirs jointly will tape the music for the scene, and it will be broadcast via tape recorder.

On Sunday evening, December 24, a community vesper service will be held around the scene. The pastors of the participating churches will lead in this service, which will include Christmas carols, anthems, appropriate scripture reading, and prayer.

Rev. C. W. Wooten and Rev. Billy Fallaw have served as co-chairmen of this unified project.

The local Merchants Association provided the necessary funds for this project.

—LARRY BRYSON
Publicity Chairman

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All the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.—P. E. HOLDCRAFT.

My "Old Friend"

Hurrying busily along one day,
I was blessed by meeting an old friend on the way.
Had not met him for many a year,
But had often thought of him as if he were near.

His hair had grown grey, but his face was as kind
As I had remembered it each time he came to mind.
Things had not been easy the world would say,
But he looked at me in the same friendly way.

Being one of God's children, he was all aglow,
The look of an old friend who seemed to know—
Your treasures aren't here, but are laid up above,
He was just beaming with faith and with love.

Thank you for my "old friend" who stands firm and true,
Regardless of what others 'round about him may do,
My faith is stronger and I'm happier today,
For I met my good friend on the way.

—MRS. GAITHER BEROH

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Worth remembering:

The church must increase its missionary efforts now while many of the people of Africa still have hope in the church. The total missionary approach should be one of preparing the indigenous peoples to take leadership responsibility, themselves.

—BISHOP PRINCE ALBERT TAYLOR, JR., head of the Monrovia, Liberia, Area.



Woman's Activities



New WSCS At Parkwood Church

By MARY GARDNER

Meeting with their pastor, the Rev. W. M. Jeffries, and a group of officers of the Durham District Woman's Society of Christian Service immediately following the eleven o'clock worship service on December 3, eight women of the Parkwood Methodist Church formulated plans for the organization of a WSCS.

One of the newer churches in the N. C. Methodist Conference and the newest in the Durham District, the approximately 50-member church serves the Research Triangle. Its services are currently held in the auditorium of Lowes Grove School.

Among discussions at the December 3 meeting, with Mrs. J. C. Wingate, district secretary of promotion presiding, were the purpose of the WSCS and the value of having the organization in the local church, by Miss Lizzie Gray Chandler, district president, time and place for the organizational meeting and use of the literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. A committee on nominations composed of Mrs. Rosemary Cox, Mrs. Ellen Dickson, and Mrs. Norma Davis, was appointed to present a slate of officers at a December 15th meeting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffries.

District officers attending the meeting included Mrs. Lucille Shore Coburn, treasurer; Mrs. Malcolm Lewis, secretary of literature and publications; Mrs. C. D. Scott, North Durham subdistrict leader; also, Miss Sarah McCracken, conference secretary of missionary personnel.

SERVING THE PRESENT AGE

Two specific actions of far-reaching significance were taken by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at its September meeting, according to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, the W. D. president.

The first relates to the United Nations. The November issue of *The Methodist Woman* carried an article which presented the opportunities and need for a Christian Center near the UN headquarters. Through the Department of Christian Social Relations the Woman's Division maintains a relationship with the Board of Christian Social Concerns. These two groups within the Methodist Church carry responsibility in the UN area.

Desirable property was available but the Board of Christian Social Concerns did not have the funds to acquire it for the church. The Woman's Division voted an interest-free loan, in perpetuity, of \$500,000 to make possible the purchase of the land. The loan is a tangible expression of our faith in the United Nations. A Christian Center will serve seminar groups more sat-

isfactorily and will enable the staff to make more contacts with UN delegates, members of the secretariat, and others coming to the UN. Such a center will afford added opportunity for a Christian witness. It will be available also for interdenominational programs and rental space.

Another action of equal importance concerns the training of women in the Congo for responsibility within their homes and nation. Few Congolese women have had the privilege of any education. For more than a year Methodist women have studied the situation. Home economics in its broadest aspects is perhaps the first and, most urgent need. Specialists have made studies and mapped out a five-year home economics program which will be related to the Congo Polytechnic Institute sponsored by the Protestant Churches in the Congo. The project will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

The Woman's Division voted to participate in this five-year program and approved the immediate grant of \$100,000 to begin the work with provisions for additional funds up to \$1,000,000 as the program develops.

These two contributions are made possible by sales of securities which released profits, but leave designated capital and interest intact. It is not possible to use any of these funds for regular appropriations for the ongoing program. Even though the Woman's Division has designated capital funds, we lack sufficient income from pledges to meet all the needs of our work. Few realize that approximately one million dollars per month is needed to maintain the total program around the world.

—*The Methodist Woman*

W. N. C. Conference

By MRS. JOHN C. WRIGHT



New Building At Stuntzabad School In Pakistan

Rev. Max Lowdermilk, Methodist missionary to Pakistan, writes of the very urgent need of a new building and equipment at the Central Methodist High School in Stuntzabad, Pakistan.

He says, "As we try to raise funds for the building of Stuntzabad School, we think often about you as we pour the cement and lay the bricks you have made possible. It thrills us no end to be your representatives here and to see the work progress. We are not always thinking about bricks and ce-

ment but about the fact that more and more boys and girls at last will be given a chance to study, learn, mature and progress. We have seen many miracles in the lives of our students. When we see them rise above the forces of tradition, ignorance, sickness, illiteracy and poverty that try to conquer them, we praise God whom we serve.

"The youth here are on the move. They are making great strides. When we see boys from backgrounds of hopelessness become seminary graduates, village boys become teachers and doctors, girls from illiterate families become nurses and teachers, then we know that what we are doing is in the will of Him who sends us forth. The greatest joy is in seeing our Christian youth take a larger share of the leadership of the church. This is the hope of tomorrow."

The needs of the school are for additional classrooms which cost about \$1,500 each, a new library which will be about \$2,500, a science room costing another \$2,000, a technical program with its equipment about \$1,000 and a new hostel of about \$5,000.

Gifts to this project may be sent through the Division of World Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Mr. Lowdermilk states in his letter that he and his family expect to be back in the States in the winter of 1962.

GULZAR WAFA OF PAKISTAN

Gulzar Wafa is a young Christian youth of Pakistan, ready to begin his studies in a Christian college to major in journalism.

Months ago we had news of Gulzar for he was studying hard in high school. Recently we hear that, "One of the joys of the school staff is to see young men like Gulzar Wafa, who received the highest marks in the high school and district, make a witness for a Christian community. His father has an income of only \$100 a year. His mother had to sell her wedding gifts (things in which the Pakistani people take pride) to pay Gulzar's school fees.

"Now that Gulzar has graduated, he has been given a scholarship to study journalism at Forman Christian College. He wrote to one of the missionaries, 'I pray that I may be able to use any talent which God has given me to serve my Christian community and to make a witness for Christ before the Muslims.'"

MARION DISTRICT WSCS TO ESTABLISH LIBRARY

The executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Marion District made plans to begin the collection of mission books and of filmstrips for a library for the use of the women of the district at a meeting held at the Community House in Morganton in November.

The books and films will be at the First Methodist Church of Marion and they will be under the supervision of the McDowell County subdistrict leader.

Mrs. Harold LeFevers, who instigated the idea for a library, made the first gift, Christian social relations film. Mission study books and Bible study materials have been donated.

Plans for additional equipment will be made at the next executive meeting.

Mrs. Vernia Bowman, district secretary of missionary education and service, reported

that 150 women had attended the mission study seminar held in Valdese in September and that \$127 in study materials was sold.

The group elected the new district president to go to the Assembly in Atlantic City in May.

Mrs. J. C. Rabb, district president, was in charge of the meeting. Reports were given by all district officers.

Paine College Now Accredited By Southern Association

Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., has announced that Paine was elected into full membership by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges on Thursday, December 7, at the Association's Annual Meeting in Miami, Fla. The Southern Association is generally recognized as the South-eastern area's most important accrediting agency. Dr. Calhoun stressed that Paine has long been accredited by the Association, but only in recent years have Negro colleges been given the opportunity of full membership.

In 1956 the Association announced that by 1961 all colleges, Negro and white, would have to be eligible for membership and full application of the standards, or they would not be accredited.

President Calhoun recalls that when the Association's announcement was made, Paine's future looked questionable. In spite of the monumental efforts of his predecessor, Dr. E. C. Peters, from 1931 until 1955, Paine's endowment was woefully lacking when Dr. Calhoun took office. The entire endowment was based on a gift received in 1888, of \$25,000. This had grown to around \$39,000 in 1956. The Southern Association requires at least \$300,000 for membership.

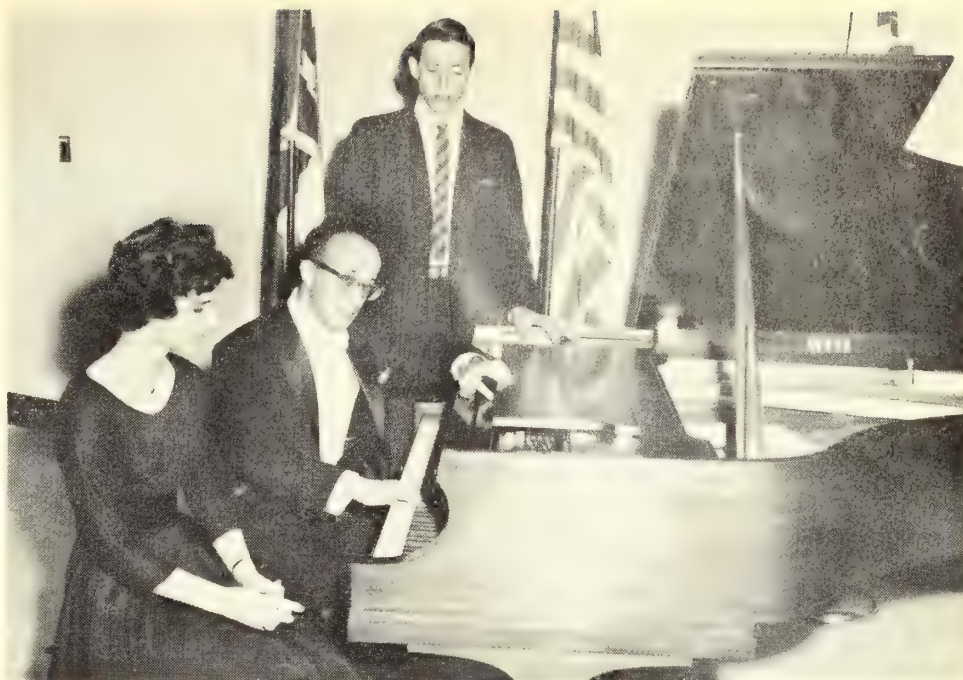
This, and other weaknesses, made the outlook grim. But Dr. Peters' tenure as president had resulted in a number of plus factors for Paine. Under his leadership, the physical facilities of the college had greatly improved. A library, a gymnasium, and a science building, all of which were of first rate quality, were constructed by Dr. Peters.

That Paine College was able to build an entirely acceptable educational institution on this foundation was due not only to the untiring service of Dr. Calhoun, but also to the wholehearted support which he received from trustees, alumni and faculty. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, until last year chairman of Paine's Board of Trustees, is cited as a great source of encouragement and inspiration by Dr. Calhoun.

Paine's growth since 1956 has been particularly marked in three areas: endowment, over-all budget, and faculty qualifications. Endowment has risen to well over \$300,000. The total budget has grown from slightly more than a quarter million dollars to almost half a million. Cost of student instruction alone now exceeds the entire college budget for 1956.

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New chaplain at The Citadel, military college at Charleston, S. C., beginning on February 1, will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sidney R. Crumpton, who will retire January 31 as an Army chaplain.



Dr. Wolfgang Fetsch, center, of Greenville, N. C., gives an informal demonstration for Methodist College piano students Barbara Holmes and William Wolfe following Dr. Fetsch's piano concert at Methodist College, Friday evening, December 1. Dr. Fetsch played for a very large and appreciative audience assembled in the Science Building auditorium. This was the second event in the annual concert-lecture series at the college.

Why I Think High School Students Should Pledge

By MARY DAVIS, MYF President

Every year high school students spend \$10 billion dollars. With this fantastic sum, they buy movie tickets, home permanents, records, used cars—well, you know the rest.

In view of this statement, which is factual, it is hard for one to conceive that these same teen-agers give very little to the church. Oh, we give, but some of us only get the money from our parents and write our names on an envelope—even then this is quite a burden to some.

I feel that high school students should pledge. The following are a few of the reasons:

1. Pledging is a fine way for young people to participate in the program of the church.

After all, we are a part of the church. It should give a young person a high sense of responsibility and pleasure to learn of the church's need and to support its program.

2. Pledging can fulfill a young person's need to know that he is a part of the "whole."

The money which is given to the church is used, not only for the local church, but for missions, district work and conference work. Thus we feel that we belong to the church and this world because we have a responsibility for them.

3. Pledging is one way for a student to fulfill his membership vows.

When a person joins the church he promises to give of himself to the church and to God. Sometimes, it is so little that a young person can do in the church. He can not teach in the Sunday school, in most cases not participate in the governing bodies of the church, and certainly he can not par-

ticipate quite as actively as can the adults. However, all of us can pledge and joyously fulfill it.

4. Young people are the future of the church!

One day, not too many years from now, the youth of today will be the adults of tomorrow. We will teach in the Sunday school, serve on the official board and in other offices of high responsibility. Then the entire financial responsibility of the church and her great program will be in our hands. If we as teen-agers learn to pledge and understand the full meaning of the responsibility, peace and happiness which are directly connected with it, the church of tomorrow will be in good hands!

A New Year's Prayer

Father, I do not ask for length of days,
In which to live the longer;
I only ask for strength of praise
With which to live the stronger.

My Master with but half a span
In which to build salvation,
Did make of it so great a Man
As to bear the sin of our nations.

Then grant to me the skill to live
What days I have in wisdom;
That when life has its gifts to give
My talents shall build thy kingdom.
Amen.

—O. L. EASTER

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Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips of the Denver Area was made a 33rd degree Mason, Honorary, on November 25. He is a member of the Colorado Consistory in Denver.



Boys and Girls

ELIZABETH WHISNER, Editor



Can Christmas Ever Be Lost?

By ROBERT T. TAYLOR

On December 22 Larry Brand, a young newspaper reporter, was sent on a strange assignment. His editor wanted him to write on the true meaning of Christmas.

Larry talked with many business men, who told him it was a time set aside to develop good will. "Christmas," said Mr. Whipple, owner of the local department store, "is a time when we raise charity funds to make people happy."

"Sure," agreed Mr. Best, owner of the shoe store, "it's also the time for brotherhood."

Larry stopped at various places and found people busy wrapping toys and clothing for little children. Others were building manger scenes and practicing Christmas programs. On a street corner he happened to find a leaflet about Christmas, but he still didn't find Christmas.

Larry hurried back and reported to his editor, "Chief, Christmas is lost; but I picked up a few clues about it, like jingling bells, and a mother holding a Child. It's also connected with star, snow and reindeer."

And so, on December 2 the *Gazette* ran an article called "Christmas Is Lost." Soon after the paper came out, a Chinese man whose name was Mr. Ming, appeared at the office with a New Testament in Chinese. He told Larry and the editor that *he* had never lost Christmas, and translated some Good News about a Baby in a stable. A few minutes later a little Hungarian girl named Olga came into the office. "I know what Christmas *really* is," she said. "It's about how the Saviour of the whole wide world was born in Bethlehem."

People like Mr. Ming and Olga know the true meaning of Christmas. God is counting on each of us to help people remember the Christmas of the Bible—the Christmas that can never be lost.

—From *Bible Society Record*

The Christmas Tree

In the ninth century, the good saint Winifred traveled about northern Germany, preaching Christianity. One Christmas Eve he came upon a group of people gathered around a huge oak tree to offer human sacrifice to their pagan

gods. According to legend, Saint Winifred cut down the great oak, and as it fell, a tall young fir appeared in its place. The appearance of the tree was hailed far and wide as a miracle, and from that day on, it became the custom for German families to gather about a tall evergreen on Christmas Eve.

Some historians trace the origin of lighting the Christmas tree to Martin Luther, who lived from 1483 to 1546. It is said he was strolling through the countryside one Christmas Eve, awed by the beauty of the evergreen forest under the starry sky. When he came home, he tried to re-create the scene for his family by attaching some lighted candles to a small evergreen.

These customs spread to the Scandinavian countries in the early nineteenth century, and from there to France and England. Records show that 35,000 Christmas trees were sold in Paris in 1890!

Hessian soldiers brought the first Christmas tree to America. But the custom of lighting trees in public places originated here. Today, the United States has a national Christmas Tree, designated by the Department of the Interior. It is 267 feet high, and located in General Grant National Park, near Fresno, California.

This season, two-thirds of the homes across the nation will be glowing with the warm lights of the Christmas tree.

—From *Michigan Christian Advocate*

Bethlehem

A darkened jewel lighted by a star,
Whose rays still shine as long as earth shall
Is Bethlehem. It never will seem far
To any pilgrim journeying down the land
stand,

In eager search for Christ, the blessed One,
Whom earnest, loving hearts have learned
to know.

A quiet village 'tis, where God's own Son
Was cradled in a manger long ago.

O lovely little jewel filled with light,
Silvered with radiance streaming on the air,
The whole wide world turns back to you
tonight,

And none who seek will fail to find you fair.
You have not changed—you still are set
apart

Because you held Christ in your jeweled
heart.

—Selected

Inasmuch

In Bethlehem long, long ago,
Some wise men found a manger low.
Their shining gold and spices sweet
They laid with joy at Jesus' feet.

But I am far from Bethlehem,
And have no whit of gold or gem.
So what can I give to my Lord
To show my love and sweet accord?

In all the world are children poor;
Some of them pass close to my door.
Each day I'll give my love to them,
And bless the Child of Bethlehem.

—MILLARD BUMGARDNER

Old Welsh Prayer

Lord, grace our homes with happiness—
'Tis but a modest prayer;
A bushelful, a cartful,
An overflowing heartful,
(And a little heap under the stair!)

Chuckles

In an inspection at a Boy Scout camp, the director found an umbrella neatly rolled inside the bedroll of a small camper. Since the umbrella was listed as a necessary item, the director asked the lad to explain.

"Sir," asked the young Scout with a weary sigh, "did you ever have a mother?"

A minister, raising his eyes from the pulpit in the midst of his Sunday morning sermon, was amazed to see his young son on the balcony pelting the listeners in the pews on the main floor with beans from a bean-shooter.

While the minister was trying to gather his wits in order to stop this, the youngster shouted: "You tend to your preaching, Paw, and I'll keep 'em awake!"

Bible Quiz

Who was called

1. The friend of God? _____
2. The doubter? _____
3. The Son of man? _____
4. The disciple whom Jesus loved? _____
5. Cephus, meaning a stone? _____

Answers to Last Week's Quiz

1. Bethlehem
2. The Choir of Angels
3. The Shepherds
4. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
5. Our love.

Sunday School Lesson

FOR DECEMBER 31

BY RAYMOND A. SMITH
Head, Department of Religious Education
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GROWTH TOWARD CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Background Scripture: I Corinthians 13;
Ephesians 4:11-24

Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-24

With this lesson we conclude this quarter's study of Christian Growth. If there is time, it would be a good idea to review briefly the topics considered this past quarter, and to look at the unit as a whole before beginning this lesson. All of our lessons have been concerned with Christian growth, with special emphasis upon the *methods* of Christian growth. In this last one in the series we are, very appropriately, invited to study "Growth Toward Christian Maturity."

Taking a look first at the background scripture, we see in I Corinthians 13 the portrait of a mature Christian. He is one whose life is completely dominated by charity, or love. The sort of love that is spoken of here is very different from the love one has for country, or friends, or family. It has a quality about it that can only be described as divine. It is not natural for people to have this kind of love. It comes as a result of long association with Christ. It never asks what the rewards are, but only that it may do the will of God in relationship to others. This quality of Christian love is linked with maturity in I Corinthians 13:11: "When I was a child, my speech, my outlook and my thoughts were all childish. When I grew up I had finished with childish things" (New English Bible). The child is naturally interested in what he can receive more than what he can give, but the mature person realizes his obligation to others.

In the selection from Ephesians we see how this concern for *all* the members of the Christian community is the natural expression of one who has matured in his Christian experience and relationship. First, we see how there must be clearly recognized the various offices in the church. These are filled by people who have been blessed with gifts suitable for the work of these various positions. In order for there to be harmony, each must accept his own special responsibility and not interfere with the work of others. For, while the work is different in each case, it all leads to the knowledge of Christ and to unity in the faith.

Emphasis is clearly put upon the necessity of Christian maturity in verse 4: "We are no longer to be children, tossed by the waves and whirled about by every fresh gust of teaching, dupes of crafty rogues and their deceitful schemes. No, let us speak the truth in love; so we shall finally grow up into Christ" (New English Bible). It is suggested here that those who do not really know what they believe are easy marks for strange and new interpretations of the faith. The answer to these people is to "speak the truth in love." Now it is sometimes pleasant to "tell people off," but that is not the mark

of a mature Christian. Speaking the truth *in love* is quite another matter. There is a story of a church which got rid of its pastor because he seemed to be taking a genuine pleasure in reminding the church members of their sins. When the new minister came a friendly inquiry was directed to one of the members of that church as to how they liked the new man. The reply was, "Well, he also tells us about our sins, *but he says he is sorry for us.*" Perhaps the second pastor made a practice of "speaking the truth in love."

In the concluding verses of our Scripture lesson reference is made to the Gentile (the word means "pagan" in this context) way of life which is contrary to that of the Christian. These pagans are said to be *willfully* ignorant; that is, they don't *want* to be different from the way they are. The mature Christian, on the other hand, is constantly striving and is never really satisfied with his achievements. Even so great a Christian as St. Paul could write regarding the attainment of mature Christian character: "It is not to be thought that I have achieved all this. I have not yet reached perfection, but I press on, hoping to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me. My friends, I do not reckon myself to have got hold of it yet. All I can say is this: forgetting what is behind me, and reaching out for what lies ahead, I press toward the goal to win the prize which is God's call to life above, in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14, New English Bible). Readers of this column will differ about the wisdom of making of New Year's resolutions. But it would be hard to find a better one than this quotation from St. Paul. It is a characteristic of the mature Christian to be able to forget what is in the past and not allow "the power of cancelled sin" to make him its slave but, like the apostle, to "reach out for what lies ahead."

First Methodist Church, Salisbury, Breaks Ground for New Sanctuary

First Methodist Church, Salisbury, of which the Rev. Harlan L. Creech, Jr., is pastor, held a groundbreaking ceremony Sunday, December 3, for the new sanctuary. This followed a financial campaign directed by Rev. Rollin Gibbs in which a fine response was made to the appeal for pledges to the church building program. Those taking part in the program were Rev. Harlan Creech, pastor; Rev. Frank Kiker, associate minister; and Dr. James C. Stokes, district superintendent.

The following persons, representing the various positions of church leadership, each in order turned a spade of earth: Russell C. Emerson, chairman of the Official Board; J. Giles Hudson, Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees; E. Alvin Goodman, chairman, Building Committee; William E. Younts, Jr., general chairman, Crusade Organization; Lewis Waddell, chairman of Commission on Stewardship and Finance; Mrs. J. F. Alexander, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; George Rusher, charge lay leader; John W. Garrett, III, church school representative; Joe Hall, representative of Children's Division; and Miss Judy Johnson, representative of Youth Division.

Rev. J. D. A. Autry, Pastor At Hamlet, Died Dec. 10

Rev. J. D. A. Autry, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hamlet, died suddenly Sunday night, December 10. He was 56 years of age.

Mr. Autry had preached Sunday morning, and had attended a supper meeting and a musical program in his church Sunday evening.

He was a graduate of Duke University, and held the A.B., M.A., and B.D. degrees. He taught school from 1929 till 1939, and was ordained to the ministry in 1940. He had served the First Church of Hamlet for



the past three and one-half years, and was in high favor with his congregation. He was also a Mason and a Rotarian. Surviving are his wife, the former Sara Williams; two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Edwards of Godwin, and Mrs. W. T. Everett of Fayetteville; also two brothers, H. J. Autry of Stedman, and R. F. Autry of Godwin.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Methodist Church of Hamlet Tuesday afternoon, December 12, by Rev. M. C. Dunn, district superintendent, assisted by Dr. J. E. Garlington of Clinton, and Dr. T. B. Hough of Lumberton. Serving as active pall bearers were Dr. J. V. Early of Rockingham, Rev. M. W. Warren of Rockingham, Rev. G. L. Kinley of Gibson, Al Thompson, Jr., of Hamlet, Fred Falls of Hamlet, and Kirk McNeill of Fayetteville. Honorary pall bearers were members of the Official Board of First Church, members of the Autry Bible Class, and all ministers attending the services. Burial was in Lafayette Memorial Park, Fayetteville.

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Mrs. Swayne Is Speaker At Mills River Church

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Swayne, who is associated with the Church Missionary Society of the Church of England since 1953 spoke recently at Mills River Methodist Church. Mrs. Swayne has worked in Kenya as a missionary to the Kikuyu tribe in Niarobi, Africa. She first went to Kenya as personal secretary to the religious secretary of the Church Missionary Society, traveling around most of Africa, including Uganda, Sudan, Kenya and Tanganyika. Then, as women's pastoral worked based on mission station of Weithaga (80 miles north of Nairobi) working in youth clubs and teaching religious knowledge in those clubs.

For the past eighteen months, before leaving on furlough, she was secretary to the archbishop of East Africa, the first archbishop of the Church of the Province of East Africa, of the Anglican Communion. She hopes to return to Kenya in March, 1962, not as a missionary but as a fellow-worker alongside the Africans in the 'younger churches' in East Africa—Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglicans—all one in Christ.

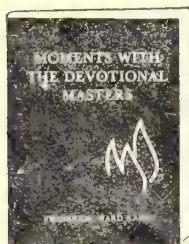
Mrs. Swayne was born in Indiana in 1915, married an Englishman in the Royal Navy in Atlanta, Ga., in 1943. She moved to England in 1944 where her husband served in admiralty until his death in a railway crash in 1951 in England. This is Mrs. Swayne's testimony: "Through his death I started seeking the truth and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour in March, 1952. Since then He has taken me to Africa and I praise Him to know that through repentance I am following Him."

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The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "We wrestle with the rulers of darkness."—Eph. 6:12

I do not believe in the devil but I believe there is one. Job called him Satan. James called him Lucifer. Paul called him the god of this world. Peter called him the devil. Jesus called him the prince of this world.

The devil's gang is organized—use the same cusswords, call the church the same names, serve the same drinks, and all of them hate God.

The devil believes in conversion. He converts sex into free love, cross-counseling and shotgun devotion. He converts your home into his home which is hell. Your temper is a blessed thing. Without it a woman has little charm and no pep. Without it a man is a wornout dishrag. A razor without it will pile up the suds but will not cut a hair. Let the devil get your temper and he will build a fire in you that will cook your goose.

Scotland Neck Methodist Church Held Note-Burning Service

The congregation of the Scotland Neck Methodist Church held a note-burning service following the worship service Sunday, December 10, at which time the church found itself debt-free. The note was on the education building. The church is now looking forward to the building of a sanctuary and a new parsonage when funds are sufficient to begin construction. Rev. W. W. Sherman is the pastor. Dr. Walter C. Ball, district superintendent, preached at the worship service and conducted the first quarterly conference.

Open house was held at the parsonage of the Scotland Neck Church last Sunday, December 17, from two until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Greensboro College Freshman's Poem To Be Published

Carol Cox, a Greensboro College freshman from Richmond, Va., who has been composing poetry since she was seven, submitted one of her original poetry compositions to the National Poetry Association for judging.

In Carol's words: "I merely wanted to satisfy my curiosity and see what would happen."

She was recently notified that her poem, "Nurses! Nurses!" was to be published in the Annual Anthology of College Poetry.

The Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by the college men and women of America, representing every section of the country. Selections are made from thousands of poems each year by a board of judges.

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A national Methodist consultation on conservation, aimed to clarify the role of the church, has been scheduled for January 31-February 2, 1962, in Washington, D. C.

Keeping Christmas Christian

By JOHN LEWIS SANDLIN

As we enter the Advent Season, we are reminded of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. His coming betokens a new revelation of God.

Anyone who would keep Christmas finds this Babe of Bethlehem at the center of the Holy Family. For, in the midst of the human situation, God reveals Himself most clearly in the person of this child. Christmas finds its meaning in the midst of the family group.

Christmas is a family observance of the birthday of Jesus. It is a time set apart for recognition of the fact that God is reaching into our world, making everything forever different.

God comes to us in the infant Jesus.

As we look upon the Bethlehem scene, we find many different persons who have come to see Him. They come from varied walks of life, adoring Him: shepherds, as well as wise men; wealthy, as well as poor. Today, as we keep Christmas Christian, we observe it as families, realizing that we do not have the Christian Christmas aside from the family group.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, may we ever keep Christmas Christian, never forsaking the central importance of Jesus as its true meaning. May we observe it with His spirit and in His attitude. Amen.

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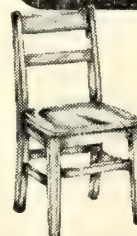
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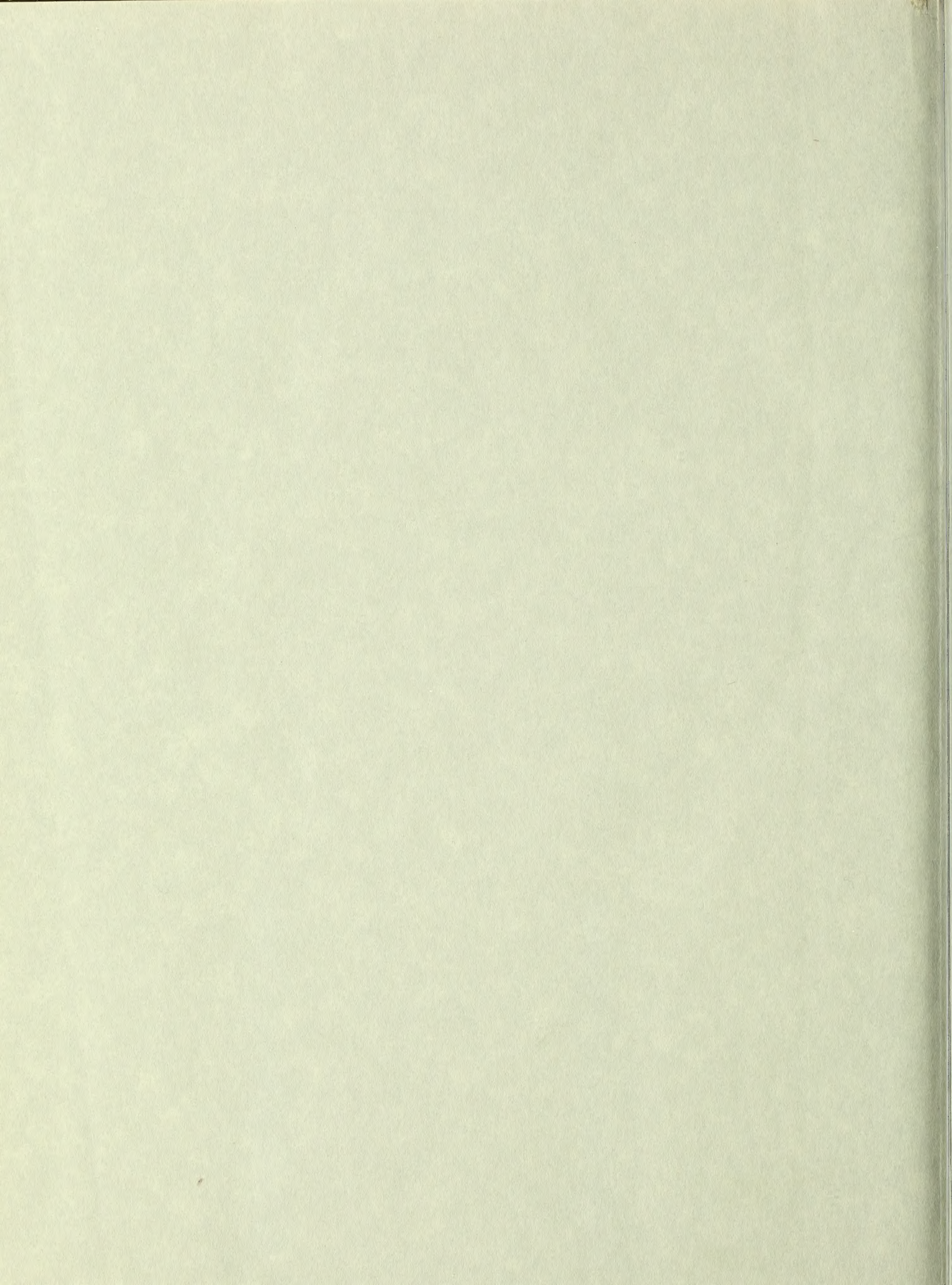


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